

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.

WEEK 1 LORD'S PRAYER



Call to praise

O God, your word is a lamp to my feet
and a light to my path.

The light and peace of Jesus Christ be with us.

Psalm 34.2-9

I will bless the LORD at all times,
God's praise always on my lips;
in the LORD my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad.

Glorify the LORD with me.
Together let us praise God's name.
I sought the LORD and was heard;
from all my terrors set free.

Look towards God and be radiant;
let your faces not be abashed.
When the poor cry out the LORD hears them
and rescues them from all their distress.

The angel of the LORD is encamped
around those who fear God, to rescue them.
Taste and see that the LORD is good.
They are happy who seek refuge in God.

Thanksgiving

It is good to give thanks to the Lord,
to sing praises to your name, O Most High.
(free prayers of thanksgiving)

We declare your steadfast love in the morning,
and your faithfulness by night. Amen.

Song

Praise, praise, praise the Lord (SJ 11)
Our Father God, thy name we praise (HWB 32)
Our Father, which art in heaven (SJ 48)
The day you gave us, Lord, is ended (HWB 652)

Confession

Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy
blot out my transgressions.

(silence)

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and put a new and right spirit within me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation
and sustain in me a willing spirit.



Call to discipleship

Jesus said, I am the bread of life.
Whoever comes to me will never be hungry,
and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.
Lord Jesus, you have the words of eternal life.

John 11.25-26

"I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me,
even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and
believes in me will never die."

Hebrews 13.15

Through [Jesus Christ], then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name.

Brief reflection on the readings

Mary's or Simeon's song



all to intercession

Ask, and it will be given you;
search, and you will find;
knock, and the door will be opened for you.

The heavenly Father will give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him.

Holy God, we bring our prayers to you with confidence, in the name of our Lord Jesus.

In your mercy, Lord, hear our prayer.

You brought Jesus back from the dead and gave us the hope of new life in you. We pray for ourselves and those dear to us.

(open prayers)

Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your name.

You hear our cries and free us from our fears. We pray for our community and for our neighbors.

(open prayers)

Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your name.

You reveal your glory through Christ and your holy people.

We pray for the church in all places, that we may be one.

(open prayers)

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name.

You promise to rescue creation from its distress. We pray that your reign may come and your will be done on earth.

(open prayers)

Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your name.

We offer you other concerns we carry in our hearts.

(open prayers)

As your beloved sons and daughters, we pray with hope.

Our Father ...

Benediction

***May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,***

***and the communion of the Holy Spirit
be with us.***

Amen.

**Your kingdom come.
Your will be done on earth
as in heaven.**

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Call to praise

Lord, open our lips
and our mouths will proclaim your praise.
You are good to those who wait for you,
to all who seek you.

Psalm 100

Cry out with joy to the LORD, all the earth.
Serve the LORD with gladness.
Come before God, singing for joy.

Know that the LORD is God,
our Maker, to whom we belong.
We are God's people, sheep of the flock.

Enter the gates with thanksgiving,
God's courts with songs of praise.
Give thanks to God and bless his name.

Indeed, how good is the LORD,
whose merciful love is eternal;
whose faithfulness lasts forever.

Thanksgiving

My heart is ready, O God; I will sing your praise.
Awake, my soul! I will awake the dawn.
(free prayers of thanksgiving)

Your steadfast love is higher than the heavens,
and your faithfulness reaches to the clouds. Amen.

Song

All people that on earth do dwell (HWB 42)
Praise with joy the world's Creator (SJ 16)
Mayenziwe (SJ 57)
Thou true vine, that heals (HWB 373)
Heart with loving heart united (HWB 420)



Call to discipleship

Jesus said, Let anyone with ears to hear listen.
*You shall love the Lord your God
with all your heart, and with all your soul,
and with all your strength, and with all your mind;
and your neighbor as yourself.*
Do this, and you will live.
Lord Jesus, you have the words of eternal life.

John 15.10

"If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love,
just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in
his love."

Isaiah 9.6, 7

A child has been born for us,
a son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulders;
and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace ...
He will establish and uphold [his kingdom]
with justice and with righteousness

from this time onward and forevermore.
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

Brief reflection on the readings

Zechariah's song



Call to intercession

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The Lord is near.

Do not worry about anything,
but in everything with thanksgiving
let your requests be made known to God.

Creator God, we bring our prayers to you as acts of love for
you and for our neighbors.

God of compassion, hear our prayer.

You created us in love, to worship you and do your will. We
pray for ourselves and those dear to us.

(open prayers)

Your kingdom come,
your will be done on earth as in heaven.

Your faithfulness lasts forever. We pray for our community
and for our neighbors.

(open prayers)

Your kingdom come,
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Your people serve you with joy. We pray that the church in
all places may know the freedom of life in the Spirit.

(open prayers)

Your kingdom come,
your will be done on earth as in heaven.

Your way is justice and peace. We pray for the natural world
and for all who care for creation.

(open prayers)

Your kingdom come,
your will be done on earth as in heaven.

We offer you other concerns we carry in our hearts.

(open prayers)

Secure in your love, we pray with joy.

Our Father ...

Benediction

***May the God of hope
fill us with all joy and peace in believing
so that we may abound in hope
by the power of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.***

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and a light to my path.

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Psalm 103.19-22

The LORD has set his throne in heaven
and his kingdom rules over all.

Give thanks to the LORD, all you angels,
mighty in power, fulfilling God's word,
who heed the voice of that word.

Give thanks to the LORD, all you hosts,
you servants who do God's will.

Give thanks to the LORD, all his works,
in every place where God rules.

My soul, give thanks to the LORD!

Thanksgiving

I will praise you, Lord, with all my heart;

I will recount all your wonders.

(free prayers of thanksgiving)

I will rejoice in you and be glad,

and sing psalms to your name, O Most High. Amen.

Song

For God so loved us (HWB 167)

Here, O Lord, your servants gather (HWB 7)

Pah Jesus song ern kha (SJ 70)

I want to walk as a child of the light (SJ 95)

Confession

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*according to your abundant mercy
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(silence)

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Jesus said, I am the bread of life.

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and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

Lord Jesus, you have the words of eternal life.

John 14.6-7

"I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

Romans 14.13, 15, 17

Let us therefore no longer pass judgment on one another, but resolve instead never to put a stumbling block or hindrance in the way of another. If your brother or sister is being injured

by what you eat, you are no longer walking in love. For the kingdom of God is not food and drink but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

Brief reflection on the readings

Mary's or Simeon's song



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Lord, open our lips
and our mouths will proclaim your praise.
You are good to those who wait for you,
to all who seek you.

Psalm 104.27-30

All of these look to you
to give them their food in due season.
You give it, they gather it up;
you open your hand, they have their fill.

You hide your face, they are dismayed;
you take back your spirit, they die,
returning to the dust from which they came.
You send forth your spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the earth.

Thanksgiving

My heart is ready, O God; I will sing your praise.
Awake, my soul! I will awake the dawn.
(free prayers of thanksgiving)
Your steadfast love is higher than the heavens,
and your faithfulness reaches to the clouds. Amen.

Song

Many and great, O God (HWB 35)
I sing the mighty power of God (HWB 46)
God created heaven and earth (HWB 160)
As rain from the clouds (SJ 40)

Call to discipleship

Jesus said, Let anyone with ears to hear listen.
You shall love the Lord your God
with all your heart, and with all your soul,
and with all your strength, and with all your mind;
and your neighbor as yourself.
Do this, and you will live.
Lord Jesus, you have the words of eternal life.

Matthew 4.4

But [Jesus] answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

James 2.15-17

If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

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Zechariah's song

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The Lord is near.
Do not worry about anything,
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let your requests be made known to God.

God of open hands, we bring our prayers to you as acts of love for you and for our neighbors.

God of compassion, hear our prayer.

From your bounty you provide for all our needs. We pray for ourselves and those dear to us.

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our daily bread.

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Our Father ...

Benediction

*The Lord will guide us continually,
and satisfy our needs in parched places,
and we will be like a watered garden,
like a spring of water, whose waters never fail.
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Psalm 78.18-20, 23-26

In their heart the people put God to the test
by demanding the food they craved.

They even spoke against God.

*They said: "Is it possible for God
to prepare a table in the desert?"*

"It was God who struck the rock,
water flowed and swept down in torrents.

*But can God also give us bread;
and provide meat for his people?"*

Yet God commanded the clouds above
and opened the gates of heaven;

*rained down manna for their food,
and gave them bread from heaven.*

Mere mortals ate the bread of angels.

The LORD sent them meat in abundance;
*made the east wind blow from heaven
and roused the south wind with might.*

Thanksgiving

It is good to give thanks to the Lord,
to sing praises to your name, O Most High.
(free prayers of thanksgiving)

We declare your steadfast love in the morning,
and your faithfulness by night. Amen.

Song

Haleluya! Pelo tsa rona (SJ 88)

Break thou the bread of life (HWB 360)

Let the hungry come to me (HWB 464, verses 1-3)

Put peace into each other's hands (SJ 87)

Confession

Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your steadfast love;
*according to your abundant mercy
blot out my transgressions.*

(silence)

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Call to discipleship

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and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

Lord Jesus, you have the words of eternal life.

John 6.26-27

Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal."

Proverbs 30.8-9

Give me neither poverty nor riches;
feed me with the food that I need,
or I shall be full, and deny you,
and say, "Who is the LORD?"
or I shall be poor, and steal,
and profane the name of my God.

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Amen.

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as we forgive those who sin against us.**

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Lord, open our lips
and our mouths will proclaim your praise.
You are good to those who wait for you,
to all who seek you.

Psalm 103.8-14

The LORD is compassion and love,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.
The LORD will not always chide,
will not be angry forever.
*God does not treat us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our faults.*

For as the heavens are high above the earth
so strong is God's love for the God-fearing;
*As far as the east is from the west
so far does he remove our sins.*

As parents have compassion on their children
the LORD has pity on those who are God-fearing
*for he knows of what we are made,
and remembers that we are dust.*

Thanksgiving

My heart is ready, O God; I will sing your praise.
Awake, my soul! I will awake the dawn.
(free prayers of thanksgiving)

Your steadfast love is higher than the heavens,
and your faithfulness reaches to the clouds. Amen.

Song

When all thy mercies, O my God (HWB 72)
Forgive our sins as we forgive (HWB 137)
There's a wideness in God's mercy (HWB 145)
Slowly turning, ever turning (SJ 23)



Call to discipleship

Jesus said, Let anyone with ears to hear listen.
*You shall love the Lord your God
with all your heart, and with all your soul,
and with all your strength, and with all your mind;
and your neighbor as yourself.*
Do this, and you will live.
Lord Jesus, you have the words of eternal life.

Mark 11.25

“Whenever you stand praying, forgive, if you have anything
against anyone; so that your Father in heaven may also
forgive you your trespasses.”

2 Corinthians 5.18, 20

All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through
Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation. So we
are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal
through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled
to God.

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God of compassion, hear our prayer.

You wipe away our offenses. We pray for ourselves and those
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(open prayers)

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as we forgive those who sin against us.

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You have made us ambassadors for Christ. We pray for all
who are ensnared in greed, violence, and oppression.

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We offer you other concerns we carry in our hearts.

(open prayers)

Renewed through your forgiveness, we pray.

Our Father ...

Benediction

***Now may the Lord of peace give us peace
at all times in all ways.***

The Lord be with us.

Amen.

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WEEK 1 LORD'S PRAYER



O God, your word is a lamp to my feet
and a light to my path.

The light and peace of Jesus Christ be with us.

Psalm 65.1-5

To you our praise is due
in Zion, O God.

*To you we pay our vows,
you who hear our prayer.*

To you all flesh will come
with its burden of sin.

*Too heavy for us, our offences,
but you wipe them away.*

Blessed those whom you choose and call
to dwell in your courts.

*We are filled with the blessings of your house,
of your holy temple.*

Thanksgiving

It is good to give thanks to the Lord,
to sing praises to your name, O Most High.
(free prayers of thanksgiving)

We declare your steadfast love in the morning,
and your faithfulness by night. Amen.

Song

Praise, my soul, the God of heaven (HWB 63)

Where charity and love prevail (HWB 305)

Oh, Lord have mercy (SJ 47)

Just as I am, without one plea (SJ 92)

Confession

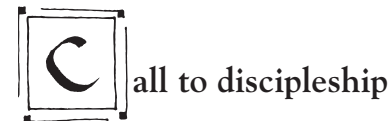
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Lord Jesus, you have the words of eternal life.

John 8.10-11

Jesus straightened up and said to her, "Woman, where are
they? Has no one condemned you?" She said, "No one, sir."

And Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you. Go your way, and
from now on do not sin again."

Isaiah 12.1-2

You will say in that day:

I will give thanks to you, O LORD,
for though you were angry with me,

your anger turned away,
and you comforted me.
Surely God is my salvation;
I will trust, and will not be afraid,
for the LORD GOD is my strength and my might;
he has become my salvation.

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Psalm 73.23-26

I was always in your presence;
you were holding me by my right hand.
*You will guide me by your counsel
and so you will lead me to glory.*

What else have I in heaven but you?
Apart from you I want nothing on earth.
*My body and my heart faint for joy;
God is my possession for ever.*

Thanksgiving

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Song

I sing with exultation (HWB 438)
Why should I feel discouraged (SJ 103)
I am weak, and I need thy strength (HWB 553)
What a friend we have in Jesus (HWB 573, 574)

Call to discipleship

Jesus said, Let anyone with ears to hear listen.
*You shall love the Lord your God
with all your heart, and with all your soul,
and with all your strength, and with all your mind;
and your neighbor as yourself.*
Do this, and you will live.
Lord Jesus, you have the words of eternal life.

Matthew 7.13-14

“Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the road is easy that leads to destruction, and there are many who take it. For the gate is narrow and the road is hard that leads to life, and there are few who find it.”

Hebrews 2.14-15, 18

Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, [Jesus] himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

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Savior God, we bring our prayers to you as acts of love for you
and for our neighbors.

God of compassion, hear our prayer.

Your power protects us in times of trouble. We pray for
ourselves and those dear to us.

(open prayers)

Lord,

save us from the time of trial.

Your Spirit comforts those who endure trials. We pray for our
community and for our neighbors.

(open prayers)

Lord,

save us from the time of trial.

Your presence quiets us when we are anxious. We pray for the
church in all places, following daily in the footsteps of Christ.

(open prayers)

Lord,

save us from the time of trial.

Your grace shows us the road that leads to life. We pray for
those in positions of power and authority.

(open prayers)

Lord,

save us from the time of trial.

We offer you other concerns we carry in our hearts.

(open prayers)

With faith in your abundance, we pray with thankfulness.

Our Father ...

Benediction

The Lord will keep us from all evil.

The Lord will keep our life.

***The Lord will keep our going out and our coming in
from this time on and forevermore.***

Amen.

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O God, your word is a lamp to my feet
and a light to my path.

The light and peace of Jesus Christ be with us.

Psalm 27.1-4

The LORD is my light and my help;
whom shall I fear?

*The LORD is the stronghold of my life
before whom shall I shrink?*

When evildoers draw near
to devour my flesh,
it is they, my enemies and foes,
who stumble and fall.

*Though an army encamp against me
my heart would not fear.*

*Though war break out against me
even then would I trust.*

There is one thing I ask of the LORD,
for this I long,
*to live in the house of the LORD,
all the days of my life,
to savour the sweetness of the LORD,
to behold his temple.*

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to sing praises to your name, O Most High.

(free prayers of thanksgiving)

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and your faithfulness by night. Amen.

Song

The Lord is my light (SJ 97)

Seek ye first the kingdom of God (HWB 324)

Nada te turbe (HWB 562)

Take thou my hand, O Father (HWB 581)

If you believe and I believe (SJ 32)

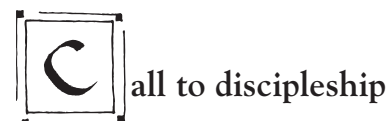
Confession

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blot out my transgressions.*

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and sustain in me a willing spirit.*



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and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

Lord Jesus, you have the words of eternal life.

Matthew 6.31-33

“Do not worry saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’ ... Your heavenly Father knows you need all these things. But strive first for the

kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.”

Romans 8.1-2, 11, 14

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death.

If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God.

Brief reflection on the readings

Mary’s or Simeon’s song



all to intercession

Ask, and it will be given you;
search, and you will find;
knock, and the door will be opened for you.

The heavenly Father will give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him.

Savior God, we bring our prayers to you with confidence, in the name of our Lord Jesus.

God of compassion, hear our prayer.

Your power protects us in times of trouble. We pray for ourselves and those dear to us.

(open prayers)

Lord,

save us from the time of trial.

Your Spirit comforts those who endure trials. We pray for our community and for our neighbors.

(open prayers)

Lord,

save us from the time of trial.

Your presence quiets us when we are anxious. We pray for the church in all places, following daily in the footsteps of Christ.

(open prayers)

Lord,

save us from the time of trial.

Your grace shows us the road that leads to life. We pray for those in positions of power and authority.

(open prayers)

Lord,

save us from the time of trial.

We offer you other concerns we carry in our hearts.

(open prayers)

With faith in your abundance, we pray with thankfulness.

Our Father ...

Benediction

The Lord will keep us from all evil.

The Lord will keep our life.

The Lord will keep our going out and our coming in from this time on and forevermore.

Amen.

Deliver us from evil.

WEEK 1 LORD'S PRAYER

all to praise

Lord, open our lips
and our mouths will proclaim your praise.
You are good to those who wait for you,
to all who seek you.

Psalm 56.10-14

This I know, that God is on my side.
In God, whose word I praise,
(in the LORD, whose word I praise,)
in God I trust;
I shall not fear;
what can mere mortals do to me?

I am bound by the vows I have made you.
O God, I will offer you praise
for you rescued my soul from death,
you kept my feet from stumbling
that I may walk in the presence of God
and enjoy the light of the living.

Thanksgiving

My heart is ready, O God; I will sing your praise.
Awake, my soul! I will awake the dawn.
(free prayers of thanksgiving)
Your steadfast love is higher than the heavens,
and your faithfulness reaches to the clouds. Amen.

Song

Great is thy faithfulness (HWB 327)
How firm a foundation (HWB 567)
Give to the winds thy fears (HWB 561)
Be thou my vision (HWB 545)
Living and dying with Jesus (HWB 550)

all to discipleship

Jesus said, Let anyone with ears to hear listen.
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with all your heart, and with all your soul,
and with all your strength, and with all your mind;
and your neighbor as yourself.
Do this, and you will live.
Lord Jesus, you have the words of eternal life.

Matthew 20.25-28

Jesus called them to him and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over the people, and their great ones are tyrants over them. It will not be so among you; but whoever wishes to be great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be your slave; just as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

Romans 12.16-18

Live in harmony with one another... Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.

Brief reflection on the readings

Zechariah's song



all to intercession

Rejoice in the Lord always.

The Lord is near.

Do not worry about anything,
but in everything with thanksgiving
let your requests be made known to God.

God, our help, we bring our prayers to you as acts of love for
you and for our neighbors.

God of compassion, hear our prayer.

You watch over our coming and going, now and always. We
pray for ourselves and those dear to us.

(open prayers)

Merciful God,
deliver us from evil.

Your tender mercy knows no bounds. We pray for our
community and for our neighbors.

(open prayers)

Merciful God,
deliver us from evil.

Your love is stronger than our fear. We pray for the church in
all places; strengthen us to speak boldly for Christ.

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You show us that greatness is service, not tyranny. We pray
for peacemakers and for all who serve in the name of Christ.

(open prayers)

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deliver us from evil.

We offer you other concerns we carry in our hearts.
(open prayers)

As we seek your face, we pray with humility.

Our Father ...

Benediction

***The peace of God,
which surpasses all understanding,
will guard our hearts and our minds
in Christ Jesus.***

Amen.

Deliver us from evil.

WEEK 1 LORD'S PRAYER



Call to praise

O God, your word is a lamp to my feet
and a light to my path.

The light and peace of Jesus Christ be with us.

Psalm 121

I lift up my eyes to the mountains;
from where shall come my help?

*My help shall come from the LORD
who made heaven and earth.*

May God never allow you to stumble!

Let your guard not sleep.

*Behold, neither sleeping nor slumbering,
Israel's guard.*

The LORD is your guard and your shade;
and stands at your right.

*By day the sun shall not smite you
nor the moon in the night.*

The LORD will guard you from evil,
and will guard your soul.

*The LORD will guard your going and coming
both now and for ever.*

Thanksgiving

It is good to give thanks to the Lord,
to sing praises to your name, O Most High.
(free prayers of thanksgiving)

We declare your steadfast love in the morning,
and your faithfulness by night. Amen.

Song

I to the hills will lift my eyes (HWB 169)

Guide my feet (HWB 546)

Children of the heavenly Father (HWB 616)

La ténèbre (SJ 101)

Don't be afraid (SJ 105)

Confession

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(silence)

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Luke 11.34, 36

“Your eye is the lamp of your body. If your eye is healthy, your whole body is full of light. If then your whole body is full of light, with no part of it in darkness, it will be as full of light as when a lamp gives you light with its rays.”

Ephesians 6.11-12

Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.

Brief reflection on the readings

Mary's or Simeon's song



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to all who seek you.

Psalm 145.10-14

All your creatures shall thank you, O LORD,
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.
*They shall speak of the glory of your reign
and declare your might, O God,*

to make known to all your mighty deeds
and the glorious splendour of your reign.
*Yours is an everlasting kingdom;
your rule lasts from age to age.*

You are faithful in all your words
and loving in all your deeds.
*You support all those who are falling
and raise up all who are bowed down.*

Thanksgiving

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Awake, my soul! I will awake the dawn.
(free prayers of thanksgiving)
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Song

O Prince of peace (HWB 15)
Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (HWB 37)
Ehane he'ama (HWB 78)
Oh, how happy are they (HWB 597)
Sizohamba naye (SJ 78)

Call to discipleship

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and with all your strength, and with all your mind;
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Luke 12.32-34

“Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

Revelation 11.15, 17-18

“The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Messiah, and he will reign forever and ever.”

“We give you thanks, Lord God Almighty, who are and who were, for you have taken your great power

and begun to reign.
The nations raged,
but your wrath has come,
and the time for judging the dead,
for rewarding your servants, the prophets
and saints and all who fear your name,
both small and great,
and for destroying those who destroy the earth.”

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Benediction

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Psalm 145.1-3, 17-21

I will give you glory, O God my king,
I will bless your name for ever.

*I will bless you day after day
and praise your name for ever.*

You are great, LORD, highly to be praised,
your greatness cannot be measured.

*You are just in all your ways
and loving in all your deeds.*

You are close to all who call you
who call on you from their hearts.

*You grant the desires of those who fear you,
you hear their cry and you save them.*

LORD, you protect all who love you;
but the wicked you will utterly destroy.

*Let me speak your praise, O LORD,
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O bless the Lord, my soul (HWB 80)
Creator of the stars of night (HWB 177)
Christ is the world's true light (334)
Come, thou long-expected Jesus (178)
Jesus, remember me (247)

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Luke 23.42-43

Then [the criminal] said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

Hebrews 12.1-2

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

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