

O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare Your praise. Make haste, O God, to deliver me; make haste to help me, O Lord. Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our salvation.

Psalms 31

Psalms 31

- ¹In you, O LORD, do I take refuge;
let me never be put to shame;
in your righteousness deliver me!
- ²Incline your ear to me;
rescue me speedily!
- Be a rock of refuge for me,
a strong fortress to save me!
- ³For you are my rock and my fortress;
and for your name's sake you lead me and guide me;
- ⁴you take me out of the net they have hidden for me,
for you are my refuge.
- ⁵Into your hand I commit my spirit;
you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.
- ⁶I hate those who pay regard to worthless idols,
but I trust in the LORD.
- ⁷I will rejoice and be glad in your steadfast love,
because you have seen my affliction;
you have known the distress of my soul,
- ⁸and you have not delivered me into the hand of the enemy;
you have set my feet in a broad place.
- ⁹Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am in distress;
my eye is wasted from grief;
my soul and my body also.
- ¹⁰For my life is spent with sorrow,
and my years with sighing;
my strength fails because of my iniquity,
and my bones waste away.
- ¹¹Because of all my adversaries I have become a reproach,
especially to my neighbors,
and an object of dread to my acquaintances;
those who see me in the street flee from me.
- ¹²I have been forgotten like one who is dead;
I have become like a broken vessel.
- ¹³For I hear the whispering of many—
terror on every side!—
as they scheme together against me,
as they plot to take my life.
- ¹⁴But I trust in you, O LORD;
I say, "You are my God."
- ¹⁵My times are in your hand;
rescue me from the hand of my enemies and from my persecutors!

¹⁶Make your face shine on your servant;
 save me in your steadfast love!

¹⁷O LORD, let me not be put to shame,
 for I call upon you;
 let the wicked be put to shame;
 let them go silently to Sheol.

¹⁸Let the lying lips be mute,
 which speak insolently against the righteous
 in pride and contempt.

¹⁹Oh, how abundant is your goodness,
 which you have stored up for those who fear you
 and worked for those who take refuge in you,
 in the sight of the children of mankind!

²⁰In the cover of your presence you hide them
 from the plots of men;
 you store them in your shelter
 from the strife of tongues.

²¹Blessèd be the LORD,
 for he has wondrously shown his steadfast love to me
 when I was in a besieged city.

²²I had said in my alarm,
 "I am cut off from your sight."
 But you heard the voice of my pleas for mercy
 when I cried to you for help.

²³Love the LORD, all you his saints!
 The LORD preserves the faithful
 but abundantly repays the one who acts in pride.

²⁴Be strong, and let your heart take courage,
 all you who wait for the LORD!

Sermon

Prayer

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.

The Passion of Jesus

Passion Reading	<i>John 18:1–11</i>
O Sacred Head, Now Wounded	<i>Hymn 450 st. 1</i>
Passion Reading	<i>John 18:12–24</i>
O Sacred Head, Now Wounded	<i>Hymn 450 st. 2</i>
Passion Reading	<i>John 18:25–32</i>
O Sacred Head, Now Wounded	<i>Hymn 450 st. 3</i>
Passion Reading	<i>John 18:33–40</i>
O Sacred Head, Now Wounded	<i>Hymn 450 st. 4</i>
Passion Reading	<i>John 19:1–16a</i>
O Sacred Head, Now Wounded	<i>Hymn 450 st. 5</i>
Passion Reading	<i>John 19:16b–30</i>
O Sacred Head, Now Wounded	<i>Hymn 450 st. 6</i>
Passion Reading	<i>John 19:31–42</i>
O Sacred Head, Now Wounded	<i>Hymn 450 st. 7</i>