



**MIDWEEK DEVOTION – PSALM 50**

**July 28, 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*

**Glorify 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 50; antiphon: v. 15*

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

*(Antiphon)* Call upon Me in the day of | trouble;\*

I will deliver you, and You shall glo- | rify me.

<sup>1</sup> The Mighty One, God the LORD,  
speaks and sum- | mons the earth\*  
from the rising of the sun to its | setting.

<sup>2</sup> **Out of Zion, the perfection of | beauty,\*  
God | shines forth.**

<sup>3</sup> Our God comes; He does not keep | silence;\*  
before Him is a devouring fire,  
around Him a mighty | tempest.

<sup>4</sup> **He calls to the heav- | ens above\*  
and to the earth, that He may judge His | people:**

<sup>5</sup> “Gather to Me My | faithful ones,\*  
who made a covenant with Me by | sacrifice!”

<sup>6</sup> **The heavens declare His | righteousness,\*  
for God Him- | self is judge!**

*Selah*

<sup>7</sup> “Hear, O My people, and I will speak;  
O Israel, I will testify a- | gainst you.\*  
I am | God, your God.

<sup>8</sup> **Not for your sacrifices do I re- | buke you,\*  
your burnt offerings are continually be- | fore Me.**

<sup>9</sup> I will not accept a bull | from your house\*  
or goats | from your folds.

<sup>10</sup> **For every beast of the for- | est is Mine,\*  
the cattle on a | thousand hills.**

<sup>11</sup> I know all the birds | of the hills,\*  
and all that moves in the | field is Mine.

<sup>12</sup> **“If I were hungry, I would not | tell you,\*  
for the world and its full- | ness are Mine.**

13 Do I eat the | flesh of bulls\*  
 or drink the | blood of goats?

14 **Offer to God a sacrifice of thanks- | giving,\***  
**and perform your vows to the | Most High,**

15 and call upon Me in the day of | trouble;\*  
 I will deliver you, and you shall glo- | rify Me.”

16 **But to the wicked | God says:\***  
**“What right have you to recite My statutes**  
**or take My covenant | on your lips?**

17 For you hate | discipline,\*  
 and you cast My words be- | hind you.

18 **If you see a thief, you are | pleased with him,\***  
**and you keep company with a- | dulterers.**

19 “You give your mouth free rein for | evil,\*  
 and your tongue | frames deceit.

20 **You sit and speak against your | brother;\***  
**you slander your own | mother’s son.**

21 These things you have done, and I have been silent;  
 you thought that I was one | like yourself.\*  
 But now I rebuke you and lay the charge be- | fore you.

22 **“Mark this, then, you who for- | get God,\***  
**lest I tear you apart, and there be none to de- | liver!**

23 The one who offers thanksgiving as his sacrifice glo- | rifies Me;\*  
 to one who orders his way rightly  
 I will show the salva- | tion of God!”

**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

*Genesis 4:1–8*

<sup>1</sup>Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, saying, “I have gotten a man with the help of the LORD.” <sup>2</sup>And again, she bore his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, and Cain a worker of the ground. <sup>3</sup>In the course of time Cain brought to the LORD an offering of the fruit of the ground, <sup>4</sup>and Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat portions. And the LORD had regard for Abel and his offering, <sup>5</sup>but for Cain and his offering He had no regard. So Cain was very angry, and his face fell. <sup>6</sup>The LORD said to Cain, “Why are you angry, and why has your face fallen? <sup>7</sup>If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door. Its desire is for you, but you must rule over it.” <sup>8</sup>Cain spoke to Abel his brother. And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against his brother Abel and killed him.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### EPISTLE

*2 Peter 2:1–10*

<sup>1</sup>But false prophets also arose among the people, just as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Master who bought them, bringing upon themselves swift destruction. <sup>2</sup>And many will follow their sensuality, and because of them the way of truth will be blasphemed. <sup>3</sup>And in their greed they will exploit you with false words. Their condemnation from long ago is not idle, and their destruction is not asleep.

<sup>4</sup>For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but cast them into hell and committed them to chains of gloomy darkness to be kept until the judgment; <sup>5</sup>if He did not spare the ancient world, but preserved Noah, a herald of righteousness, with seven others, when He brought a flood upon the world of the ungodly; <sup>6</sup>if by turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah to ashes He condemned them to extinction, making them an example of what is going to happen to the ungodly; <sup>7</sup>and if He rescued righteous Lot, greatly distressed by the sensual conduct of the wicked <sup>8</sup>(for as that righteous man lived among them day after day, he was tormenting his righteous soul over their lawless deeds that he saw and heard); <sup>9</sup>then the Lord knows how to rescue the godly from trials, and to keep the unrighteous under punishment until the day of judgment, <sup>10</sup>and especially those who indulge in the lust of defiling passion and despise authority. Bold and willful, they do not tremble as they blaspheme the glorious ones.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## HOLY GOSPEL

*Matthew 7:15–23*

[Jesus said:] <sup>15</sup>“Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves. <sup>16</sup>You will recognize them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? <sup>17</sup>So, every healthy tree bears good fruit, but the diseased tree bears bad fruit. <sup>18</sup>A healthy tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a diseased tree bear good fruit. <sup>19</sup>Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. <sup>20</sup>Thus you will recognize them by their fruits.

<sup>21</sup>“Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of My Father who is in heaven. <sup>22</sup>On that day many will say to Me, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and cast out demons in Your name, and do many mighty works in Your name?’ <sup>23</sup>And then will I declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from Me, you workers of lawlessness.’”

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## OFFICE HYMN: I Love Your Kingdom, Lord

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1 I love Your king - dom, Lord, The place of Your a - bode,  
 2 Be - yond my high - est joy I prize its heav'n - ly ways,  
 3 I love Your Church, O God, Your saints in ev - 'ry land,  
 4 For them my tears shall fall; For them my prayers as - cend;  
 5 Sure as Your truth shall last, To Zi - on shall be giv'n



The Church our blest Re - deem - er saved With His own pre - cious blood.  
 Its sweet com - mu - nion, sol - emn vows, Its hymns of love and praise.  
 Dear as the ap - ple of Your eye And grav - en on Your hand.  
 For them my cares and toils be giv'n Till toils and cares shall end.  
 The bright - est glo - ries earth can yield And bright - er bliss of heav'n.

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## MEDITATION ON THE PSALM

*Kneel or Stand*

**KYRIE**

*Mark 10:47*

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| <b>P</b> O Lord,   | <b>C</b> have mercy. |
| <b>P</b> O Christ, | <b>C</b> have mercy. |
| <b>P</b> O Lord,   | <b>C</b> 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.

*Psalms 102:1*

**P** In the day of my trouble I call upon You,  
**C** for You answer me.

*Psalms 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.

*Psalms 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 and most merciful God, the protector of all who trust in You, strengthen our faith and give us courage to believe that in Your love You will rescue us from all adversities; 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)**