



MIDWEEK DEVOTION – PSALM 48

July 14, 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 48; antiphon: v. 1

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

(Antiphon) Great is the LORD and greatly | to be praised*
in the city | of our God!

His holy mountain, ²beautiful in elevation, is the joy of | all the earth,*

Mount Zion, in the far north, the city of the | great King.

³ Within her | citadels*

God has made Himself known as a | fortress.

⁴ **For behold, the kings as- | sembled;*
they came on to- | gether.**

⁵ As soon as they saw it, they were as- | tounded;*
they were in panic; they | took to flight.

⁶ **Trembling took hold | of them there,*
anguish as of a woman in | labor.**

⁷ By the | east wind*

You shattered the ships of | Tarshish.

⁸ **As we have heard, so have we seen in the city of the LORD of hosts, in the city | of our God,*
which God will establish for- | ever.**

Selah

⁹ We have thought on Your steadfast love, | O God,*
in the midst of Your | temple.

¹⁰ **As Your name, O God, so Your praise reaches to the ends | of the earth.*
Your right hand is filled with | righteousness.**

¹¹ Let Mount Zion | be glad!*

Let the daughters of Judah rejoice because of Your | judgments!

¹² **Walk about Zion, go around her, number her | towers,***

¹³ **consider well her ramparts, go through her | citadels,**

that you may tell the next generation ¹⁴that this is God, our God forever and | ever.*

He will guide us for- | ever.

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

Romans 8:31–39

³¹What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³²He who did not spare His own Son but gave Him up for us all, how will He not also with Him graciously give us all things? ³³Who shall bring any charge against God’s elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. ³⁵Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? ³⁶As it is written,

“For Your sake we are being killed all the day long;
we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”

³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. ³⁸For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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C Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 12:27–32

²⁷“Now is My soul troubled. And what shall I say? ‘Father, save Me from this hour’? But for this purpose I have come to this hour. ²⁸Father, glorify Your name.” Then a voice came from heaven: “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” ²⁹The crowd that stood there and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, “An angel has spoken to Him.” ³⁰Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not Mine. ³¹Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out. ³²And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to Myself.”

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C Thanks be to God.



1 Built on the Rock the Church shall stand E - ven when
 2 Sure - ly in tem - ples made with hands God, the Most
 3 We are God's house of liv - ing stones, Built for His
 4 Here stands the font be - fore our eyes, Tell - ing how
 5 Grant, then, O God, Your will be done, That, when the



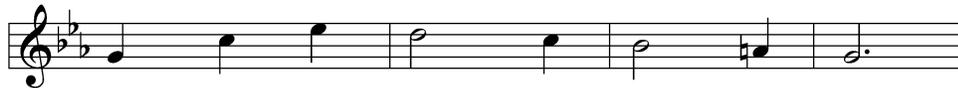
stee - ples are fall - ing. Crum - bled have spires in
 High, is not dwell - ing; High a - bove earth His
 own hab - i - ta - tion. He through bap - tis - mal
 God has re - ceived us. The al - tar re - calls Christ's
 church bells are ring - ing, Man - y in sav - ing



ev - 'ry land; Bells still are chim - ing and call -
 tem - ple stands, All earth - ly tem - ples ex - cel -
 grace us owns Heirs of His won - drous sal - va -
 sac - ri - fice And what His Sup - per here gives
 faith may come Where Christ His mes - sage is bring -



ing, Call - ing the young and old to rest,
 ling. Yet He who dwells in heav'n a - bove
 tion. Were we but two His name to tell,
 us. Here sound the Scrip - tures that pro - claim
 ing: "I know My own; My own know Me.



But a - bove all the souls dis - tressed,
 Choos - es to live with us in love,
 Yet He would deign with us to dwell
 Christ yes - ter - day, to - day, the same,
 You, not the world, My face shall see.



Long - ing for rest ev - er - last - ing.
 Mak - ing our bod - ies His tem - ple.
 With all His grace and His fa - vor.
 And ev - er - more, our Re - deem - er.
 My peace I leave with you. A - men."

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MEDITATION ON THE PSALM

PRAYER

Kneel or Stand

KYRIE

- 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.

O Lord, You granted Your prophets strength to resist the temptations of the devil and courage to proclaim repentance. Give us pure hearts and minds to follow Your Son faithfully even into suffering and death; through the same 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)