

Opening Versicles

9/23 LSB 285

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 27:1-9 *Responsively Read*

The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom | shall I fear?*

The LORD is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I | be afraid?

**When evildoers assail me
to eat | up my flesh,*
my adversaries and foes,
it is they who stum- | ble and fall.**

Though an army encamp against me,
my heart | shall not fear;*
though war arise against me,
yet I will be | confident.

**One thing have I asked of the LORD,
that will I seek | after:***
**that I may dwell in the house of the LORD
all the days of my life,
to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD
and to inquire in his | temple.**

For he will hide me in his shelter
in the day of | trouble;*
he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;
he will lift me high up- | on a rock.

**And now my head shall be lifted up
above my enemies all around me,
and I will offer in his tent
sacrifices with | shouts of joy;***

I will sing and make melody | to the LORD.

Hear, O LORD, when I | cry aloud;*
be gracious to me and | answer me!

You have said, | “Seek my face.”*

My heart says to you, “Your face, LORD, | do I seek.”

Hide not your face from me.
Turn not your servant away in | anger,*
O you who have been my help.
Cast me not off; forsake me not,
O God of my sal- | vation!

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| 1 For me to live is Jesus,
To die is gain for me;
So when my Savior pleases,
I meet death willingly. | 4 Lord, when my pow'rs are failing,
My breath comes heavily,
And words are unavailing,
O hear my sighs to Thee. |
| 2 For Christ, my Lord, my brother,
I leave this world so dim
And gladly seek another,
Where I shall be with Him. | 5 In my last hour, O grant me
A slumber soft and still,
No doubts to vex or haunt me,
Safe anchored in Thy will; |
| 3 My woes are nearly over,
Though long and dark the road;
My sin His merits cover,
And I have peace with God. | 6 And so to Thee still cleaving
When death shall come to me,
I fall asleep believing
And wake in heav'n with Thee! |

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

Isaiah 55:6-9

“Seek the LORD while he may be found;
call upon him while he is near;
let the wicked forsake his way,
and the unrighteous man his thoughts;
let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.
For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD.
For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.”

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** Let us pray. Lord God, heavenly Father, since we cannot stand before You relying on anything we have done, help us trust in Your abiding grace and live according to Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, 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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