

## CONCLUDING PRAYER

Father,  
through the obedience of Jesus,  
your servant and your Son,  
you raised a fallen world.  
Free us from sin  
and bring us the joy that lasts forever.  
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever.

## BLESSING

Let us praise the Lord.  
— And give him thanks.

## SUNDAY MIDAFTERNOON PRAYER for ORDINARY TIME WEEK II



## INTROIT

God, come to my assistance.  
— Lord, make haste to help me.

Glory 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.

## HYMN

Lord of all being, enthroned afar,  
Thy glory flames from sun and star;  
Center and soul of every sphere,  
Yet to each loving heart how near!

Sun of our life, Thy quickening ray,  
Sheds on our path the glow of day;  
Star of our hope, Thy softened light  
Cheers the long watches of the night.

Lord of all life, below, above,  
Whose light is truth, whose warmth is love,  
Before Thy ever-blazing throne  
We ask no luster of our own.

Grant us Thy truth to make us free,  
And kindling hearts that burn for Thee,  
Till all Thy living altars claim  
One holy light, one heavenly flame.

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## PSALMODY

### Psalm 23: The Good Shepherd

The lamb himself will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living waters. (Revelation 7:17)

**Antiphon 1:** *The Lord has brought me to green pastures, alleluia.*

The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.  
Fresh and green are the pastures  
where he gives me repose.  
Near restful waters he leads me,  
to revive my drooping spirit.

He guides me along the right path;  
he is true to his name.  
If I should walk in the valley of darkness  
no evil would I fear.  
You are there with your crook and your staff;  
with these you give me comfort.

You have prepared a banquet for me  
in the sight of my foes.  
My head you have anointed with oil;  
my cup is overflowing.

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me  
all the days of my life.  
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell  
for ever and ever.

Glory 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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### Psalm 76: Thanksgiving for Victory

They will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven. (Matthew 24:30)

**Antiphon 2:** *Great is the name of the Lord among his people, Israel, alleluia.*

God, you are made known in Judah;  
in Israel your name is great.  
You set up your tent in Jerusalem  
and your dwelling place in Zion.  
It was there you broke the flashing arrows,  
the shield, the sword, the armor.

You, O Lord, are resplendent,  
more majestic than the everlasting mountains.  
The warriors, despoiled, slept in death;  
the hands of the soldiers were powerless.  
At your threat, O God of Jacob,  
horse and rider lay stunned.

Glory 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.

**Antiphon 2:** *Great is the name of the Lord among his people, Israel, alleluia.*

**Antiphon 3:** *Earth shuddered, then all was still, when God arose for judgment, alleluia.*

You, you alone, strike terror.  
Who shall stand when your anger is roused?  
You uttered your sentence from the heavens;  
the earth in terror was still  
when you arose to judge,  
to save the humble of the earth.

Men's anger will serve to praise you;  
its survivors surround you with joy.  
Make vows to your God and fulfill them.  
Let all pay tribute to him who strikes terror,  
who cuts short the breath of princes,  
who strikes terror in the kings of the earth.

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— as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

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## READING

### 2 Corinthians 1:21-22

The one who gives us security with you in Christ and who anointed us is God; he has also put his seal upon us and given the Spirit in our hearts as a first installment.

## SACRED SILENCE

The Lord is my light and my help.  
— He is the protector of my life.