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Meditation

God is only truly known in the soul as we yield ourselves to Him, submit to His authority, and regulate all the details of our lives by His holy precepts and commandments. -- A.W. Pink

God Calls Us to Worship

O Lord, our Lord, how excellent is Your name in all the earth, who have set your glory above the heavens! Out of the mouth of babes and nursing infants You have ordained strength, because of Your enemies, that You may silence the enemy and the avenger... O Lord, our Lord, how excellent is Your name in all the earth! **AMEN**
Psalm 8:1-2, 9

Psalm 8b – Book of Psalms for Singing

1 LORD, our Lord, in all the earth
How excellent Your name!
You above the heav'ns have set
The splendor of Your fame.
From the mouths of infants young
You the power of praise compose
In the face of enemies
To stop avenging foes.

2 When I view the skies above
Which Your own fingers made,
When I see the moon and stars
Which You in order laid,
What is man so frail and weak
That You should remember him?
What can be the son of man
That You should care for him?

3 Next to God You have made man,
With light and honor crowned.
You placed him above Your works;
Beneath him all is found:
Oxen, sheep, and all wild beasts,
Birds, and fish the oceans claim.
LORD, our Lord, in all the earth
How excellent Your name! **AMEN**

Responsive Reading: From Romans 12

Leader: I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service.

Congregation: **And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.**

Leader: For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function,

Congregation: **So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another.**

Leader: Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another; not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer; distributing to the needs of the saints, given to hospitality.

Congregation: **Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.**
AMEN

Take My Life, and Let It Be – Trinity Hymnal 585

1 Take my life, and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee.
Take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise,
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

2 Take my hands, and let them move
at the impulse of thy love.
Take my feet, and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee,
swift and beautiful for thee.

3 Take my voice, and let me sing,

always, only, for my King.
Take my lips, and let them be
filled with messages from thee,
filled with messages from thee.

4 Take my silver and my gold;
not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect, and use
ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose,
ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

5 Take my will, and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne,
it shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store.
Take my self, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee,
ever, only, all for thee. AMEN

Confession of Sin

I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish. **AMEN**

Galatians 5:16-17

****Silent Confession followed by Corporate Confession****

Almighty and most merciful Father,
We have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep.
We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts.
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

Assurance of Pardon

...Those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. **AMEN** Galatians 5:24-25

Leader: Our sins are forgiven!

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing – Trinity Hymnal 457

1 Come, thou fount of ev'ry blessing,
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above;
praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
mount of God's unchanging love.

2 Here I raise my Ebenezer;
hither by thy help I'm come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wand'ring from the fold of God:
he, to rescue me from danger,
interposed his precious blood.

3 O to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be;
let that grace now, like a fetter,
bind my wand'ring heart to thee.
Prone to wander - Lord, I feel it -
prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart, O take and seal it,

seal it for thy courts above. AMEN

Baptism of Zane Crawford

Intercessory Prayer

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel; for he hath visited and redeemed his people, And hath raised up an horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David; As he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets, which have been since the world began: That we should be saved from our enemies, and from the hand of all that hate us; To perform the mercy promised to our fathers, and to remember his holy covenant...

AMEN Luke 1:68-72

Our Father in heaven,

Hallowed be Your name.

Your kingdom come.

Your 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 do not lead us into temptation,

But deliver us from the evil one.

For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. AMEN

God Consecrates Us with His Word

The Reading of the Scriptures: 1 Thessalonians 4:1-12

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

The Sermon: Building Christian Culture: Personal Responsibility

Though I May Speak with Bravest Fire – Trinity Hymnal 597

1 Though I may speak with bravest fire,

and have the gift to all inspire,

and have not love, my words are vain,

as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.

2 Though I may give all I possess,
and striving so my love profess,
but not be giv'n by love within,
the profit soon turns strangely thin.

3 Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control,
our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide every deed;
by this we worship and are freed. AMEN

God Communes With Us

Almighty Father,
Whose dear Son, on the night before He suffered,
Did institute the Sacrament of His Body and Blood;
Mercifully grant that we may thankfully receive the same in remembrance of Him,
Who in these holy mysteries gives us a pledge of life eternal;
Your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,
Who now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
One God, world without end. AMEN

And Can It Be That I Should Gain – Trinity Hymnal 455

1 And can it be that I should gain
an int'rest in the Savior's blood?
Died he for me, who caused his pain?
For me, who him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be
that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

Refrain:

Amazing love! How can it be
that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

2 'Tis myst'ry all! Th'Immortal dies:

who can explore his strange design?
In vain the first-born seraph tries to sound
the depths of love divine.
'Tis mercy all! Let earth adore,
let angel minds inquire no more.
Refrain

3 He left his Father's throne above
(so free, so infinite his grace!),
humbled himself (so great his love!)
and bled for all his chosen race!
'Tis mercy all, immense and free,
for, O my God, it found out me!
Refrain

4 Long my imprisoned spirit lay
fast bound in sin and nature's night;
thine eye diffused a quick'ning ray;
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
my chains fell off, my heart was free;
I rose, went forth, and followed thee.
Refrain

5 No condemnation now I dread;
Jesus, and all in him, is mine!
Alive in him, my living Head,
and clothed in righteousness divine,
bold I approach th'eternal throne,
and claim the crown, through Christ, my own. Refrain AMEN

God Commissions Us

...Giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge, to knowledge self-control, to self-control perseverance, to perseverance godliness, to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness love. For if these things are yours and abound, you will be neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. **AMEN** 2 Peter 5b-8

Gloria Patri – Trinity Hymnal 735

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. **AMEN**

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