



The Lifeline

LECTIONARY

05-May	Deuteronomy 32:44-47	Mark 10:42-45	Psalms 98
06-May SUNDAY	Acts 10:44-48	1 John 5:1-6 John 15:9-17	Psalms 98 (4)
07-May	Deuteronomy 7:1-11	1 Timothy 6:11-12	Psalms 93
08-May	Deuteronomy 11:1-17	1 Timothy 6:13-16	Psalms 93
09-May	Deuteronomy 11:18-21	Mark 16:19-20	Psalms 93
10-May Day of Ascension	Acts 1:1-11	Ephesians 1:15-23 Luke 24:44-53	Psalms 47 (5) or Psalms 93 (2)
11-May	Exodus 24:15-18	Revelation 1:9-18	Psalms 47
12-May	Deuteronomy 34:1-7	John 16:4-11	Psalms 47
13-May SUNDAY	Acts 1:15-17, 21-26	1 John 5:9-13 John 17:6-19	Psalms 1 (6)
14-May	Exodus 28:29-38	Philippians 1:3-11	Psalms 115
15-May	Numbers 8:5-22	Titus 1:1-9	Psalms 115
16-May	Ezra 9:5-15	John 16:16-24	Psalms 115
17-May	Genesis 2:4b-7	1 Corinthians 15:42b-49	Psalms 33:12-22

18-May	Job 37:1-13	1 Corinthians 15:50-57	Psalms 33:12-22
19-May	Exodus 15:6-11	John 7:37-39	Psalms 33:12-22
20-May SUNDAY (Pentecost)	Ezekiel 37:1-14	John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15 Romans 8:22-27 or Acts 2:1-21	Psalms 104:24-34, 35b (30)
21-May	Joel 2:18-29	1 Corinthians 12:4-11	Psalms 104: 24-34, 35b
22-May	Genesis 11:1-9	1 Corinthians 12:12-27	Psalms 104:24-34, 35b
23-May	Ezekiel 37:1-14	John 20:19-23	Psalms 104:24-34, 35b
24-May	Isaiah 1:1-4, 16-20	Romans 8:1-8	Psalms 29
25-May	Isaiah 2:1-5	Romans 8:9-11	Psalms 29
26-May	Isaiah 5:15-24	John 15:18-20, 26-27	Psalms 29
27-May	Isaiah 6:1-8	Romans 8:12-17 John 3:1-17	Psalms 29
28-May	Numbers 9:15-23	Revelation 4:1-8	Psalms 20
29-May	Exodus 25:1-22	1 Corinthians 2:1-10	Psalms 20
30-May	Numbers 6:22-2	Mark 4:21-25	Psalms 20

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PRAYERS

A LITURGY OF

The Hours: *Daybreak*

BEGIN WITH SILENCE

LEADER: O children of the Living God,
what is your Father's greatest desire
for you this day?

PEOPLE: **That we should love our eternal King
with all our hearts,
with all our souls,
with all our minds
with all our strength.**

And how would you show this love?
**By remembering him at all times.
By cultivating thankfulness
for his many blessings, and trusting
his good providence
for the meeting of our needs.
By loving all whose lives intersect our own.
By choosing to serve rather
than be served, to be wounded
rather than to wound, and by bearing
patiently with the failings of others,
extending the same kindness
mercy and compassion that God in Christ
has so graciously offered us.
We would also love him by serving
with faithfulness and due passion
in our various vocations,
by delighting in all things he has created**

**for our benefit and pleasure,
and by caring well for all he has given us to steward.**
O children of the Living God, you would do well
to practice your love in these ways today!

Do you now possess the needed strength
to perfectly accomplish such holy requirements?

**We do not. We are weak and inconsistent,
and often buffeted by fear and pride
and selfishness. But being impoverished
and ill-equipped as we are,
we will look to the grace of God
and to the sanctifying work of the Spirit
to accomplish his purposes
in and through us this day,
as we, in grateful response,
seek to choose that which pleases him.**

We open our hearts anew
to you this morning, O Lord
that the love of the Father
and the life of Christ
and the breath of the Spirit
would quicken within us
a greater affection for your ways.

Work your will in us, Lord Christ.

Let us know bring before our gracious God
any petitions relevant to this day.
O Lord, hear our prayers.

PERSONAL PRAYER REQUESTS MAY BE OFFERED EITHER SILENTLY OR
ALOUD.

O children of God, casting your cares
upon his strong shoulders,
now surrender your own agendas for this day,

and instead be led by the workings of his Spirit.
**Open our eyes and our hearts, O Lord,
to your words and truth.**

SCRIPTURE READING

May these words of God bring to each of us
conviction, challenge, and comfort,
as our lives and choices this day require.
Shape us even now, O Lord.

Prepare our bodies for the labours of this day.
**Give us strength and health
to complete them.**

Prepare our minds for the demands of this day.
Grant us clarity, creativity, and discernment.
Prepare our souls for those sorrows and joys
and celebrations and disappointments
we will encounter, that every circumstance
would serve only to draw us nearer to you.
**May our words, our choices,
and our actions today be offered
as true expressions of worship.**

Now you who are loved of God,
step forward into this new day
appointed by him, that you might
journey through its hours
in the peace and grace
and the love of your Lord.
**Lead us this day, Lord Christ,
that we might walk its paths
in the light of the hope of our
coming redemption**

Amen.

CONCLUDE WITH A FEW MINUTES OF SILENCE

A LITURGY OF
The Hours:
Midday

LEADER: O Christ our rest,
We pause amidst the labors of this day
to remember the best reason for our laboring.

PEOPLE: **We labour, O Lord, as stewards of
your creation, and as stewards of the gifts
you have apportioned to each of us
for the good of all.**

Bless then the works of our hands
and minds and hearts, O God, that they might
bear fruit for your greater purposes.
**May our work this day be rendered
first as service to you, that the benefits of it
might be eternal.**

Receive this, the offering of our labours, O Lord.
Amen.

If our hearts have already been tempted this day
to believe anything about ourselves or others
that does not take into account your creation,
your mercy, your sacrifice, your grace,
your forgiveness, your redemption,
and your unshakeable love, O God,
**remind us again of these truths,
giving us faith enough to believe
and hope enough to choose
to embrace them again and again.**

Or if we have been swayed from the place
of resting in your grace today—

swayed by shame, by error, by vanity,
by pride, or by love of the praise of people,

act, O Holy Spirit!

**Reveal our error, convict conscience,
and bring us to quick repentance.**

**Rekindle our affections, restoring them again
to their one worthy object, who is Christ,
and who alone holds the words of eternal life.**

Let us now consider such words.

**Shape our thoughts O Lord, by your truth,
even as you shape our hearts by your love.**

READ SCRIPTURE CHOSEN FOR THE DAY. ALLOW A MOMENT OF
REFLECTION.

Now grant us strength and grace, O God,
sufficient to the remains of the day,
that we might move through its unfolding
in humble obedience to your will
and in sensitivity to your Spirit
and in joyful expectancy of your coming kingdom.

**May the light of that eternal city
illuminate our hearts, our paths, our vision.
through these next hours, O Lord.**

Amen.

A LITURGY OF
The Hours:
Nightfall

LEADER: Here at day's end we seek you,
O King of Earth and Heaven.

PEOPLE: **You have been our sustenance
across the sunlit hours.**

Be now our counselor, comforter, and
protector in dark of night.

Amen.

We now give thanks to God for
the blessings of the day that has passed.
**We praise you, O Father, for the provision
of food, and shelter, and fellowship,
and for all other evidences of grace
that have been ours. May our hearts
with true humility and thankfulness.
Amen.**

Now let us ready our hearts to make confession
for the imperfections of our love this day.

TAKE A MOMENT OF REFLECTIVE SILENCE.

Holy Spirit, grant us each a true conviction
leading to a true repentance.
**Indeed it was our desire to serve you well
in this day, O God, but we have again
fallen short of your righteousness
in our thoughts, our intentions, our actions,**

and our utterances. We have responded at times
without grace. We have chosen sometimes
that which is unprofitable and which leads
neither to our own flourishing
nor to the proclamation of your glory. Forgive us,
O King, for treasons both known
and unknown. Forgive us for the harms
we have done this day, and for the goods
we might have done but failed to do;
forgive us also for the constant condition
of our hearts, for the self-serving impulses,
inclinations, and desires which stand us
every moment in need of a saviour.

How graciously he receives your repentances!

God be merciful to we who are sinners!

Take joy, all you who are called by his name,
for his mercies are already yours!

Thanks be to God!

Now may the grace of his forgiveness,
which blooms evergreen for all his children,
work powerfully in us, changing us into
better image-bearers of Christ and
more faithful servants of our king.

**Let our inability to ever perfectly love you,
O God, drive us daily to the arms of Christ,
wherein the enormity of your mercy and
the scandal of such grace lavished upon us
would birth in us a new and greater
affection for you, and a new and greater
desire to do that which pleases you.
Somehow use even our weaknesses
for your glory.**

Now hear these words of favour,
O children of God: All these sins
you have truly repented of,

he has eternally forgiven.
They will never be held against you.
You are free to love
and serve him in joyful assurance,
knowing his grace will always be more
than sufficient to your own failings.
Thanks be to Christ for this glorious gift!
Amen.

Resting now, O Lord, in the certain promise
of your love—through which we are adopted
as your daughters and sons—
we find ourselves at ease in your holy presence,
bringing to you our diverse burdens
and petitions this night.
Heavenly Father, hear our prayers.

OFFER SPECIFIC PRAYERS

Thank you, O Lord, that you are
attentive to the cries of your children.
Deepen now our knowledge of you,
and our love for your truth.
Tender our hearts to receive your words.

NOW READ THE SCRIPTURE PASSAGE CHOSEN FOR THE EVENING CONTEMPLATION.

Retire now, you children of God,
contemplating his words and resting
in the peace of the surety of the love
he has extended you in Christ.
Know this night the comfort of his Spirit,
who ever abides in and among us,
drawing us always toward our
ultimate redemption at the renewing
of body and soul and of all creation.
Praise be to God, for his mysteries

yet to be revealed.

Indeed, an hour is coming
when we shall find ourselves
freed at last from the very presence of sin,
and liberated to live eternally in that
glorious freedom and knowledge
and beauty and perfection
which was ever our intended birthright.

**Even now, O Lord,
in the dark of this night,
let our lives be lit by rumours
of these coming glories.**

Amen.

CONCLUDE WITH A MINUTE OF SILENCE



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