



MIDWEEK DEVOTION – PSALM 55

September 8, 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 55; antiphon: v. 22

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

(Antiphon) Cast your burden on the LORD, and He will sus- | tain you;*

He wil never permit the righteous to | be moved.

¹ Give ear to my prayer, | O God,*
and hide not Yourself from my plea for | mercy!

² **Attend to me, and answer me; I am restless in my complaint | and I moan,***

³ **because of the noise of the enemy, because of the oppression of the | wicked.**

For they drop trouble up- | on me,*
and in anger they bear a grudge a- | gainst me.

⁴ **My heart is in anguish with- | in me;***
the terrors of death have fallen up- | on me.

⁵ Fear and trembling come up- | on me,*
and horror over- | whelms me.

⁶ **And I say, “Oh, that I had wings | like a dove!***
I would fly away and | be at rest;

⁷ yes, I would wander | far away,*
I would lodge in the | wilderness;

Selah

⁸ **I would hurry to find a | shelter*
from the raging wind and | tempest.”**

⁹ Destroy, O Lord, di- | vide their tongues;*,
for I see violence and strife in the | city.

¹⁰ **Day and night they go around it | on its walls,*
and iniquity and trouble are with- | in it;**

¹¹ ruin is | in its midst;*,
oppression and fraud do not depart from its | marketplace.

¹² **For it is not an enemy who taunts me—then I could | bear it;***
it is not an adversary who deals insolently with me—then I could | hide from him.

¹³ But it is you, a man, my | equal,*
my companion, my fa- | miliar friend.

¹⁴ **We used to take sweet counsel to- | gether;***
within God’s house we walked | in the throng.

¹⁵ Let death steal over them; let them go down to She- | ol alive; *
for evil is in their dwelling place and | in their heart.

¹⁶ **But I | call to God,*
and the LORD will | save me.**

¹⁷ Evening and morning and at noon I utter my com- | plaint and moan,*
and He | hears my voice.

¹⁸ **He redeems my soul in safety from the battle | that I wage,*
for many are arrayed a- | gainst me.**

¹⁹ God will give ear and humble them, He who is enthroned | from of old,* *Selah*
because they do not change and do | not fear God.

²⁰ **My companion stretched out his hand a- | gainst his friends,*
he violated his | covenant.**

²¹ His speech was smooth as butter, yet war was | in his heart; *
his words were softer than oil, yet they were | drawn swords.

²² **Cast your burden on the LORD, and He will sus- | tain you; *
He will never permit the righteous to | be moved.**

²³ But You, O God, will cast them down into the pit of destruction;
men of blood and treachery shall not live out | half their days. *
But I will | trust in You.

**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

Daniel 6:10–23

¹⁰When Daniel knew that the document had been signed, he went to his house where he had windows in his upper chamber open toward Jerusalem. He got down on his knees three times a day and prayed and gave thanks before his God, as he had done previously. ¹¹Then these men came by agreement and found Daniel making petition and plea before his God. ¹²Then they came near and said before the king, concerning the injunction, “O king! Did you not sign an injunction, that anyone who makes petition to any god or man within thirty days except to you, O king, shall be cast into the den of lions?” The king answered and said, “The thing stands fast, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which cannot be revoked.” ¹³Then they answered and said before the king, “Daniel, who is one of the exiles from Judah, pays no attention to you, O king, or the injunction you have signed, but makes his petition three times a day.”

¹⁴Then the king, when he heard these words, was much distressed and set his mind to deliver Daniel. And he labored till the sun went down to rescue him. ¹⁵Then these men came by agreement to the king and said to the king, “Know, O king, that it is a law of the Medes and Persians that no injunction or ordinance that the king establishes can be changed.”

¹⁶Then the king commanded, and Daniel was brought and cast into the den of lions. The king declared to Daniel, “May your God, whom you serve continually, deliver you!” ¹⁷And a stone was brought and laid on the mouth of the den, and the king sealed it with his own signet and with the signet of his lords, that nothing might be changed concerning Daniel. ¹⁸Then the king went to his palace and spent the night fasting; no diversions were brought to him, and sleep fled from him.

¹⁹Then, at break of day, the king arose and went in haste to the den of lions. ²⁰As he came near to the den where Daniel was, he cried out in a tone of anguish. The king declared to Daniel, “O Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God, whom you serve continually, been able to deliver you from the lions?”

²¹Then Daniel said to the king, “O king, live forever! ²²My God sent His angel and shut the lions’ mouths, and they have not harmed me, because I was found blameless before Him; and also before you, O king, I have done no harm.” ²³Then the king was exceedingly glad, and commanded that Daniel be taken up out of the den. So Daniel was taken up out of the den, and no kind of harm was found on him, because he had trusted in his God.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

1 Peter 5:6–11

⁶Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time He may exalt you, ⁷casting all your anxieties on Him, because He cares for you. ⁸Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. ⁹Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. ¹⁰And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. ¹¹To Him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

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HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 22:39–44

³⁹And He came out and went, as was His custom, to the Mount of Olives, and the disciples followed Him. ⁴⁰And when He came to the place, He said to them, **“Pray that you may not enter into temptation.”** ⁴¹And He withdrew from them about a stone’s throw, and knelt down and prayed, ⁴²saying, **“Father, if You are willing, remove this cup from Me. Nevertheless, not My will, but Yours, be done.”** ⁴³And there appeared to Him an angel from heaven, strengthening Him. ⁴⁴And being in an agony He prayed more earnestly; and His sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground.

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OFFICE HYMN: Christ, Mighty Savior

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1 Christ, might - y Sav - ior, Light of all cre - a - tion,
2 Now comes the day’s end as the sun is set - ting,
3 There - fore we come now eve - ning rites to of - fer,
4 Give heed, we pray You, to our sup - pli - ca - tion,
5 Though bod - ies slum - ber, hearts shall keep their vig - il,



You make the day - time ra - diant with the sun - light
Mir - ror of day - break, pledge of res - ur - rec - tion;
Joy - ful - ly chant - ing ho - ly hymns to praise You,
That You may grant us par - don for of - fens - es,
For - ev - er rest - ing in the peace of Je - sus,



And to the night give glit - ter - ing a -
While in the heav - ens choirs of stars ap -
With all cre - a - tion join - ing hearts and
Strength for our weak hearts, rest for ach - ing
In light or dark - ness wor - ship - ing our



dorn - ment, Stars in the heav - ens.
pear - ing Hal - low the night - fall.
voic - es Sing - ing Your glo - ry.
bod - ies, Sooth - ing the wea - ry.
Sav - ior Now and for - ev - er.

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MEDITATION ON THE PSALM

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.
P In the day of my trouble I call upon You,
C for You answer me.
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 102:1

Psalms 86:7

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.

O Lord, let Your merciful ears be open to the prayers of Your humble servants and grant that what they ask may be in accord with Your gracious will; 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)