

CHAPTER 8 PRAYER SERVICE

All: In the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Reader: A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans.

We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. What then shall we say to this? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all, how will he not also give us everything else along with him?

What will separate us from the love of Christ? Will anguish, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or the sword? No, in all these things we conquer overwhelmingly through him who loved us.

For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor present things, nor future things, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Leader: The LORD is my shepherd, there is nothing I lack.

Reader: The LORD is my shepherd; there is nothing I lack.

In green pastures he makes me lie down; to still waters he leads me; he restores my soul.
He guides me along right paths for the sake of his name.

All: The LORD is my shepherd, there is nothing I lack.

Reader: Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff comfort me.
You set a table before me in front of my enemies;
You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

All: The LORD is my shepherd, there is nothing I lack.

Reader: Indeed, goodness and mercy will pursue me all the days of my life;

I will dwell in the house of the LORD for endless days.

All: The LORD is my shepherd, there is nothing I lack.

Reader: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

He summoned the Twelve and gave them power and authority over all demons and to cure diseases, and he sent them to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal [the sick]. He said to them, “Take nothing for the journey, neither walking stick, nor sack, nor food, nor money, and let no one take a second tunic. Whatever house you enter, stay there and leave from there. And as for those who do not welcome you, when you leave that town, shake the dust from your feet in testimony against them.” Then they set out and went from village to village proclaiming the good news and curing diseases everywhere. The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Leader: Jesus Christ, our savior and our friend, has called us to live a life in right relationship with God, ourselves, and others. Answering this call will require courage and perseverance. God, with His unconditional love and divine providence, understands this and will give us the grace that we need to live a moral life. Therefore, trusting in His goodness and mercy, we commit ourselves to this mission. Let us pray.

All: Father,

I abandon myself into your hands;

do with me what you will.

Whatever you may do, I thank you:

I am ready for all, I accept all.

Let only your will be done in me,

and in all your creatures—

I wish no more than this, O Lord.

Into your hands I commend my soul:

I offer it to you with all the love of my heart,

for I love you, Lord, and so need to give myself,

to surrender myself into your hands without reserve,
and with boundless confidence,
for you are my Father. Amen.

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