

## 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 103:1-12 *Responsively Read*

Bless the LORD, | O my soul,\*  
and all that is within me,  
bless his | holy name!

**Bless the LORD, | O my soul,\***  
**and forget not all his | benefits,**  
who forgives all your in- | iquity,\*  
who heals all your dis- | eases,  
**who redeems your life | from the pit,\***  
**who crowns you with steadfast love and | mercy,**  
who satisfies | you with good\*  
so that your youth is renewed like the | eagle's.

**The LORD works | righteousness\***  
**and justice for all who | are oppressed.**

He made known his ways to | Moses,\*  
his acts to the people of | Israel.

**The LORD is merciful and | gracious,\***  
**slow to anger and abounding in | steadfast love.**

He will not | always chide,\*  
nor will he keep his anger for- | ever.

**He does not deal with us according | to our sins,\***  
**nor repay us according to our in- | iquities.**

For as high as the heavens are a- | bove the earth,\*  
so great is his steadfast love toward those who | fear him;  
**as far as the east is | from the west,\***  
**so far does he remove our transgres- | sions from us.**

- 1 Chief of sinners though I be,  
 Jesus shed His blood for me,  
 Died that I might live on high,  
 Lives that I might never die.  
 As the branch is to the vine,  
 I am His, and He is mine.
- 2 Oh, the height of Jesus' love,  
 Higher than the heav'ns above,  
 Deeper than the depths of sea,  
 Lasting as eternity!  
 Love that found me—wondrous thought!  
 Found me when I sought Him not.
- 3 Only Jesus can impart  
 Balm to heal the wounded heart,  
 Peace that flows from sin forgiv'n,  
 Joy that lifts the soul to heav'n,  
 Faith and hope to walk with God  
 In the way that Enoch trod.  
 While I live and when I die.
- 4 Chief of sinners though I be,  
 Christ is all in all to me;  
 All my wants to Him are known,  
 All my sorrows are His own.  
 He sustains the hidden life  
 Safe with Him from earthly strife.
- 5 O my Savior, help afford  
 By Your Spirit and Your Word!  
 When my wayward heart would stray,  
 Keep me in the narrow way;  
 Grace in time of need supply

## 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.

## Old Testament Reading

Genesis 50:15-21

When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him." So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died, 'Say to Joseph, Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.' And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants." But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones." Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

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

## Sermon

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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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