



*Hasten to Me, O God!*  
**July 20, 2025**  
*Sixth Sunday of Trinitytide*



## MEDITATION

And so for keeping up continual recollection of God this pious formula is to be ever set before you. [...] it embraces all the feelings which can be implanted in human nature, and can be fitly and satisfactorily adapted to every condition, and all assaults. It contains an invocation of God against every danger; it contains humble and pious confession, it contains the watchfulness of anxiety and continual fear; it contains the thought of one's own weakness, confidence in the answer, and the assurance of a present and ever ready help. For those who call constantly on their protector are sure of having him always at hand.

You should, I say, meditate constantly on this verse in your heart. You should not stop repeating it when you are doing any kind of work or performing some service or are on a journey. Meditate on it while sleeping and eating and attending to the least needs of nature. This heart's reflection, having become a saving formula for you, will not only preserve you unharmed from every attack of the demons but will also purge you of every vice and earthly taint, lead you to the theoria of invisible and heavenly realities, and raise you to that ineffably ardent prayer which is experienced by few.

- John Cassian

*These readings are provided as a personal, family, or group worship resource. Use them along with your worship guide as resources for readings, prayers and hymns. Set in the Revised Common Lectionary (RCL), a schedule of daily Bible readings in accord with the Church year, these scripture readings are designed around a three-year cycle that will take you through the Old Testament once, the New Testament twice, and the Psalms frequently.*

	Psalm	Old Testament	New Testament
Monday, July 21st	Psalm 119:17-32	Amos 7:1-6	Colossians 1:27-2:7
Tuesday July 22nd	Psalm 119:17-32	Amos 8:13-9:4	1 John 2:1-6
Wednesday the 23rd	Psalm 119:17-32	Amos 9:5-15	John 6:41-51
Thursday the 24th	Psalm 85	Hosea 4:1-19	Acts 1:15-20
Friday the 25th	Psalm 85	Hosea 5:1-15	Acts 2:22-36
Saturday the 26th	Psalm 85	Hosea 1:11-2:15	Luke 8:22-25

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# WELCOME

*Second City Church is a community that exists to worship the Triune God and to celebrate, in word and deed, the Gospel of Jesus Christ in Harrisburg.*

*Thank you for joining us in worship today. We hope this guide will help you participate in our service. If you have any questions about our worship, faith, or how you can be a part of our mission to serve God and neighbor in Harrisburg, be sure to talk to our pastor.*

## *For Parents:*

Children of all ages are welcome to remain with us as we worship. We like the noise; it helps us remember we are alive. The following services are available for you and your children to get the most out of your time of worship:

### *Infant & Toddler Care*

Infant and toddler care is available on the first floor of the east wing of our building. Ask one of our greeters if you need help locating this room. Nursery staff are well-trained, have required background checks, and maintain a safe environment for your child(ren).

Pentecost Season, sometimes called Trinity Season, the Time of the Church, or Ordinary Time, is the long season that follows Pentecost until the end of the church year and the beginning of Advent. During this season we celebrate the Holy Spirit, the mission of the Church, and the growth that the church experiences guided by the Spirit. The symbols of the season are any Trinity symbol, images of the Apostles or Saints, symbols of the church, or symbols of Christ. The liturgical color for the season is green, symbolizing the new growth of the Church that the Spirit brings.

*Please note that our services are live-streamed.*



## LITURGY OF PREPARATION

### Words of Welcome

### Call to Worship

O Lord, open our lips;

**And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

O God, make speed to save us;

**O Lord, make haste to help us.**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

**As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.**

**Amen.**

Praise the Lord.

**The Lord's Name be praised.**

### Gathering Hymn - Oh! Great Is Our God!

My hope is built on nothing less  
than Jesus' blood and righteousness  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame  
but wholly lean on Jesus' name  
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand  
all other ground is sinking sand  
all other ground is sinking sand

When darkness veils his lovely face  
I rest on His unchanging grace  
in every high and stormy gale  
my anchor holds within the veil  
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand  
all other ground is sinking sand  
all other ground is sinking sand

His oath, his covenant, his blood  
support me in the whelming flood  
when all around my soul gives way  
He then is all my hope and stay  
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand  
all other ground is sinking sand  
all other ground is sinking sand

When he shall come with trumpet sound  
O may I then in Him be found  
Dressed in His righteousness alone  
faultless to stand before the throne  
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand  
all other ground is sinking sand  
all other ground is sinking sand

## Confession Hymn - Kyrie

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God  
Have mercy on me a sinner  
Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God  
Have mercy on me a sinner

Kyrie Eleison, Lord Jesus Christ  
Kyrie Eleison, Have mercy on me a sinner  
Have mercy on me a sinner

## Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins before God and one another.

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

## Words of Forgiveness & Peace

What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? <sup>32</sup> He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?

*Romans 8:31-34*

## Passing of the Peace

*[Invitation for congregation to share a sign of peace with one another]*

# Hymns of Praise and Adoration

## *Our Great God*

Eternal God unchanging mysterious and unknown  
Your boundless love, unfailing grace and mercy shown  
Bright seraphim in ceaseless flight, around Your glorious throne  
They raise their voices day and night, in praise to You alone

Hallelujah glory be to our great God  
Hallelujah glory be to our great God

Lord we are weak and frail, helpless in the storm  
Surround us with Your angels, hold us in Your arms  
Our cold and ruthless enemy, his pleasure is our harm  
Rise up O Lord and he will flee, before our sov'reign God

Hallelujah glory be to our great God  
Hallelujah glory be to our great God

Let ev'ry creature in the sea, and ev'ry flying bird  
Let ev'ry mountain, ev'ry field and valley of the earth  
Let all the moons and all the stars, in all the universe  
Sing praises to the living God, who rules them by His Word

Hallelujah glory be to our great God  
Hallelujah glory be to our great God

## ***Firm Foundation (He Won't)***

Christ is my firm foundation, the rock on which I stand  
When everything around me is shaken, I've never been more glad  
That I put my faith in Jesus, 'cause He's never let me down  
He's faithful through generations, so why would He fail now  
He won't

I've still got joy in chaos, I've got peace that makes no sense  
So I won't be going under, I'm not held by my own strength  
'Cause I've built my life on Jesus, He's never let me down  
He's faithful in every season, so why would He fail now

He won't, He won't  
He won't fail, He won't fail

Christ is my firm foundation, the rock on which I stand  
When everything around me is shaken, I've never been more glad  
That I put my faith in Jesus, 'cause He's never let me down  
He's faithful through generations, so why would He fail now

He won't, He won't  
He won't fail, He won't fail  
He won't fail, He won't fail

Rain came and wind blew, but my house was built on You  
I'm safe with You, I'm going to make it through *[Repeat]*

Yeah I'm going to make it through  
'Cause I'm standing strong on You  
Yeah I'm going to make it through  
'Cause my house is built on You

Christ is my firm foundation, the rock on which I stand  
When everything around me is shaken, I've never been more glad  
That I put my faith in Jesus, 'cause He's never let me down  
He's faithful through generations, so why would He fail now  
He won't, He won't  
He won't fail, He won't fail



## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### Living Our Faith

### Blessing Our Children

Jesus called the children to him and said,

**Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them,**

for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.

**Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.**

*July Memory Verse*

Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved!

Psalm 80:3

### Psalm Reading

*Psalm 70; page 572*

### Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost  
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be world without end. Amen. Amen.

### Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 60:19-22; page 737*

The Word of the Lord:

**Thanks be to God.**

### New Testament Reading

*1 Peter 5:6-7; page 1206*

The Word of the Lord:

**Thanks be to God.**



## Gospel Reading

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John:

**Glory to you, O Lord!**

*John 11:5-14; page 1066*

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ!**

## Sermon

Pastor Peter Rowan - *Hasten to Me, O God!*

## Creed

Let us affirm the faith of the Church:

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ,  
his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended into hell;  
on the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended to heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;  
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.**

- *The Apostles' Creed*

## Offering of Prayers of the People

*An open time of prayer to bring to God our praises and petitions.*

## Offering of Gifts

Whoever brings blessing will be enriched, and one who waters will himself be watered.

*Proverbs 11:25*

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## Doxology

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow,  
Praise Him all creatures here below  
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.



## LITURGY OF THE TABLE

### **The Prayer of Great Thanksgiving**

#### **Invitation**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right for us to give thanks and praise.**

#### **Praise God for His Mighty Acts**

It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is your living Word from before time and for all ages; by him you created all things, and by him you make all things new. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

#### **Sanctus**

Holy God of power and might  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory  
Holy God of power and might  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory  
*[Repeat]*

#### **Praise for Christ's Sacrifice**

Therefore we proclaim our faith as signed and sealed in this sacrament:

**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

## Calling on the Holy Spirit and Lord's Prayer

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray, saying:

**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 debts as we forgive our debtors.**

**And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever.**

**Amen.**

## Invitation to the Table

The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him by faith, with thanksgiving.

## Sharing Holy Communion

## Closing Prayer

**O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

- Number 6:24-26

## **Closing Hymn - Great Is Thy Faithfulness**

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee  
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not  
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Great is Thy Faithfulness  
Morning by morning, new mercies I see  
All I have needed, Thy hand hath provided  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest  
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Great is Thy Faithfulness  
Morning by morning, new mercies I see  
All I have needed, Thy hand hath provided  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Great is Thy Faithfulness  
Morning by morning, new mercies I see  
All I have needed, Thy hand hath provided  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me

## **Dismissal**

Let us go forth to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**



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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Bridal Shower for Emily Rosenberger Saturday, August 23**

Women of the church are invited to celebrate Emily Rosenberger and her upcoming marriage to Danny Kulp at a bridal shower on Saturday, August 23rd from 10:00-12:00. The shower will be in the church social hall and will include a light brunch. Please RSVP to Hannah Hollander (717-579-6975, [hannah@secondcitychurch.org](mailto:hannah@secondcitychurch.org)) by August 16th.

### **Upcoming Second Sunday Picnics at Negley Park**

Here are the dates and locations of the remaining picnics this summer:

8/10: Upper pavilion of Negley Park, located at 418 Cumberland Road in Lemoyne;

9/14: Upper pavilion of Negley Park, located at 418 Cumberland Road in Lemoyne.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

### **Want to Share Your Pictures with Us?**

If you have pictures of the canoe float, recent picnics, or other church activities, feel free to share them with the Communications Team. The team may use them on our website or other online resources to keep our digital presence current. You can send pictures by email to Tim Cope or the church office at [tech@secondcitychurch.org](mailto:tech@secondcitychurch.org) or [office@secondcitychurch.org](mailto:office@secondcitychurch.org). Thanks.

### **Altar Flowers**

Today's altar flowers are placed in loving memory of her dear friend Elizabeth (Libby) Gilbert by Dottie Roden.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Please continue to pray for the following people:

Dottie Roden  
Darwin Leshner  
Virginia Anderson

Nevin White  
Sophia James, USAF  
Eleanor Orner  
Christine Zubrod Perrin

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