

## Opening Versicles

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**L** O Lord, open my lips,  
**C** and my mouth will declare Your praise.

**L** Make haste, O God, to deliver me;

**C** make haste to help me, O Lord.

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.

## Psalm 26 *Read responsively*

Vindicate me, O LORD, for I have walked in my in- | tegrity,\*  
and I have trusted in the LORD without | wavering.

**Prove me, O LORD, and | try me;\***  
**test my heart | and my mind.**

For your steadfast love is be- | fore my eyes,\*  
and I walk in your | faithfulness.

**I do not sit with men of | falsehood,\***  
**nor do I consort with | hypocrites.**

I hate the assembly of evil- | doers,\*  
and I will not sit with the | wicked.

**I wash my hands in | innocence\***  
**and go around your altar, | O LORD,**

proclaiming thanksgiving | aloud,\*  
and telling all your | wondrous deeds.

**O LORD, I love the habitation | of your house\***  
**and the place where your | glory dwells.**

Do not sweep my soul away with | sinners,\*  
nor my life with blood- | thirsty men,

**in whose hands are evil de- | vices,\***  
**and whose right hands are | full of bribes.**

But as for me, I shall walk in my in- | tegrity,\*  
redeem me, and be gra- | cious to me.

**My foot stands on | level ground;\***  
**in the great assembly I will | bless the LORD.**

## 728 How Firm a Foundation

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1 How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord,  
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!  
What more can He say than to you He has said  
Who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?

- 2 “Fear not! I am with you, O be not dismayed,  
For I am your God and will still give you aid;  
I’ll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.
- 3 “The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose  
I will not, I will not, desert to his foes;  
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,  
I’ll never, no never, no never, forsake!
- 4 “When through fiery trials your pathway will lie,  
My grace, all-sufficient, will be your supply.  
The flames will not hurt you; I only design  
Your dross to consume and your gold to refine.
- 5 “Throughout all their lifetime My people will prove  
My sov’ reign, eternal, unchangeable love;  
And then, when gray hairs will their temples adorn,  
Like lambs they will still in My bosom be borne.”

## Kyrie

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- L** O Lord,  
**C** have mercy.  
**L** O Christ,  
**C** have mercy.  
**L** O Lord,  
**C** have mercy.

## Lord’s Prayer

### Apostles’ 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.

O LORD, you know; remember me and visit me, and take vengeance for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance take me not away; know that for your sake I bear reproach. Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart, for I am called by your name, O LORD, God of hosts. I did not sit in the company of revelers, nor did I rejoice; I sat alone, because your hand was upon me, for you had filled me with indignation. Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Will you be to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail? Therefore thus says the LORD: "If you return, I will restore you, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall be as my mouth. They shall turn to you, but you shall not turn to them. And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, declares the LORD. I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless."

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

### Sermon

### Versicles

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- L** Hear my prayer, O Lord;
- C** **let my cry come to You.**
- L** In the day of my trouble I call upon You,
- C** **for You answer me.**
- L** Hide Your face from my sins,
- C** **and blot out all my iniquities.**
- L** Create in me a clean heart, O God,
- C** **and renew a right spirit within me.**
- L** Cast me not away from Your presence,
- C** **and take not Your Holy Spirit from me.**
- L** Restore to me the joy of Your salvation,
- C** **and uphold me with a willing spirit.**
- L** Because Your steadfast love is better than life,
- C** **my lips will praise You.**
- L** For You have been my help,
- C** **and in the shadow of Your wings I will sing for joy.**
- L** Teach me Your way, O Lord, that I may walk in Your truth;
- C** **unite my heart to fear Your name.**

- L** I give thanks to You, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,
- C** **and I will glorify Your name forever.**
- L** May all who seek You rejoice and be glad in You.
- C** **May those who love Your salvation say evermore, “God is great!”**
- L** Save Your people and bless Your heritage!
- C** **Be their shepherd and carry them forever.**
- L** Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer;
- C** **listen to my plea for grace.**

### Collect of the Day

**P** Almighty God, Your Son willingly endured the agony and shame of the cross for our redemption. Grant us courage to take up our cross daily and follow Him wherever He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

**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.**

### Benedicamus:

**L** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Blessing:

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**C** Amen

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