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Introit



Let the morning bring me word of your unfailing love,*
for I have put my trust in you.

For your name's sake, O Lord,
preserve my life;*
in your righteousness, bring me out of trouble.

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

O Lord, hear my prayer, listen to my cry for mercy;*
in your faithfulness and righteousness come to my relief.

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Do not bring your servant into judgment,*
for no one living is righteous before you.

*(Antiphon, Ps. 143:11;
Ps. 143:1-2, 8a)*

Collect of the Day

Grant, Lord, that the course of this world may be so governed by your direction that your Church may rejoice in serving you in godly peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Gradual

Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise;*
his greatness no one can fathom.
I will meditate on your wonderful works,*
and I will proclaim your great deeds. *(Ps. 145:3, 5b, 6b)*

For Daily Devotions

July 15: Ps. 41; 1 Kings 15-17; 16: Ps. 42; 1 Kings 18-20; 17: Ps. 43; 1 Kings 21-22; 18: Ps. 44; 2 Kings 1-3; 19: Ps. 45; 2 Kings 4-6; 20: Ps. 46; 2 Kings 7-9; 21: Ps. 47; 2 Kings 10-12.

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Isaiah 66:10-14

“Rejoice with Jerusalem and be glad for her,
all you who love her;
rejoice greatly with her,
all you who mourn over her.
For you will nurse and be satisfied
at her comforting breasts;
you will drink deeply
and delight in her overflowing
abundance.”

For this is what the LORD says:

“I will extend peace to her like a river,
and the wealth of nations like a flooding
stream;
you will nurse and be carried on her arm
and dandled on her knees.
As a mother comforts her child,
so will I comfort you;
and you will be comforted over
Jerusalem.”

When you see this, your heart will rejoice
and you will flourish like grass;
the hand of the LORD will be made known
to his servants,
but his fury will be shown to his foes.

Galatians 6:1-10, 14-16

Brothers, if someone is caught in a sin, you who are spiritual should restore him gently. But watch yourself, or you also may be tempted. Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. If anyone thinks he is something when he is nothing, he deceives himself. Each one should test his own actions. Then he can take pride in himself, without comparing himself to somebody else, for each one should carry his own load.

Anyone who receives instruction in the word must share all good things with his instructor.

Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. The one who sows to please his sinful nature, from that nature will reap destruction; the one who sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life. Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people,

especially to those who belong to the family of believers. ...

May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. Neither circumcision nor uncircumcision means anything; what counts is a new creation. Peace and mercy to all who follow this rule, even to the Israel of God.

Luke 10:1-12, 16 [17-20]

After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go. He told them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field. Go! I am sending you out like lambs among wolves. Do not take a purse or bag or sandals; and do not greet anyone on the road.

“When you enter a house, first say, ‘Peace to this house.’ If a man of peace is there, your peace will rest on him; if not, it will return to you. Stay in that house, eating and drinking whatever they give you, for the worker deserves his wages. Do not move around from house to house.

“When you enter a town and are welcomed, eat what is set before you. Heal the sick who are there and tell them, ‘The kingdom of God is near you.’ But when you enter a town and are not welcomed, go into its streets and say, ‘Even the dust of your town that sticks to our feet we wipe off against you. Yet be sure of this: The kingdom of God is near.’ I tell you, it will be more bearable on that day for Sodom than for that town. ...

“He who listens to you listens to me; he who rejects you rejects me; but he who rejects me rejects him who sent me.”

[The seventy-two returned with joy and said, “Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name.”

He replied, “I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions, and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you. However, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”]

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