Lessons to read for Sunday March 22, 2020

1st - [Genesis 37:1-11](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=genesis+37%3A1-11&version=EHV) 2nd - [Romans 8:1-10](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=romans+8%3A1-10&version=EHV) Gospel - [Matthew 20:17-28](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=matthew+20%3A17-28&version=EHV)

**Morning Meditation**

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**Invocation**

L: In the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit. \*

**G: Amen.**

L: O Lord, open my lips.

**G: And my mouth shall declare your praise.** *Psalm 51:1*

L: Hasten to save me, O God.

**G: O Lord, come quickly to help me.** *Psalm 70:1*

L: In the morning, O Lord, you hear my voice;

**G: in the morning I lay my requests before you and wait in expectation.** *Psalm 5:3*

L: We do not make requests of you because we are righteous,

**G: but because of your great mercy.** *Daniel 9:18*

L: May the favor of the Lord our God rest upon us;

**G: establish the work of our hands for us—yes, establish the work of our hands.**  *Psalm 90:17*

L: Let me live that I may praise you,

**G: and may your laws sustain me.** *Psalm 119:175*

**G: 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.**

**Confession**

L: Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

**G: Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin. For faithless worrying and selfish pride, for sins of habit and sins of choice, for the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do, you should cast me away from your presence forever. O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus’ sake.**

***Private confession***

**Absolution**

L: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit. \*

**G: Amen.**

**Prayer**

L: O Lord Jesus Christ, bright Sun of the world: Shine upon my spirit and drive away the night of sin, that I may walk in your holy light all my life and forevermore.

**G: Amen.**

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 **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.**

**Prayer of the Church**

In the darkness of sin and its death, we cry to You, O Lord. Open our ears by Your Word, our minds by Your Spirit, and our hearts by Your grace, that we may know and be thankful for all the blessings You have given to us in Christ, our Lord, especially the gifts of forgiveness, life and salvation.

**Strengthen us in faith, that we may serve You with all our body, mind, soul and strength.**

Defended by Your grace, we ask You, O Lord, to provide us with good and faithful leaders who will preserve the precious gift of liberty and protect the lives of our citizens. Give them special wisdom, and help them to work in harmony in the midst of this pandemic.

**Bless the members of our armed forces, and protect them as they defend us. Grant Your blessing to all emergency and medical workers who continue to come to our aid in times of great need.**

Enjoying the riches of Your grace, we ask You, O Lord, to give us generous hearts, that we may share what You have provided with those in need and work for the common good of all. Give us patience in our seclusion, and comfort the lonely.

**Grant relief to the unemployed, the underemployed, the homeless and all their families.**

Knowing Your healing will and gifts, we pray You, O Lord, to spare us from all calamity by pestilence, scarcity and fear. Remember the sick in their afflictions, calm those troubled in mind and keep steadfast the dying.

**Show us Your gracious will, O Lord, and sustain those who are afflicted in body or mind until that day when You will bestow upon us new bodies fit for the eternal life You have prepared for us in Christ.**

All these things, O Lord, we pray in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, asking You to grant our prayers not for our sake but for the sake of Him alone. Teach our hearts to be content with Your will and to trust that You will answer us with what is best for us and at the right time for our need.

**Amen.**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

**Luther’s Morning Prayer**

**In the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.** \*

**I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, that you have kept me this night from all harm and danger. Keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please you. Into your hands I commend my body and soul and all things. Let your holy angel be with me, that the wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen.**

**Blessing**

L: May the grace of the Lord Jesus sanctify us and keep us from all evil; may Christ drive all hurtful things far from us and purify both our souls and bodies; may Christ bind us to himself by the bond of love; and may his peace abound in our hearts.

**G: Amen.**

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**Noon Meditation**

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**Invocation**

L: In the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit. \*

**G: Amen.**

L: Listen to my prayer, O God, do not ignore my plea;

**G: hear me and answer me.**

L: Evening, morning, and noon

**G: I cry out in distress, and He hears my voice.**

L: Cast your cares on the Lord and He will sustain you;

G: **He will never let the righteous fall.** *Psalm 55:1–2a, 17, 22*

**G: 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.**

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**Prayer**

**Blessed Lord Jesus Christ, at this hour You hung upon the cross, stretching out Your loving arms to embrace the world in Your death. Grant that all people of the earth may look to You and see their salvation; for Your mercy’s sake we pray. Amen.**

**Blessing**

L: Let us bless the Lord.

**G: Thanks be to God.**

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**Dinner Time Meditation**

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**Invocation**

L: In the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit. \*

**G: Amen.**

L: Let my prayer rise before You as incense,

**G: the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.** *Psalm 141:2*

L: Joyous light of glory:

**G: of the immortal Father; heavenly, holy, blessed Jesus Christ. We have come to the setting of the sun, and we look to the evening light. We sing to God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit: You are worthy of being praised with pure voices forever. O Son of God, O Giver of life: the universe proclaims Your glory.**

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**Prayer**

**Lord Jesus, stay with us, for the evening is at hand and the day is past. Be our constant companion on the way, kindle our hearts, and awaken hope among us, that we may recognize You as You are revealed in the Scriptures and in the breaking of the bread. Grant this for Your name’s sake.**

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**Evening Meditation**

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**Invocation**

L: In the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit. \*

**G: Amen.**

L: The Lord Almighty grant us a quiet night and peace at the last.

**G: Amen.**

L: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**G: who made heaven and earth.**

L: Restore us again, O God of our salvation.

**G: And put away your anger toward us.**

L: Make haste, O God, to deliver me.

**G: Make haste to help me, O Lord.**

**G: 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.**

**Confession**

L: Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

**G: Almighty God, heavenly Father, I have sinned against you through my own fault, in thought, word, and action. For the sake of the suffering, death, and resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.**

**Absolution**

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**G: Amen.**

**Prayer**

**G: Lord, now You let Your servant go in peace; Your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the salvation which You have prepared in the sight of every people: a light to reveal You to the nations and the glory of Your people Israel. 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.**

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**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. Amen.**

**Blessing**

L: Preserve us, O Lord, while waking, and guard us while sleeping, that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.

**G: Lord, now you let your servant depart in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation which you have prepared before the face of all people, a Light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of your people Israel. Preserve us, O Lord, while waking, and guard us while sleeping, that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.**

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L: The almighty and most merciful Lord, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit bless and preserve us.

**G: Amen.**

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