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Morning

Call To Prayer: In the morning, O Lord, you hear my voice,* In the morning I lay my requests before you and wait in expectation.

Vow: In a world where anything goes, we'll live faithfully toward God, others, and ourselves.

Scripture Related to the Vow: Exodus 3:5-6

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Morning Short Reading:

For us humans, holiness is being separate from evil, cleansed from fallenness, elevated to true Christ-likeness and oneness with God. ... It is the heart of biblical revelation and essential for disciples who desire to be God's faithful and effective people in this world.

Kevin W. Mannoia, *The Holiness Manifesto*

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Morning Gospel: Luke 1:1-25

The Gospel of the Lord.

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Amen.

Morning Psalm: Psalm 89:21-32

I will steady him with my hand;
with my powerful arm I will make him strong.
His enemies will not defeat him,
nor will the wicked overpower him.
I will beat down his adversaries before him
and destroy those who hate him.
My faithfulness and unfailing love will be with him,
and by my authority he will grow in power.
I will extend his rule over the sea,
his dominion over the rivers.
And he will call out to me, 'You are my Father,
my God, and the Rock of my salvation.'
I will make him my firstborn son,
the mightiest king on earth.
I will love him and be kind to him forever;
my covenant with him will never end.
I will preserve an heir for him;
his throne will be as endless as the days of heaven.

But if his descendants forsake my instructions
and fail to obey my regulations,
if they do not obey my decrees
and fail to keep my commands,
then I will punish their sin with the rod,
and their disobedience with beating.

Intercession:

Concluding Prayer: Lord God, Almighty and Everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day. Preserve us with your mighty power that we may not fall into sin nor be overcome by adversity and in all we do direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Evening Short Reading:

If thou hadst simplicity and purity, thou wouldst be able to comprehend all things without error, and behold them without danger. The pure heart safely pervades not only heaven, but hell.

Thomas à Kempis

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Evening Psalm: Psalm 89: 33-43

But I will never stop loving him
nor fail to keep my promise to him.
No, I will not break my covenant;
I will not take back a single word I said.
I have sworn an oath to David,
and in my holiness I cannot lie:
His dynasty will go on forever;
his kingdom will endure as the sun.
It will be as eternal as the moon,
my faithful witness in the sky!"
Interlude

But now you have rejected him and cast him off.
You are angry with your anointed king.
You have renounced your covenant with him;
you have thrown his crown in the dust.
You have broken down the walls protecting him
and ruined every fort defending him.
Everyone who comes along has robbed him,
and he has become a joke to his neighbors.
You have strengthened his enemies
and made them all rejoice.
You have made his sword useless
and refused to help him in battle.

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Morning Short Reading:

Salute the last and everlasting day,
Joy at th' uprising of this Sun, and Son,
Ye whose true tears, or tribulation
Have purely wash'd, or burnt your drossy clay.
Behold, the Highest, parting hence away,
Lightens the dark clouds, which He treads upon ;
Nor doth He by ascending show alone,
But first He, and He first enters the way.
O strong Ram, which hast batter'd heaven for me !
Mild Lamb, which with Thy Blood hast mark'd the path !
Bright Torch, which shinest, that I the way may see !
O, with Thy own Blood quench Thy own just wrath ;
And if Thy Holy Spirit my Muse did raise,
Deign at my hands this crown of prayer and praise.
John Donne, "Ascension"

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Morning Gospel: Luke 1:39-56

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Amen.

Morning Psalm: Ps. 89: 44-52

You have ended his splendor
and overturned his throne.
You have made him old before his time
and publicly disgraced him.
Interlude

O Lord, how long will this go on?

Will you hide yourself forever?
How long will your anger burn like fire?
Remember how short my life is,
how empty and futile this human existence!
No one can live forever; all will die.
No one can escape the power of the grave.
Interlude

Lord, where is your unyielding love?
You promised it to David with a faithful pledge.
Consider, Lord, how your servants are disgraced!
I carry in my heart the insults of so many people.
Your enemies have mocked me, O Lord;
they mock your anointed king wherever he goes.

Praise the Lord forever!
Amen and amen!

Intercession:

Concluding Prayer: Lord God, Almighty and Everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day. Preserve us with your mighty power that we may not fall into sin nor be overcome by adversity and in all we do direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Evening Short Reading:

Purity and simplicity are the two wings with which man soars above the earth and all temporary nature. Simplicity is in the intention, purity in the affection; simplicity turns to God; purity unites with and enjoys him.

Thomas à Kempis

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Evening Gospel: Luke 1:57-66

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Amen.

Evening Psalm: Psalm 90

A prayer of Moses, the man of God.

Lord, through all the generations
you have been our home!
Before the mountains were born,
before you gave birth to the earth and the world,
from beginning to end, you are God.

You turn people back to dust, saying,
"Return to dust, you mortals!"
For you, a thousand years are as a passing day,
as brief as a few night hours.
You sweep people away like dreams that disappear.
They are like grass that springs up in the morning.
In the morning it blooms and flourishes,
but by evening it is dry and withered.
We wither beneath your anger;
we are overwhelmed by your fury.
You spread out our sins before you—
our secret sins—and you see them all.
We live our lives beneath your wrath,
ending our years with a groan.

Seventy years are given to us!
Some even live to eighty.
But even the best years are filled with pain and trouble;
soon they disappear, and we fly away.
Who can comprehend the power of your anger?
Your wrath is as awesome as the fear you deserve.
Teach us to realize the brevity of life,
so that we may grow in wisdom.

O Lord, come back to us!
How long will you delay?
Take pity on your servants!
Satisfy us each morning with your unfailing love,
so we may sing for joy to the end of our lives.
Give us gladness in proportion to our former misery!
Replace the evil years with good.

Let us, your servants, see you work again;
let our children see your glory.
And may the Lord our God show us his approval
and make our efforts successful.
Yes, make our efforts successful!

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Morning Short Reading:

God called a people to be his very own, to be like him, to be an instrument of holiness restoration, to be a set-apart people who would bring light to the nations - not more darkness in shallow religious dress.

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Morning Gospel: Luke 1:67-80

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Amen.

Morning Psalm: Psalm 91

Those who live in the shelter of the Most High
will find rest in the shadow of the Almighty.
This I declare about the Lord:
He alone is my refuge, my place of safety;
he is my God, and I trust him.
For he will rescue you from every trap
and protect you from deadly disease.
He will cover you with his feathers.
He will shelter you with his wings.
His faithful promises are your armor and protection.
Do not be afraid of the terrors of the night,
nor the arrow that flies in the day.
Do not dread the disease that stalks in darkness,
nor the disaster that strikes at midday.
Though a thousand fall at your side,
though ten thousand are dying around you,
these evils will not touch you.
Just open your eyes,

and see how the wicked are punished.

If you make the Lord your refuge,
if you make the Most High your shelter,
no evil will conquer you;
no plague will come near your home.
For he will order his angels
to protect you wherever you go.
They will hold you up with their hands
so you won't even hurt your foot on a stone.
You will trample upon lions and cobras;
you will crush fierce lions and serpents under your feet!

The Lord says, "I will rescue those who love me.
I will protect those who trust in my name.
When they call on me, I will answer;
I will be with them in trouble.
I will rescue and honor them.
I will reward them with a long life
and give them my salvation."

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Evening Short Reading:

When the saint ceases to seek after holiness, purity, righteousness, truth; when he ceases to pray, stops reading the Word and gives way to carnal appetites, then it is that Satan comes.
Smith Wigglesworth

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Evening Psalm: Psalm 92

A psalm. A song to be sung on the Sabbath Day.

It is good to give thanks to the Lord,
to sing praises to the Most High.
It is good to proclaim your unfailing love in the morning,
your faithfulness in the evening,
accompanied by the ten-stringed harp
and the melody of the lyre.

You thrill me, Lord, with all you have done for me!
I sing for joy because of what you have done.
O Lord, what great works you do!
And how deep are your thoughts.
Only a simpleton would not know,
and only a fool would not understand this:
Though the wicked sprout like weeds
and evildoers flourish,
they will be destroyed forever.

But you, O Lord, will be exalted forever.
Your enemies, Lord, will surely perish;
all evildoers will be scattered.
But you have made me as strong as a wild ox.
You have anointed me with the finest oil.
My eyes have seen the downfall of my enemies;
my ears have heard the defeat of my wicked opponents.
But the godly will flourish like palm trees
and grow strong like the cedars of Lebanon.
For they are transplanted to the Lord's own house.
They flourish in the courts of our God.
Even in old age they will still produce fruit;
they will remain vital and green.
They will declare, "The Lord is just!
He is my rock!
There is no evil in him!"

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Morning Short Reading:

Pure morality points you to the purest one of all. When impure, it points you to yourself. The purer your habits, the closer to God you will come. Moralizing from impure motives takes you away from God.

Ravi Zacharias

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Morning Gospel: Luke 2:21-35

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Amen.

Morning Psalm: Psalm 93

The Lord is king! He is robed in majesty.
Indeed, the Lord is robed in majesty and armed with strength.
The world stands firm
and cannot be shaken.

Your throne, O Lord, has stood from time immemorial.
You yourself are from the everlasting past.
The floods have risen up, O Lord.
The floods have roared like thunder;
the floods have lifted their pounding waves.
But mightier than the violent raging of the seas,
mightier than the breakers on the shore—
the Lord above is mightier than these!
Your royal laws cannot be changed.
Your reign, O Lord, is holy forever and ever.

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Evening Short Reading:

God only requires of his adult children, that their hearts be truly purified, and that they offer him continually the wishes and vows that naturally spring from perfect love. For these desires, being the genuine fruits of love, are the most perfect prayers that can spring from it. It is scarce conceivable how strait the way is wherein God leads them that follow him; and how dependent on him we must be, unless we are wanting in our faithfulness to him.
John Wesley

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Evening Gospel: Luke 2:36-52

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Evening Psalm: Psalm 94: 1-11

O Lord, the God of vengeance,
O God of vengeance, let your glorious justice shine forth!
Arise, O judge of the earth.
Give the proud what they deserve.
How long, O Lord?
How long will the wicked be allowed to gloat?
How long will they speak with arrogance?
How long will these evil people boast?
They crush your people, Lord,
hurting those you claim as your own.
They kill widows and foreigners
and murder orphans.
“The Lord isn’t looking,” they say,
“and besides, the God of Israel doesn’t care.”

Think again, you fools!
When will you finally catch on?
Is he deaf—the one who made your ears?
Is he blind—the one who formed your eyes?
He punishes the nations—won’t he also punish you?
He knows everything—doesn’t he also know what you are doing?
The Lord knows people’s thoughts;
he knows they are worthless!

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Morning Short Reading:

There is no faithfulness like that which ought to be between a guide of souls and the person directed by him. They ought continually to regard each other in God, and closely to examine themselves, whether all their thoughts are pure, and all their words directed with Christian discretion. Other affairs are only the things of men; but these are peculiarly the things of God.

John Wesley

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Morning Psalm: Psalm 94: 12-23

Joyful are those you discipline, Lord,
those you teach with your instructions.
You give them relief from troubled times
until a pit is dug to capture the wicked.
The Lord will not reject his people;
he will not abandon his special possession.
Judgment will again be founded on justice,
and those with virtuous hearts will pursue it.

Who will protect me from the wicked?
Who will stand up for me against evildoers?
Unless the Lord had helped me,
I would soon have settled in the silence of the grave.
I cried out, "I am slipping!"
but your unfailing love, O Lord, supported me.
When doubts filled my mind,

your comfort gave me renewed hope and cheer.

Can unjust leaders claim that God is on their side—
leaders whose decrees permit injustice?
They gang up against the righteous
and condemn the innocent to death.
But the Lord is my fortress;
my God is the mighty rock where I hide.
God will turn the sins of evil people back on them.
He will destroy them for their sins.
The Lord our God will destroy them.

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Evening Short Reading:

Peace demands the most heroic labor and the most difficult sacrifice. It demands greater heroism than war. It demands greater fidelity to the truth and a much more perfect purity of conscience.

Thomas Merton

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Evening Psalm: Psalm 95

Come, let us sing to the Lord!

Let us shout joyfully to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come to him with thanksgiving.

Let us sing psalms of praise to him.

For the Lord is a great God,

a great King above all gods.

He holds in his hands the depths of the earth

and the mightiest mountains.

The sea belongs to him, for he made it.

His hands formed the dry land, too.

Come, let us worship and bow down.

Let us kneel before the Lord our maker,

for he is our God.

We are the people he watches over,

the flock under his care.

If only you would listen to his voice today!

The Lord says, "Don't harden your hearts as Israel did at Meribah,

as they did at Massah in the wilderness.

For there your ancestors tested and tried my patience,

even though they saw everything I did.

For forty years I was angry with them, and I said,

'They are a people whose hearts turn away from me.

They refuse to do what I tell them.'

So in my anger I took an oath:

'They will never enter my place of rest.'"

Intercession:

Concluding Prayer: Lord Jesus stay with us, for evening is at hand and the day is past. Be our companion in the way, kindle our hearts and awaken hope, that we may know you as you are revealed in Scripture and the breaking of bread. Grant this for the sake of your love. Amen.

November 6, 2012

Morning

Call To Prayer: In the morning, O Lord, you hear my voice,* In the morning I lay my requests before you and wait in expectation.

Vow: In a world where anything goes, we'll live faithfully toward God, others, and ourselves.

Scripture Related to the Vow: Exodus 3:5-6

"Do not come any closer," the Lord warned. "Take off your sandals, for you are standing on holy ground. I am the God of your father--the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." When Moses heard this, he covered his face because he was afraid to look at God.

Morning Short Reading:

Many believers think that when they receive Jesus, He saves them and then helps them in times of trouble. Then they all but deny Him as their Master! They think they have a right to have their own will and their own way in a thousand different things... they are their own masters and would never dream of saying, "Jesus, I forsake all to follow You."
Andrew Murray, *Absolute Surrender*

Vow Prayer: Lord, you alone are holy and worthy of all praise. Increase in us a sense of awe in your presence. Let the light of your holiness shine through us that all may glorify you. Amen.

Morning Gospel: Luke 4:1-30

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to You, Lord Christ.

And now, with the words Jesus taught us, we are bold to pray:

Lord's Prayer:

Our Father in heaven. Let your holiness be revealed
Let your kingdom come. Let your will be done on earth as in heaven
Give us today our daily bread. Erase our debts as we erase the debts of others.
Keep us from temptation and Rescue us from evil.
For kingdom, power and glory belong to you for ever and ever.
Amen.

Morning Psalm: Psalm 96

Sing a new song to the Lord!
Let the whole earth sing to the Lord!
Sing to the Lord; praise his name.
Each day proclaim the good news that he saves.
Publish his glorious deeds among the nations.
Tell everyone about the amazing things he does.
Great is the Lord! He is most worthy of praise!
He is to be feared above all gods.
The gods of other nations are mere idols,
but the Lord made the heavens!
Honor and majesty surround him;
strength and beauty fill his sanctuary.

O nations of the world, recognize the Lord;
recognize that the Lord is glorious and strong.
Give to the Lord the glory he deserves!
Bring your offering and come into his courts.

Worship the Lord in all his holy splendor.
Let all the earth tremble before him.
Tell all the nations, "The Lord reigns!"
The world stands firm and cannot be shaken.
He will judge all peoples fairly.

Let the heavens be glad, and the earth rejoice!
Let the sea and everything in it shout his praise!
Let the fields and their crops burst out with joy!
Let the trees of the forest rustle with praise
before the Lord, for he is coming!
He is coming to judge the earth.
He will judge the world with justice,
and the nations with his truth.

Intercession:

Concluding Prayer: Lord God, Almighty and Everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day. Preserve us with your mighty power that we may not fall into sin nor be overcome by adversity and in all we do direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Midday

Vow: In a world where anything goes, we'll live faithfully toward God, others, and ourselves.

Vow Prayer: Lord, you alone are holy and worthy of all praise. Increase in us a sense of awe in your presence. Let the light of your holiness shine through us that all may glorify you. Amen.

Evening

Call To Prayer: Our help is in the name of the Lord* The Maker of heaven and earth

Vow: In a world where anything goes, we'll live faithfully toward God, others, and ourselves.

Scripture Related to the Vow: Exodus 3:5-6

"Do not come any closer," the Lord warned. "Take off your sandals, for you are standing on holy ground. I am the God of your father--the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." When Moses heard this, he covered his face because he was afraid to look at God.

Evening Short Reading:

God never withholds from His child that which His love and wisdom call good. God's refusals are always merciful -- "severe mercies" at times but mercies all the same. God never denies us our heart's desire except to give us something better.
Elisabeth Elliot

Vow Prayer: Lord, you alone are holy and worthy of all praise. Increase in us a sense of awe in your presence. Let the light of your holiness shine through us that all may glorify you. Amen.

Evening Gospel: Luke 4:31-44

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to You, Lord Christ.

And now, with the words Jesus taught us, we are bold to pray:

Lord's Prayer:

Our Father in heaven. Let your holiness be revealed

Let your kingdom come. Let your will be done on earth as in heaven

Give us today our daily bread. Erase our debts as we erase the debts of others.

Keep us from temptation and Rescue us from evil.

For kingdom, power and glory belong to you for ever and ever.

Amen.

Evening Psalm: Psalm 97

The Lord is king!

Let the earth rejoice!

Let the farthest coastlands be glad.

Dark clouds surround him.

Righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.

Fire spreads ahead of him

and burns up all his foes.

His lightning flashes out across the world.

The earth sees and trembles.

The mountains melt like wax before the Lord,

before the Lord of all the earth.

The heavens proclaim his righteousness;

every nation sees his glory.

Those who worship idols are disgraced—

all who brag about their worthless gods—

for every god must bow to him.

Jerusalem has heard and rejoiced,

and all the towns of Judah are glad

because of your justice, O Lord!

For you, O Lord, are supreme over all the earth;

you are exalted far above all gods.

You who love the Lord, hate evil!

He protects the lives of his godly people

and rescues them from the power of the wicked.

Light shines on the godly,

and joy on those whose hearts are right.

May all who are godly rejoice in the Lord

and praise his holy name!

Intercession:

Concluding Prayer: Lord Jesus stay with us, for evening is at hand and the day is past. Be our companion in the way, kindle our hearts and awaken hope, that we may know you as you

are revealed in Scripture and the breaking of bread. Grant this for the sake of your love.
Amen.

November 7, 2012

Morning

Call To Prayer: In the morning, O Lord, you hear my voice,* In the morning I lay my requests before you and wait in expectation.

Vow: In a world where anything goes, we'll live faithfully toward God, others, and ourselves.

Scripture Related to the Vow: Exodus 3:5-6

"Do not come any closer," the Lord warned. "Take off your sandals, for you are standing on holy ground. I am the God of your father--the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." When Moses heard this, he covered his face because he was afraid to look at God.

Morning Short Reading:

One does not surrender a life in an instant. That which is lifelong can only be surrendered in a lifetime.

Elisabeth Elliot

Vow Prayer: Lord, you alone are holy and worthy of all praise. Increase in us a sense of awe in your presence. Let the light of your holiness shine through us that all may glorify you. Amen.

Morning Gospel: Luke 5:1-16

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to You, Lord Christ.

And now, with the words Jesus taught us, we are bold to pray:

Lord's Prayer:

Our Father in heaven. Let your holiness be revealed
Let your kingdom come. Let your will be done on earth as in heaven
Give us today our daily bread. Erase our debts as we erase the debts of others.
Keep us from temptation and Rescue us from evil.
For kingdom, power and glory belong to you for ever and ever.
Amen.

Morning Psalm: Psalm 98

A psalm.

Sing a new song to the Lord,
for he has done wonderful deeds.
His right hand has won a mighty victory;
his holy arm has shown his saving power!
The Lord has announced his victory
and has revealed his righteousness to every nation!
He has remembered his promise to love and be faithful to Israel.
The ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

Shout to the Lord, all the earth;
break out in praise and sing for joy!
Sing your praise to the Lord with the harp,
with the harp and melodious song,
with trumpets and the sound of the ram's horn.
Make a joyful symphony before the Lord, the King!

Let the sea and everything in it shout his praise!
Let the earth and all living things join in.

Let the rivers clap their hands in glee!
Let the hills sing out their songs of joy
before the Lord.
For the Lord is coming to judge the earth.
He will judge the world with justice,
and the nations with fairness.

Intercession:

Concluding Prayer: Lord God, Almighty and Everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day. Preserve us with your mighty power that we may not fall into sin nor be overcome by adversity and in all we do direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Midday

Vow: In a world where anything goes, we'll live faithfully toward God, others, and ourselves.

Vow Prayer: Lord, you alone are holy and worthy of all praise. Increase in us a sense of awe in your presence. Let the light of your holiness shine through us that all may glorify you. Amen.

Evening

Call To Prayer: Our help is in the name of the Lord* The Maker of heaven and earth

Vow: In a world where anything goes, we'll live faithfully toward God, others, and ourselves.

Scripture Related to the Vow: Exodus 3:5-6

"Do not come any closer," the Lord warned. "Take off your sandals, for you are standing on holy ground. I am the God of your father--the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." When Moses heard this, he covered his face because he was afraid to look at God.

Evening Short Reading:

When obedience to God contradicts what I think will give me pleasure, let me ask myself if I love Him.
Elisabeth Elliot

Vow Prayer: Lord, you alone are holy and worthy of all praise. Increase in us a sense of awe in your presence. Let the light of your holiness shine through us that all may glorify you. Amen.

Evening Gospel: Luke 5:17-39

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to You, Lord Christ.

And now, with the words Jesus taught us, we are bold to pray:

Lord's Prayer:

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Let your kingdom come. Let your will be done on earth as in heaven
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Keep us from temptation and Rescue us from evil.
For kingdom, power and glory belong to you for ever and ever.
Amen.

Evening Psalm: Psalm 99

The Lord is king!
Let the nations tremble!
He sits on his throne between the cherubim.
Let the whole earth quake!
The Lord sits in majesty in Jerusalem,
exalted above all the nations.
Let them praise your great and awesome name.
Your name is holy!
Mighty King, lover of justice,
you have established fairness.
You have acted with justice
and righteousness throughout Israel.
Exalt the Lord our God!
Bow low before his feet, for he is holy!

Moses and Aaron were among his priests;
Samuel also called on his name.
They cried to the Lord for help,
and he answered them.
He spoke to Israel from the pillar of cloud,
and they followed the laws and decrees he gave them.
O Lord our God, you answered them.
You were a forgiving God to them,
but you punished them when they went wrong.

Exalt the Lord our God,
and worship at his holy mountain in Jerusalem,
for the Lord our God is holy!

Intercession:

Concluding Prayer: Lord Jesus stay with us, for evening is at hand and the day is past. Be our companion in the way, kindle our hearts and awaken hope, that we may know you as you are revealed in Scripture and the breaking of bread. Grant this for the sake of your love.
Amen.

November 8, 2012

Morning

Call To Prayer: In the morning, O Lord, you hear my voice,* In the morning I lay my requests before you and wait in expectation.

Vow: In a world where anything goes, we'll live faithfully toward God, others, and ourselves.

Scripture Related to the Vow: Psalm 19:1-4

The heavens proclaim the glory of God.
The skies display his craftsmanship.
Day after day they continue to speak;
night after night they make him known.
They speak without a sound or word;
their voice is never heard.
Yet their message has gone throughout the earth,
and their words to all the world.

Morning Short Reading:

The spiritual life is not a life of quiet withdrawal, a hothouse growth of artificial ascetic practices beyond the reach of people living ordinary lives. It is in the ordinary duties and labors of life that the Christian can and should develop his spiritual union with God.
Thomas Merton, *Life and Holiness*

Vow Prayer: Lord, you alone are holy and worthy of all praise. Increase in us a sense of awe in your presence. Let the light of your holiness shine through us that all may glorify you.
Amen.

Morning Gospel: Luke 6:1-19

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to You, Lord Christ.

And now, with the words Jesus taught us, we are bold to pray:

Lord's Prayer:

Our Father in heaven. Let your holiness be revealed
Let your kingdom come. Let your will be done on earth as in heaven
Give us today our daily bread. Erase our debts as we erase the debts of others.
Keep us from temptation and Rescue us from evil.
For kingdom, power and glory belong to you for ever and ever.
Amen.

Morning Psalm: Psalm 100

A psalm of thanksgiving.
Shout with joy to the Lord, all the earth!
Worship the Lord with gladness.
Come before him, singing with joy.
Acknowledge that the Lord is God!
He made us, and we are his.
We are his people, the sheep of his pasture.
Enter his gates with thanksgiving;
go into his courts with praise.
Give thanks to him and praise his name.
For the Lord is good.
His unfailing love continues forever,
and his faithfulness continues to each generation.

Intercession:

Concluding Prayer: Lord God, Almighty and Everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day. Preserve us with your mighty power that we may not fall into sin nor be overcome by adversity and in all we do direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Midday

Vow: In a world where anything goes, we'll live faithfully toward God, others, and ourselves.

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Evening

Call To Prayer: Our help is in the name of the Lord* The Maker of heaven and earth

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their voice is never heard.
Yet their message has gone throughout the earth,
and their words to all the world.

Evening Short Reading:

Christian holiness in our age means more than ever the awareness of our common responsibility to cooperate with the mysterious designs of God for the human race. This awareness will be illusory unless it is enlightened by divine grace, strengthened by generous effort, and sought in collaboration not only with the authorities of the Church but with all men of good will who are working for the temporal and spiritual good of the human race.
Thomas Merton, *Life and Holiness*

Vow Prayer: Lord, you alone are holy and worthy of all praise. Increase in us a sense of awe in your presence. Let the light of your holiness shine through us that all may glorify you. Amen.

Evening Gospel: Luke 6:20-49

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to You, Lord Christ.

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Keep us from temptation and Rescue us from evil.
For kingdom, power and glory belong to you for ever and ever.
Amen.

Evening Psalm: Psalm 101

A psalm of David.

I will sing of your love and justice, Lord.
I will praise you with songs.
I will be careful to live a blameless life—
when will you come to help me?
I will lead a life of integrity
in my own home.
I will refuse to look at
anything vile and vulgar.
I hate all who deal crookedly;
I will have nothing to do with them.
I will reject perverse ideas
and stay away from every evil.
I will not tolerate people who slander their neighbors.
I will not endure conceit and pride.

I will search for faithful people
to be my companions.
Only those who are above reproach
will be allowed to serve me.
I will not allow deceivers to serve in my house,
and liars will not stay in my presence.
My daily task will be to ferret out the wicked
and free the city of the Lord from their grip.

Intercession:

Concluding Prayer: Lord Jesus stay with us, for evening is at hand and the day is past. Be our companion in the way, kindle our hearts and awaken hope, that we may know you as you are revealed in Scripture and the breaking of bread. Grant this for the sake of your love.
Amen.

November 9, 2012

Morning

Call To Prayer: In the morning, O Lord, you hear my voice,* In the morning I lay my requests before you and wait in expectation.

Vow: In a world where anything goes, we'll live faithfully toward God, others, and ourselves.

Scripture Related to the Vow: Psalm 19:1-4

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Yet their message has gone throughout the earth,
and their words to all the world.

Morning Short Reading:

We shall never learn to know ourselves except by endeavoring to know God; for, beholding His greatness, we realize our own littleness; His purity shows us our foulness; and by meditating upon His humility we find how very far we are from being humble.
St. Teresa of Avila

Vow Prayer: Lord, you alone are holy and worthy of all praise. Increase in us a sense of awe in your presence. Let the light of your holiness shine through us that all may glorify you.
Amen.

Morning Gospel: Luke 7:1-35

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to You, Lord Christ.

And now, with the words Jesus taught us, we are bold to pray:

Lord's Prayer:

Our Father in heaven. Let your holiness be revealed
Let your kingdom come. Let your will be done on earth as in heaven
Give us today our daily bread. Erase our debts as we erase the debts of others.
Keep us from temptation and Rescue us from evil.
For kingdom, power and glory belong to you for ever and ever.
Amen.

Morning Psalm: Psalm 102: 1-10

A prayer of one overwhelmed with trouble, pouring out problems before the Lord.

Lord, hear my prayer!

Listen to my plea!

Don't turn away from me
in my time of distress.

Bend down to listen,
and answer me quickly when I call to you.

For my days disappear like smoke,
and my bones burn like red-hot coals.

My heart is sick, withered like grass,
and I have lost my appetite.

Because of my groaning,
I am reduced to skin and bones.

I am like an owl in the desert,
like a little owl in a far-off wilderness.
I lie awake,
lonely as a solitary bird on the roof.
My enemies taunt me day after day.
They mock and curse me.
I eat ashes for food.
My tears run down into my drink
because of your anger and wrath.
For you have picked me up and thrown me out.

Intercession:

Concluding Prayer: Lord God, Almighty and Everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day. Preserve us with your mighty power that we may not fall into sin nor be overcome by adversity and in all we do direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Midday

Vow: In a world where anything goes, we'll live faithfully toward God, others, and ourselves.

Vow Prayer: Lord, you alone are holy and worthy of all praise. Increase in us a sense of awe in your presence. Let the light of your holiness shine through us that all may glorify you. Amen.

Evening

Call To Prayer: Our help is in the name of the Lord* The Maker of heaven and earth

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Yet their message has gone throughout the earth,
and their words to all the world.

Evening Short Reading:

And for my greater understanding, these blessed words were said: See how I love you, as if he had said, behold and see that I loved you so much, before I died for you, that I wanted to die for you...How could it now be that you would pray to me for anything pleasing to me which I would not very gladly grant to you? For my delight is in your holiness and in your endless joy and bliss in me.

Julian of Norwich, *Showings*

Vow Prayer: Lord, you alone are holy and worthy of all praise. Increase in us a sense of awe in your presence. Let the light of your holiness shine through us that all may glorify you. Amen.

Evening Gospel: Luke 7:36-50

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to You, Lord Christ.

And now, with the words Jesus taught us, we are bold to pray:

Lord's Prayer:

Our Father in heaven. Let your holiness be revealed
Let your kingdom come. Let your will be done on earth as in heaven
Give us today our daily bread. Erase our debts as we erase the debts of others.
Keep us from temptation and Rescue us from evil.
For kingdom, power and glory belong to you for ever and ever.
Amen.

Evening Psalm: Psalm 102: 11-17

My life passes as swiftly as the evening shadows.
I am withering away like grass.

But you, O Lord, will sit on your throne forever.
Your fame will endure to every generation.
You will arise and have mercy on Jerusalem—
and now is the time to pity her,
now is the time you promised to help.
For your people love every stone in her walls
and cherish even the dust in her streets.
Then the nations will tremble before the Lord.
The kings of the earth will tremble before his glory.
For the Lord will rebuild Jerusalem.
He will appear in his glory.
He will listen to the prayers of the destitute.
He will not reject their pleas.

Intercession:

Concluding Prayer: Lord Jesus stay with us, for evening is at hand and the day is past. Be our companion in the way, kindle our hearts and awaken hope, that we may know you as you are revealed in Scripture and the breaking of bread. Grant this for the sake of your love. Amen.

November 10, 2012

Morning

Call To Prayer: In the morning, O Lord, you hear my voice,* In the morning I lay my requests before you and wait in expectation.

Vow: In a world where anything goes, we'll live faithfully toward God, others, and ourselves.

Scripture Related to the Vow: Psalm 19:1-4

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and their words to all the world.

Morning Short Reading:

I believe that by my own understanding or strength I cannot believe in Jesus Christ my Lord or come to him, but instead the Holy Spirit has called me through the gospel, enlightened me with his gifts, and made me holy and kept me in the true faith, just as he calls, gathers, enlightens, and makes holy the whole Christian church on earth and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one common, true faith.
Martin Luther, *The Small Catechism*

Vow Prayer: Lord, you alone are holy and worthy of all praise. Increase in us a sense of awe in your presence. Let the light of your holiness shine through us that all may glorify you. Amen.

Morning Gospel: Luke 8:1-15

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to You, Lord Christ.

And now, with the words Jesus taught us, we are bold to pray:

Lord's Prayer:

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Let your kingdom come. Let your will be done on earth as in heaven
Give us today our daily bread. Erase our debts as we erase the debts of others.
Keep us from temptation and Rescue us from evil.
For kingdom, power and glory belong to you for ever and ever.
Amen.

Morning Psalm: Psalm 102: 18-28

Let this be recorded for future generations,
so that a people not yet born will praise the Lord.
Tell them the Lord looked down
from his heavenly sanctuary.
He looked down to earth from heaven
to hear the groans of the prisoners,
to release those condemned to die.
And so the Lord's fame will be celebrated in Zion,
his praises in Jerusalem,
when multitudes gather together
and kingdoms come to worship the Lord.

He broke my strength in midlife,
cutting short my days.
But I cried to him, “O my God, who lives forever,
don’t take my life while I am so young!
Long ago you laid the foundation of the earth
and made the heavens with your hands.
They will perish, but you remain forever;
they will wear out like old clothing.
You will change them like a garment
and discard them.
But you are always the same;
you will live forever.
The children of your people
will live in security.
Their children’s children
will thrive in your presence.”

Intercession:

Concluding Prayer: Lord God, Almighty and Everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day. Preserve us with your mighty power that we may not fall into sin nor be overcome by adversity and in all we do direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Midday

Vow: In a world where anything goes, we’ll live faithfully toward God, others, and ourselves.

Vow Prayer: Lord, you alone are holy and worthy of all praise. Increase in us a sense of awe in your presence. Let the light of your holiness shine through us that all may glorify you. Amen.

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Evening Short Reading:

We sometimes focus so much on the holiness of our holy fools that we forget how *foolish* they can look; how ridiculous, how humiliated. We forget not only the horror but the absurdity of the Cross. And if our own Christianity never leads to our humiliation, how can we claim to follow the Crucified?
Eve Tushnet, “Sublimity Now!”

Vow Prayer: Lord, you alone are holy and worthy of all praise. Increase in us a sense of awe in your presence. Let the light of your holiness shine through us that all may glorify you.
Amen.

Evening Gospel: Luke 8:16-39

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to You, Lord Christ.

And now, with the words Jesus taught us, we are bold to pray:

Lord’s Prayer:

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Let your kingdom come. Let your will be done on earth as in heaven
Give us today our daily bread. Erase our debts as we erase the debts of others.
Keep us from temptation and Rescue us from evil.
For kingdom, power and glory belong to you for ever and ever.
Amen.

Evening Psalm: Psalm 103: 1-11

A psalm of David.

Let all that I am praise the Lord;
with my whole heart, I will praise his holy name.
Let all that I am praise the Lord;
may I never forget the good things he does for me.
He forgives all my sins
and heals all my diseases.
He redeems me from death
and crowns me with love and tender mercies.
He fills my life with good things.
My youth is renewed like the eagle’s!

The Lord gives righteousness
and justice to all who are treated unfairly.

He revealed his character to Moses
and his deeds to the people of Israel.
The Lord is compassionate and merciful,
slow to get angry and filled with unfailing love.
He will not constantly accuse us,
nor remain angry forever.
He does not punish us for all our sins;
he does not deal harshly with us, as we deserve.
For his unfailing love toward those who fear him
is as great as the height of the heavens above the earth.

Intercession:

Concluding Prayer: Lord Jesus stay with us, for evening is at hand and the day is past. Be our companion in the way, kindle our hearts and awaken hope, that we may know you as you are revealed in Scripture and the breaking of bread. Grant this for the sake of your love. Amen.

November 11, 2012

Morning

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Morning Short Reading:

Christian holiness is intended by God to be universal in scope and missionary in nature. The point is participation. God wants all people to be in wholesome relationship with the divine and also to be active citizens of a holy church for the sake of the salvation of a lost world.
Kevin W. Mannoia, *The Holiness Manifesto*

Vow Prayer: Lord, you alone are holy and worthy of all praise. Increase in us a sense of awe in your presence. Let the light of your holiness shine through us that all may glorify you.
Amen.

Morning Gospel: Luke 8:40-56

The Gospel of the Lord.

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Keep us from temptation and Rescue us from evil.
For kingdom, power and glory belong to you for ever and ever.
Amen.

Morning Psalm: Psalm 103: 12-22

He has removed our sins as far from us
as the east is from the west.
The Lord is like a father to his children,
tender and compassionate to those who fear him.
For he knows how weak we are;
he remembers we are only dust.
Our days on earth are like grass;
like wildflowers, we bloom and die.
The wind blows, and we are gone—
as though we had never been here.
But the love of the Lord remains forever
with those who fear him.
His salvation extends to the children's children

of those who are faithful to his covenant,
of those who obey his commandments!

The Lord has made the heavens his throne;
from there he rules over everything.

Praise the Lord, you angels,
you mighty ones who carry out his plans,
listening for each of his commands.
Yes, praise the Lord, you armies of angels
who serve him and do his will!
Praise the Lord, everything he has created,
everything in all his kingdom.

Let all that I am praise the Lord.

Intercession:

Concluding Prayer: Lord God, Almighty and Everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day. Preserve us with your mighty power that we may not fall into sin nor be overcome by adversity and in all we do direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Midday

Vow: In a world where anything goes, we'll live faithfully toward God, others, and ourselves.

Vow Prayer: Lord, you alone are holy and worthy of all praise. Increase in us a sense of awe in your presence. Let the light of your holiness shine through us that all may glorify you. Amen.

Evening

Call To Prayer: Our help is in the name of the Lord* The Maker of heaven and earth

Vow: In a world where anything goes, we'll live faithfully toward God, others, and ourselves.

Scripture Related to the Vow: Psalm 19:1-4

The heavens proclaim the glory of God.
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Day after day they continue to speak;
night after night they make him known.
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Evening Short Reading:

The heavens were opened to show us that our baptism will open the heavens for us. God is made accessible to us. We can know the Unknowable. We can be changed. A good work is done in us, and we have the means to have the promise fulfilled in us.
John Chrysostom, “Homily on Matthew 3:13-17”

Vow Prayer: Lord, you alone are holy and worthy of all praise. Increase in us a sense of awe in your presence. Let the light of your holiness shine through us that all may glorify you. Amen.

Evening Gospel: Luke 9:1-20

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Amen.

Evening Psalm: Psalm 104: 1-10

Let all that I am praise the Lord.

O Lord my God, how great you are!
You are robed with honor and majesty.
You are dressed in a robe of light.
You stretch out the starry curtain of the heavens;
you lay out the rafters of your home in the rain clouds.
You make the clouds your chariot;
you ride upon the wings of the wind.
The winds are your messengers;
flames of fire are your servants.

You placed the world on its foundation
so it would never be moved.
You clothed the earth with floods of water,
water that covered even the mountains.
At your command, the water fled;
at the sound of your thunder, it hurried away.
Mountains rose and valleys sank
to the levels you decreed.
Then you set a firm boundary for the seas,
so they would never again cover the earth.

You make springs pour water into the ravines,
so streams gush down from the mountains.

Intercession:

Concluding Prayer: Lord Jesus stay with us, for evening is at hand and the day is past. Be our companion in the way, kindle our hearts and awaken hope, that we may know you as you

are revealed in Scripture and the breaking of bread. Grant this for the sake of your love.
Amen.

November 12, 2012

Morning

Call To Prayer: In the morning, O Lord, you hear my voice,* In the morning I lay my requests before you and wait in expectation.

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Morning Short Reading:

"And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit" (Acts 2:3-4). They partook of fire, not of burning but of saving fire; of fire which consumes the thorns of sins, but gives luster to the soul. This is now coming upon you also, and that to strip away and consume your sins which are like thorns, and to brighten yet more that precious possession of your souls, and to give you grace; for He gave it then to the Apostles. And He sat upon them in the form of fiery tongues, that they might crown themselves with new and spiritual diadems by fiery tongues upon their heads. A fiery sword barred of old the gates of Paradise; a fiery tongue which brought salvation restored the gift.

St. Cyril of Jerusalem *Catechetical Lectures*: Lecture 17 no. 15

Vow Prayer: Lord, you alone are holy and worthy of all praise. Increase in us a sense of awe in your presence. Let the light of your holiness shine through us that all may glorify you. Amen.

Morning Gospel: Luke 9:21-45

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Amen.

Morning Psalm: Psalm 104: 11-23

They provide water for all the animals,
and the wild donkeys quench their thirst.
The birds nest beside the streams
and sing among the branches of the trees.
You send rain on the mountains from your heavenly home,
and you fill the earth with the fruit of your labor.
You cause grass to grow for the livestock
and plants for people to use.

You allow them to produce food from the earth—
wine to make them glad,
olive oil to soothe their skin,
and bread to give them strength.
The trees of the Lord are well cared for—
the cedars of Lebanon that he planted.
There the birds make their nests,
and the storks make their homes in the cypresses.
High in the mountains live the wild goats,
and the rocks form a refuge for the hyraxes.

You made the moon to mark the seasons,
and the sun knows when to set.
You send the darkness, and it becomes night,
when all the forest animals prowl about.
Then the young lions roar for their prey,
stalking the food provided by God.
At dawn they slink back
into their dens to rest.
Then people go off to their work,
where they labor until evening.

Intercession:

Concluding Prayer: Lord God, Almighty and Everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day. Preserve us with your mighty power that we may not fall into sin nor be overcome by adversity and in all we do direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Evening Short Reading:

Through the Holy Spirit comes our restoration to paradise, our ascension into the kingdom of heaven, our return to the adoption of sons, our liberty to call God our Father, our being made partakers of the grace of Christ, our being called children of light, our sharing in eternal glory, and, in a word, our being brought into a state of all "fullness of blessing," both in this world and in the world to come, of all the good gifts that are in store for us, by promise hereof, through faith, beholding the reflection of their grace as though they were already present, we await the full enjoyment.
St. Basil the Great, "On the Holy Spirit"

Vow Prayer: Lord, you alone are holy and worthy of all praise. Increase in us a sense of awe in your presence. Let the light of your holiness shine through us that all may glorify you. Amen.

Evening Gospel: Luke 9:46-62

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For kingdom, power and glory belong to you for ever and ever.
Amen.

Evening Psalm: Psalm 104: 24-35

O Lord, what a variety of things you have made!
In wisdom you have made them all.
The earth is full of your creatures.
Here is the ocean, vast and wide,
teeming with life of every kind,
both large and small.
See the ships sailing along,
and Leviathan, which you made to play in the sea.

They all depend on you
to give them food as they need it.
When you supply it, they gather it.
You open your hand to feed them,
and they are richly satisfied.
But if you turn away from them, they panic.
When you take away their breath,
they die and turn again to dust.
When you give them your breath, life is created,
and you renew the face of the earth.

May the glory of the Lord continue forever!
The Lord takes pleasure in all he has made!
The earth trembles at his glance;
the mountains smoke at his touch.

I will sing to the Lord as long as I live.

I will praise my God to my last breath!

May all my thoughts be pleasing to him,
for I rejoice in the Lord.

Let all sinners vanish from the face of the earth;
let the wicked disappear forever.

Let all that I am praise the Lord.

Praise the Lord!

Intercession:

Concluding Prayer: Lord Jesus stay with us, for evening is at hand and the day is past. Be our companion in the way, kindle our hearts and awaken hope, that we may know you as you are revealed in Scripture and the breaking of bread. Grant this for the sake of your love. Amen.

November 13, 2012

Morning

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Morning Short Reading:

If we are called by God to holiness of life, and if holiness is beyond our natural power to achieve (which it certainly is) then it follows that God himself must give us the light, the strength, and the courage to fulfill the task he requires of us. He will certainly give us the grace we need. If we do not become saints it is because we do not avail ourselves of his gift.
Thomas Merton, *Life and Holiness*

Vow Prayer: Lord, you alone are holy and worthy of all praise. Increase in us a sense of awe in your presence. Let the light of your holiness shine through us that all may glorify you. Amen.

Morning Gospel: Luke 10:1-29

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Amen.

Morning Psalm: Psalm 105: 1-11

Give thanks to the Lord and proclaim his greatness.
Let the whole world know what he has done.
Sing to him; yes, sing his praises.
Tell everyone about his wonderful deeds.
Exult in his holy name;
rejoice, you who worship the Lord.
Search for the Lord and for his strength;
continually seek him.
Remember the wonders he has performed,
his miracles, and the rulings he has given,
you children of his servant Abraham,
you descendants of Jacob, his chosen ones.

He is the Lord our God.

His justice is seen throughout the land.

He always stands by his covenant—

the commitment he made to a thousand generations.

This is the covenant he made with Abraham

and the oath he swore to Isaac.

He confirmed it to Jacob as a decree,

and to the people of Israel as a never-ending covenant:

“I will give you the land of Canaan

as your special possession.”

Intercession:

Concluding Prayer: Lord God, Almighty and Everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day. Preserve us with your mighty power that we may not fall into sin nor be overcome by adversity and in all we do direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Evening Short Reading:

To be sane in a mad time is bad for the brain, worse for the heart. The world is a holy vision had we clarity to see it; a clarity that men depend on men to make. Wendell Berry, “The Mad Farmer Manifesto”

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Evening Gospel: Luke 10:30-42

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Amen.

Evening Psalm: Psalm 105: 11-22

“I will give you the land of Canaan
as your special possession.”

He said this when they were few in number,
a tiny group of strangers in Canaan.

They wandered from nation to nation,
from one kingdom to another.

Yet he did not let anyone oppress them.

He warned kings on their behalf:

“Do not touch my chosen people,
and do not hurt my prophets.”

He called for a famine on the land of Canaan,
cutting off its food supply.

Then he sent someone to Egypt ahead of them—

Joseph, who was sold as a slave.

They bruised his feet with fetters

and placed his neck in an iron collar.

Until the time came to fulfill his dreams,

the Lord tested Joseph's character.

Then Pharaoh sent for him and set him free;

the ruler of the nation opened his prison door.

Joseph was put in charge of all the king's household;

he became ruler over all the king's possessions.

He could instruct the king's aides as he pleased

and teach the king's advisers.

Intercession:

Concluding Prayer: Lord Jesus stay with us, for evening is at hand and the day is past. Be our companion in the way, kindle our hearts and awaken hope, that we may know you as you are revealed in Scripture and the breaking of bread. Grant this for the sake of your love. Amen.

November 14, 2012

Morning

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Morning Short Reading:

He that sees the beauty of holiness, or true moral good, sees the greatest and most important thing in the world...Unless this is seen, nothing is seen that is worth seeing; for there is no other true excellency or beauty.

Jonathan Edwards, *A Treatise Concerning Religious Affections*

Vow Prayer: Lord, you alone are holy and worthy of all praise. Increase in us a sense of awe in your presence. Let the light of your holiness shine through us that all may glorify you. Amen.

Morning Gospel: Luke 11:1-28

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Amen.

Morning Psalm: Psalm 105: 23-34

Then Israel arrived in Egypt;
Jacob lived as a foreigner in the land of Ham.
And the Lord multiplied the people of Israel
until they became too mighty for their enemies.
Then he turned the Egyptians against the Israelites,
and they plotted against the Lord's servants.

But the Lord sent his servant Moses,
along with Aaron, whom he had chosen.
They performed miraculous signs among the Egyptians,
and wonders in the land of Ham.
The Lord blanketed Egypt in darkness,
for they had defied his commands to let his people go.
He turned their water into blood,

poisoning all the fish.
Then frogs overran the land
and even invaded the king's bedrooms.
When the Lord spoke, flies descended on the Egyptians,
and gnats swarmed across Egypt.
He sent them hail instead of rain,
and lightning flashed over the land.
He ruined their grapevines and fig trees
and shattered all the trees.
He spoke, and hordes of locusts came—
young locusts beyond number.

Intercession:

Concluding Prayer: Lord God, Almighty and Everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day. Preserve us with your mighty power that we may not fall into sin nor be overcome by adversity and in all we do direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Evening Short Reading:

When we speak of grace, we think of the fact that [God's] favourable inclination towards the creature does not allow itself to be soured and frustrated by the resistance of the latter. When we speak of holiness, we think, on the other hand, of the fact that His favourable inclination overcomes and destroys this resistance...The link between the two is decisively

summed up in the fact that both characterize and distinguish His love and therefore Himself in His action in the covenant, as the Lord of the covenant between Himself and His creature. Karl Barth, *Church Dogmatics*

Vow Prayer: Lord, you alone are holy and worthy of all praise. Increase in us a sense of awe in your presence. Let the light of your holiness shine through us that all may glorify you. Amen.

Evening Gospel: Luke 11:29-54

The Gospel of the Lord.

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Amen.

Evening Psalm: Psalm 105: 35-45

They ate up everything green in the land,
destroying all the crops in their fields.
Then he killed the oldest son in each Egyptian home,
the pride and joy of each family.

The Lord brought his people out of Egypt, loaded with silver and gold;
and not one among the tribes of Israel even stumbled.
Egypt was glad when they were gone,
for they feared them greatly.

The Lord spread a cloud above them as a covering
and gave them a great fire to light the darkness.
They asked for meat, and he sent them quail;
he satisfied their hunger with manna—bread from heaven.

He split open a rock, and water gushed out
to form a river through the dry wasteland.
For he remembered his sacred promise
to his servant Abraham.

So he brought his people out of Egypt with joy,
his chosen ones with rejoicing.

He gave his people the lands of pagan nations,
and they harvested crops that others had planted.
All this happened so they would follow his decrees
and obey his instructions.

Praise the Lord!

Intercession:

Concluding Prayer: Lord Jesus stay with us, for evening is at hand and the day is past. Be our companion in the way, kindle our hearts and awaken hope, that we may know you as you

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November 15, 2012

Morning

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Morning Short Reading:

Breathe in me,
O Holy Spirit,
that my thoughts may all be holy.

Act in me,
O Holy Spirit,
that my work, too, may be holy.

Draw my heart,
O Holy Spirit,
that I love only what is holy.

Strengthen me,
O Holy Spirit,
to defend all that is holy.

Guard me, then,
O Holy Spirit,
that I may always be holy.
St. Augustine, "Prayer to the Holy Spirit"

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Morning Gospel: Luke 12:1-21

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to You, Lord Christ.

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For kingdom, power and glory belong to you for ever and ever.
Amen.

Morning Psalm: Psalm 106: 1-10

Praise the Lord!

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good!
His faithful love endures forever.
Who can list the glorious miracles of the Lord?
Who can ever praise him enough?
There is joy for those who deal justly with others
and always do what is right.

Remember me, Lord, when you show favor to your people;
come near and rescue me.
Let me share in the prosperity of your chosen ones.
Let me rejoice in the joy of your people;
let me praise you with those who are your heritage.

Like our ancestors, we have sinned.
We have done wrong! We have acted wickedly!
Our ancestors in Egypt
were not impressed by the Lord's miraculous deeds.
They soon forgot his many acts of kindness to them.
Instead, they rebelled against him at the Red Sea.
Even so, he saved them—
to defend the honor of his name
and to demonstrate his mighty power.
He commanded the Red Sea to dry up.
He led Israel across the sea as if it were a desert.
So he rescued them from their enemies
and redeemed them from their foes.

Intercession:

Concluding Prayer: Lord God, Almighty and Everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day. Preserve us with your mighty power that we may not fall into sin nor be overcome by adversity and in all we do direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Evening Short Reading:

God's holiness is made known to us in the way in which, as Father, Son and Spirit, God enters into relation with us and deals with us as creator, savior and sanctifier. This relation—this turning, this merciful movement of God in which in utter freedom the holy God does indeed direct himself towards us—is the place where God manifests himself to us, and so the place where his being is made known.

John Webster, *Holiness*

Vow Prayer: Lord, you alone are holy and worthy of all praise. Increase in us a sense of awe in your presence. Let the light of your holiness shine through us that all may glorify you. Amen.

Evening Gospel: Luke 12:22-48

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to You, Lord Christ.

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Lord's Prayer:

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For kingdom, power and glory belong to you for ever and ever.
Amen.

Evening Psalm: Psalm 106: 11-20

Then the water returned and covered their enemies;
not one of them survived.
Then his people believed his promises.
Then they sang his praise.

Yet how quickly they forgot what he had done!
They wouldn't wait for his counsel!
In the wilderness their desires ran wild,
testing God's patience in that dry wasteland.
So he gave them what they asked for,
but he sent a plague along with it.
The people in the camp were jealous of Moses
and envious of Aaron, the Lord's holy priest.

Because of this, the earth opened up;
it swallowed Dathan
and buried Abiram and the other rebels.
Fire fell upon their followers;
a flame consumed the wicked.

The people made a calf at Mount Sinai;
they bowed before an image made of gold.
They traded their glorious God
for a statue of a grass-eating bull.

Intercession:

Concluding Prayer: Lord Jesus stay with us, for evening is at hand and the day is past. Be our companion in the way, kindle our hearts and awaken hope, that we may know you as you are revealed in Scripture and the breaking of bread. Grant this for the sake of your love. Amen.

November 16, 2012

Morning

Call To Prayer: In the morning, O Lord, you hear my voice,* In the morning I lay my requests before you and wait in expectation.

Vow: In a world where anything goes, we'll live faithfully toward God, others, and ourselves.

Scripture Related to the Vow: Mark 9:2-4, 7

Six days later Jesus took Peter, James and John, and led them up a high mountain to be alone. As the men watched, Jesus' appearance was transformed, and his clothes became dazzling white, far whiter than any earthly bleach could ever make them. Then Elijah and Moses appeared and began talking with Jesus.

Then a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my dearly loved Son. Listen to him."

Morning Short Reading:

Sanctification is a reality that will always be seen. Like the great Head of the church, from whom it springs, it "cannot be hid"...A truly sanctified person may be so clothed with humility that he can see in himself nothing but infirmity and defects. Like Moses, when he came down from the mount, he may not be conscious that his face shines...But whether he sees it himself or not, others will always see in him a tone and taste and character and habit of life unlike that of other men.

J.C. Ryle, Holiness

Vow Prayer: Lord, you alone are holy and worthy of all praise. Increase in us a sense of awe in your presence. Let the light of your holiness shine through us that all may glorify you. Amen.

Morning Gospel: Luke 12:49-59

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to You, Lord Christ.

And now, with the words Jesus taught us, we are bold to pray:

Lord's Prayer:

Our Father in heaven. Let your holiness be revealed
Let your kingdom come. Let your will be done on earth as in heaven
Give us today our daily bread. Erase our debts as we erase the debts of others.
Keep us from temptation and Rescue us from evil.
For kingdom, power and glory belong to you for ever and ever.
Amen.

Morning Psalm: Psalm 106: 21-30

They forgot God, their savior,
who had done such great things in Egypt—
such wonderful things in the land of Ham,
such awesome deeds at the Red Sea.
So he declared he would destroy them.
But Moses, his chosen one, stepped between the Lord and the people.
He begged him to turn from his anger and not destroy them.

The people refused to enter the pleasant land,
for they wouldn't believe his promise to care for them.
Instead, they grumbled in their tents

and refused to obey the Lord.
Therefore, he solemnly swore
that he would kill them in the wilderness,
that he would scatter their descendants among the nations,
exiling them to distant lands.

Then our ancestors joined in the worship of Baal at Peor;
they even ate sacrifices offered to the dead!
They angered the Lord with all these things,
so a plague broke out among them.
But Phinehas had the courage to intervene,
and the plague was stopped.

Intercession:

Concluding Prayer: Lord God, Almighty and Everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day. Preserve us with your mighty power that we may not fall into sin nor be overcome by adversity and in all we do direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Midday

Vow: In a world where anything goes, we'll live faithfully toward God, others, and ourselves.

Vow Prayer: Lord, you alone are holy and worthy of all praise. Increase in us a sense of awe in your presence. Let the light of your holiness shine through us that all may glorify you. Amen.

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Call To Prayer: Our help is in the name of the Lord* The Maker of heaven and earth

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Then a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my dearly loved Son. Listen to him."

Evening Short Reading:

It is fatally easy to think of God's holiness simply as a mode of God's sheer otherness and transcendence—that is, as the opposite of relational; as concerned, not with God *with* us, but with God *apart from* us. But to follow that path is radically to misunderstand the biblical testimony. The holiness of God is not to be identified simply as that which distances God

from us; rather, God is holy precisely as the one who in majesty and freedom and sovereign power bends down to us in mercy.

John Webster, *Holiness*

Vow Prayer: Lord, you alone are holy and worthy of all praise. Increase in us a sense of awe in your presence. Let the light of your holiness shine through us that all may glorify you. Amen.

Evening Gospel: Luke 13:1-17

The Gospel of the Lord.

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Give us today our daily bread. Erase our debts as we erase the debts of others.
Keep us from temptation and Rescue us from evil.
For kingdom, power and glory belong to you for ever and ever.
Amen.

Evening Psalm: Psalm 106: 31-39

So he has been regarded as a righteous man
ever since that time.

At Meribah, too, they angered the Lord,
causing Moses serious trouble.
They made Moses angry,
and he spoke foolishly.

Israel failed to destroy the nations in the land,
as the Lord had commanded them.
Instead, they mingled among the pagans
and adopted their evil customs.
They worshiped their idols,
which led to their downfall.
They even sacrificed their sons
and their daughters to the demons.
They shed innocent blood,
the blood of their sons and daughters.
By sacrificing them to the idols of Canaan,
they polluted the land with murder.
They defiled themselves by their evil deeds,
and their love of idols was adultery in the Lord's sight.

Intercession:

Concluding Prayer: Lord Jesus stay with us, for evening is at hand and the day is past. Be our companion in the way, kindle our hearts and awaken hope, that we may know you as you are revealed in Scripture and the breaking of bread. Grant this for the sake of your love. Amen.

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Then a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my dearly loved Son. Listen to him."

Morning Short Reading:

The very idea of a man being "sanctified" while no holiness can be seen in his life is flat nonsense and a misuse of words. Light may be very dim, but if there is only a spark in a dark room, it will be seen. Life may be very feeble, but if the pulse only beats a little, it will be felt. It is just the same with a sanctified man: his sanctification will be something felt and seen, though he himself may not understand it.

J. C. Ryle, *Holiness*

Vow Prayer: Lord, you alone are holy and worthy of all praise. Increase in us a sense of awe in your presence. Let the light of your holiness shine through us that all may glorify you. Amen.

Morning Gospel: Luke 13:18-35

The Gospel of the Lord.

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And now, with the words Jesus taught us, we are bold to pray:

Lord's Prayer:

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Keep us from temptation and Rescue us from evil.
For kingdom, power and glory belong to you for ever and ever.
Amen.

Morning Psalm: Psalm 106: 40-48

That is why the Lord's anger burned against his people,
and he abhorred his own special possession.
He handed them over to pagan nations,
and they were ruled by those who hated them.
Their enemies crushed them
and brought them under their cruel power.
Again and again he rescued them,
but they chose to rebel against him,
and they were finally destroyed by their sin.
Even so, he pitied them in their distress

and listened to their cries.
He remembered his covenant with them
and relented because of his unfailing love.
He even caused their captors
to treat them with kindness.

Save us, O Lord our God!
Gather us back from among the nations,
so we can thank your holy name
and rejoice and praise you.

Praise the Lord, the God of Israel,
who lives from everlasting to everlasting!
Let all the people say, "Amen!"

Praise the Lord!

Intercession:

Concluding Prayer: Lord God, Almighty and Everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day. Preserve us with your mighty power that we may not fall into sin nor be overcome by adversity and in all we do direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Midday

Vow: In a world where anything goes, we'll live faithfully toward God, others, and ourselves.

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Call To Prayer: Our help is in the name of the Lord* The Maker of heaven and earth

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Scripture Related to the Vow: Mark 9:2-4, 7

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Then a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my dearly loved Son. Listen to him."

Evening Short Reading:

It is important to maintain that God's holiness is inseparable from the fact that God is the covenant God. God is the Holy One *of Israel*, which means to say that God is holy precisely in calling a people to be his own people, in purifying them, and in maintaining them against all threats so that they may be his own possession.

John Webster, *Holiness*

Vow Prayer: Lord, you alone are holy and worthy of all praise. Increase in us a sense of awe in your presence. Let the light of your holiness shine through us that all may glorify you. Amen.

Evening Gospel: Luke 14:1-14

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to You, Lord Christ.

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Lord's Prayer:

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Let your kingdom come. Let your will be done on earth as in heaven
Give us today our daily bread. Erase our debts as we erase the debts of others.
Keep us from temptation and Rescue us from evil.
For kingdom, power and glory belong to you for ever and ever.
Amen.

Evening Psalm: Psalm 107: 1-11

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good!
His faithful love endures forever.
Has the Lord redeemed you? Then speak out!
Tell others he has redeemed you from your enemies.
For he has gathered the exiles from many lands,
from east and west,
from north and south.

Some wandered in the wilderness,
lost and homeless.
Hungry and thirsty,
they nearly died.
"Lord, help!" they cried in their trouble,
and he rescued them from their distress.
He led them straight to safety,
to a city where they could live.
Let them praise the Lord for his great love
and for the wonderful things he has done for them.
For he satisfies the thirsty
and fills the hungry with good things.

Some sat in darkness and deepest gloom,
imprisoned in iron chains of misery.
They rebelled against the words of God,
scorning the counsel of the Most High.

Intercession:

Concluding Prayer: Lord Jesus stay with us, for evening is at hand and the day is past. Be our companion in the way, kindle our hearts and awaken hope, that we may know you as you are revealed in Scripture and the breaking of bread. Grant this for the sake of your love. Amen.

November 18, 2012

Morning

Call To Prayer: In the morning, O Lord, you hear my voice,* In the morning I lay my requests before you and wait in expectation.

Vow: In a world where anything goes, we'll live faithfully toward God, others, and ourselves.

Scripture Related to the Vow: Mark 9:2-4, 7

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Then a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my dearly loved Son. Listen to him."

Morning Short Reading:

We must be holy, because this is the most likely way to do good to others. We cannot live to ourselves only in this world. Our lives will always be doing either good or harm to those who see them. They are a silent sermon which all can read.

J. C. Ryle, *Holiness*

Vow Prayer: Lord, you alone are holy and worthy of all praise. Increase in us a sense of awe in your presence. Let the light of your holiness shine through us that all may glorify you. Amen.

Morning Gospel: Luke 14:15-35

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to You, Lord Christ.

And now, with the words Jesus taught us, we are bold to pray:

Lord's Prayer:

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Let your kingdom come. Let your will be done on earth as in heaven
Give us today our daily bread. Erase our debts as we erase the debts of others.
Keep us from temptation and Rescue us from evil.
For kingdom, power and glory belong to you for ever and ever.
Amen.

Morning Psalm: Psalm 107: 12-23

That is why he broke them with hard labor;
they fell, and no one was there to help them.
"Lord, help!" they cried in their trouble,
and he saved them from their distress.
He led them from the darkness and deepest gloom;
he snapped their chains.
Let them praise the Lord for his great love
and for the wonderful things he has done for them.
For he broke down their prison gates of bronze;
he cut apart their bars of iron.

Some were fools; they rebelled
and suffered for their sins.
They couldn't stand the thought of food,

and they were knocking on death's door.
"Lord, help!" they cried in their trouble,
and he saved them from their distress.
He sent out his word and healed them,
snatching them from the door of death.
Let them praise the Lord for his great love
and for the wonderful things he has done for them.
Let them offer sacrifices of thanksgiving
and sing joyfully about his glorious acts.

Some went off to sea in ships,
plying the trade routes of the world.

Intercession:

Concluding Prayer: Lord God, Almighty and Everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day. Preserve us with your mighty power that we may not fall into sin nor be overcome by adversity and in all we do direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Midday

Vow: In a world where anything goes, we'll live faithfully toward God, others, and ourselves.

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Evening

Call To Prayer: Our help is in the name of the Lord* The Maker of heaven and earth

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Scripture Related to the Vow: Mark 9:2-4, 7

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Then a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my dearly loved Son. Listen to him."

Evening Short Reading:

The Church is consecrated by the Father's resolve, holy in Christ and sanctified by the Holy Spirit. Such holiness is not achieved perfection, but an alien holiness which is the contradiction of its very real sinfulness. The Church is holy, not because it has already attained the eschatological state of being "without spot or wrinkle," but because the promise and command of the gospel have already broken into its life and disturbed it, shaking it to the core. The Church is holy only as it is exposed to judgment.

John Webster, *Holiness*

Vow Prayer: Lord, you alone are holy and worthy of all praise. Increase in us a sense of awe in your presence. Let the light of your holiness shine through us that all may glorify you. Amen.

Evening Gospel: Luke 15:1-10

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to You, Lord Christ.

And now, with the words Jesus taught us, we are bold to pray:

Lord's Prayer:

Our Father in heaven. Let your holiness be revealed
Let your kingdom come. Let your will be done on earth as in heaven
Give us today our daily bread. Erase our debts as we erase the debts of others.
Keep us from temptation and Rescue us from evil.
For kingdom, power and glory belong to you for ever and ever.
Amen.

Evening Psalm: Psalm 107: 24-32

They, too, observed the Lord's power in action,
his impressive works on the deepest seas.
He spoke, and the winds rose,
stirring up the waves.
Their ships were tossed to the heavens
and plunged again to the depths;
the sailors cringed in terror.
They reeled and staggered like drunkards
and were at their wits' end.
"Lord, help!" they cried in their trouble,
and he saved them from their distress.
He calmed the storm to a whisper
and stilled the waves.
What a blessing was that stillness
as he brought them safely into harbor!
Let them praise the Lord for his great love
and for the wonderful things he has done for them.
Let them exalt him publicly before the congregation
and before the leaders of the nation.

Intercession:

Concluding Prayer: Lord Jesus stay with us, for evening is at hand and the day is past. Be our companion in the way, kindle our hearts and awaken hope, that we may know you as you are revealed in Scripture and the breaking of bread. Grant this for the sake of your love. Amen.

November 19, 2012

Morning

Call To Prayer: In the morning, O Lord, you hear my voice,* In the morning I lay my requests before you and wait in expectation.

Vow: In a world where anything goes, we'll live faithfully toward God, others, and ourselves.

Scripture Related to the Vow: Mark 9:2-4, 7

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Then a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my dearly loved Son. Listen to him."

Morning Short Reading:

I believe that far more is done for Christ's kingdom by the holy living of believers than we are at all aware of. There is a reality about such living which makes men feel and obliges them to think. It carries a weight and influence with it which nothing else can give. It makes religion beautiful and draws men to consider it, like a lighthouse seen afar off.

J. C. Ryle, *Holiness*

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Morning Gospel: Luke 15:11-32

The Gospel of the Lord.

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Keep us from temptation and Rescue us from evil.
For kingdom, power and glory belong to you for ever and ever.
Amen.

Morning Psalm: Psalm 107: 33-40

He changes rivers into deserts,
and springs of water into dry, thirsty land.
He turns the fruitful land into salty wastelands,
because of the wickedness of those who live there.
But he also turns deserts into pools of water,
the dry land into springs of water.
He brings the hungry to settle there
and to build their cities.
They sow their fields, plant their vineyards,
and harvest their bumper crops.
How he blesses them!
They raise large families there,
and their herds of livestock increase.

When they decrease in number and become impoverished
through oppression, trouble, and sorrow,
the Lord pours contempt on their princes,
causing them to wander in trackless wastelands.

Intercession:

Concluding Prayer: Lord God, Almighty and Everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day. Preserve us with your mighty power that we may not fall into sin nor be overcome by adversity and in all we do direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Midday

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Evening Short Reading:

Holiness is visible as humble acknowledgement of sin and as prayer for forgiveness. "There is no greater sinner than the Christian Church," said Luther in his Easter Day sermon in 1531. It is in repentance, rather than in the assumption of moral pre-eminence, that holiness is visible. John Webster, *Holiness*

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Evening Gospel: Luke 16:1-18

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For kingdom, power and glory belong to you for ever and ever.
Amen.

Evening Psalm: Psalm 107: 41-43

But he rescues the poor from trouble
and increases their families like flocks of sheep.
The godly will see these things and be glad,
while the wicked are struck silent.
Those who are wise will take all this to heart;
they will see in our history the faithful love of the Lord.

Intercession:

Concluding Prayer: Lord Jesus stay with us, for evening is at hand and the day is past. Be our companion in the way, kindle our hearts and awaken hope, that we may know you as you are revealed in Scripture and the breaking of bread. Grant this for the sake of your love.
Amen.

November 20, 2012

Morning

Call To Prayer: In the morning, O Lord, you hear my voice,* In the morning I lay my requests before you and wait in expectation.

Vow: In a world where anything goes, we'll live faithfully toward God, others, and ourselves.

Scripture Related to the Vow: Mark 9:2-4, 7

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Morning Short Reading:

You may talk to persons about the doctrines of the gospel, and few will listen, and still fewer understand. But your life is an argument that none can escape. There is a meaning about holiness which not even the most unlearned men can help taking in. They may not understand justification, but they can understand charity.

J. C. Ryle, *Holiness*

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Morning Gospel: Luke 16:19-31

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Amen.

Morning Psalm: Psalm 108

A song. A psalm of David.

My heart is confident in you, O God;
no wonder I can sing your praises with all my heart!
Wake up, lyre and harp!
I will wake the dawn with my song.
I will thank you, Lord, among all the people.
I will sing your praises among the nations.
For your unfailing love is higher than the heavens.
Your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.
Be exalted, O God, above the highest heavens.
May your glory shine over all the earth.

Now rescue your beloved people.

Answer and save us by your power.
God has promised this by his holiness:
“I will divide up Shechem with joy.
I will measure out the valley of Succoth.
Gilead is mine,
and Manasseh, too.
Ephraim, my helmet, will produce my warriors,
and Judah, my scepter, will produce my kings.
But Moab, my washbasin, will become my servant,
and I will wipe my feet on Edom
and shout in triumph over Philistia.”

Who will bring me into the fortified city?
Who will bring me victory over Edom?
Have you rejected us, O God?
Will you no longer march with our armies?
Oh, please help us against our enemies,
for all human help is useless.
With God’s help we will do mighty things,
for he will trample down our foes.

Intercession:

Concluding Prayer: Lord God, Almighty and Everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day. Preserve us with your mighty power that we may not fall into sin nor be overcome by adversity and in all we do direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Evening

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Evening Short Reading:

Evangelical freedom cannot be divorced from the holy fellowship with God of which it is an aspect. Fellowship with God is both its basis and the sphere of its exercise. Drawn by the divine mercy into holy fellowship, I am bound to God—I am, in Paul's terms, a slave of Jesus Christ, my autonomy at last broken. But bondage to Christ is not the antithesis of my freedom, quite the reverse: it is its essential condition. Why? Because the Christ to whom I am bound is the one who has finally secured the fact that no other power can come between me and my flourishing.

John Webster, *Holiness*

Vow Prayer: Lord, you alone are holy and worthy of all praise. Increase in us a sense of awe in your presence. Let the light of your holiness shine through us that all may glorify you. Amen.

Evening Gospel: Luke 17:1-19

The Gospel of the Lord.

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Keep us from temptation and Rescue us from evil.
For kingdom, power and glory belong to you for ever and ever.
Amen.

Evening Psalm: Psalm 109: 1-10

For the choir director: A psalm of David.

O God, whom I praise,
don't stand silent and aloof
while the wicked slander me
and tell lies about me.

They surround me with hateful words
and fight against me for no reason.

I love them, but they try to destroy me with accusations
even as I am praying for them!

They repay evil for good,
and hatred for my love.

They say, "Get an evil person to turn against him.

Send an accuser to bring him to trial.

When his case comes up for judgment,
let him be pronounced guilty.

Count his prayers as sins.

Let his years be few;

let someone else take his position.

May his children become fatherless,
and his wife a widow.

May his children wander as beggars
and be driven from their ruined homes.

Intercession:

Concluding Prayer: Lord Jesus stay with us, for evening is at hand and the day is past. Be our companion in the way, kindle our hearts and awaken hope, that we may know you as you are revealed in Scripture and the breaking of bread. Grant this for the sake of your love. Amen.

November 21, 2012

Morning

Call To Prayer: In the morning, O Lord, you hear my voice,* In the morning I lay my requests before you and wait in expectation.

Vow: In a world where anything goes, we'll live faithfully toward God, others, and ourselves.

Scripture Related to the Vow: Mark 9:2-4, 7

Six days later Jesus took Peter, James and John, and led them up a high mountain to be alone. As the men watched, Jesus' appearance was transformed, and his clothes became dazzling white, far whiter than any earthly bleach could ever make them. Then Elijah and Moses appeared and began talking with Jesus.

Then a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my dearly loved Son. Listen to him."

Morning Short Reading:

Some struggle in their endless search for entire sanctification not because they must persuade God to give something He wants to withhold; rather, these seeking people are struggling with *themselves* about giving their all to God. It is the surrender that takes time, not the receiving of the surrendered life. God is in the business of accepting offerings consecrated to Him. If you put your all on the altar, God will accept your consecration.
Keith Drury, *Holiness for Ordinary People*

Vow Prayer: Lord, you alone are holy and worthy of all praise. Increase in us a sense of awe in your presence. Let the light of your holiness shine through us that all may glorify you. Amen.

Morning Gospel: Luke 17:20-37

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to You, Lord Christ.

And now, with the words Jesus taught us, we are bold to pray:

Lord's Prayer:

Our Father in heaven. Let your holiness be revealed
Let your kingdom come. Let your will be done on earth as in heaven
Give us today our daily bread. Erase our debts as we erase the debts of others.
Keep us from temptation and Rescue us from evil.
For kingdom, power and glory belong to you for ever and ever.
Amen.

Morning Psalm: Psalm 109: 11-23

May creditors seize his entire estate,
and strangers take all he has earned.
Let no one be kind to him;
let no one pity his fatherless children.
May all his offspring die.
May his family name be blotted out in a single generation.
May the Lord never forget the sins of his fathers;
may his mother's sins never be erased from the record.
May the Lord always remember these sins,
and may his name disappear from human memory.
For he refused all kindness to others;
he persecuted the poor and needy,

and he hounded the brokenhearted to death.
He loved to curse others;
now you curse him.
He never blessed others;
now don't you bless him.
Cursing is as natural to him as his clothing,
or the water he drinks,
or the rich food he eats.
Now may his curses return and cling to him like clothing;
may they be tied around him like a belt."

May those curses become the Lord's punishment
for my accusers who speak evil of me.
But deal well with me, O Sovereign Lord,
for the sake of your own reputation!
Rescue me
because you are so faithful and good.
For I am poor and needy,
and my heart is full of pain.
I am fading like a shadow at dusk;
I am brushed off like a locust.

Intercession:

Concluding Prayer: Lord God, Almighty and Everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day. Preserve us with your mighty power that we may not fall into sin nor be overcome by adversity and in all we do direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Midday

Vow: In a world where anything goes, we'll live faithfully toward God, others, and ourselves.

Vow Prayer: Lord, you alone are holy and worthy of all praise. Increase in us a sense of awe in your presence. Let the light of your holiness shine through us that all may glorify you. Amen.

Evening

Call To Prayer: Our help is in the name of the Lord* The Maker of heaven and earth

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Scripture Related to the Vow: Mark 9:2-4, 7

Six days later Jesus took Peter, James and John, and led them up a high mountain to be alone. As the men watched, Jesus' appearance was transformed, and his clothes became

dazzling white, far whiter than any earthly bleach could ever make them. Then Elijah and Moses appeared and began talking with Jesus.

Then a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my dearly loved Son. Listen to him."

Evening Short Reading:

Millions of people in our culture make decisions for Christ, but there is a dreadful attrition rate. Many claim to have been born again, but the evidence for mature Christian discipleship is slim. In our kind of culture anything, even news about God, can be sold if it is packaged freshly; but when it loses its novelty, it goes on the garbage heap. There is a great market for religious experience in our world; there is little enthusiasm for the patient acquisition of virtue, little inclination to sign up for a long apprenticeship in what earlier generations of Christians called holiness.

Eugene Peterson, *A Long Obedience in the Same Direction*

Vow Prayer: Lord, you alone are holy and worthy of all praise. Increase in us a sense of awe in your presence. Let the light of your holiness shine through us that all may glorify you. Amen.

Evening Gospel: Luke 18:1-17

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to You, Lord Christ.

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Lord's Prayer:

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Let your kingdom come. Let your will be done on earth as in heaven
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Keep us from temptation and Rescue us from evil.
For kingdom, power and glory belong to you for ever and ever.
Amen.

Evening Psalm: Psalm 109: 24-31

My knees are weak from fasting,
and I am skin and bones.
I am a joke to people everywhere;
when they see me, they shake their heads in scorn.

Help me, O Lord my God!
Save me because of your unfailing love.
Let them see that this is your doing,
that you yourself have done it, Lord.
Then let them curse me if they like,
but you will bless me!
When they attack me, they will be disgraced!
But I, your servant, will go right on rejoicing!
May my accusers be clothed with disgrace;
may their humiliation cover them like a cloak.
But I will give repeated thanks to the Lord,
praising him to everyone.
For he stands beside the needy,
ready to save them from those who condemn them.

Intercession:

Concluding Prayer: Lord Jesus stay with us, for evening is at hand and the day is past. Be our companion in the way, kindle our hearts and awaken hope, that we may know you as you are revealed in Scripture and the breaking of bread. Grant this for the sake of your love. Amen.

November 22, 2012

Morning

Call To Prayer: In the morning, O Lord, you hear my voice,* In the morning I lay my requests before you and wait in expectation.

Vow: In a world where anything goes, we'll live faithfully toward God, others, and ourselves.

Scripture Related to the Vow: Mark 9:2-4, 7

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Morning Short Reading:

What is this holiness that God expects of His people? It is a life totally devoted to Him in obedience. That's what God has always wanted and still desires today. God expected each Israelite to fear Him, obey Him, and serve Him wholeheartedly. Isn't that what He wants from you? Obviously, this kind of life cannot be lived in human strength. So God promises a work in the heart—a "circumcision of the heart"—that can enable His followers to actually love God with all of their heart and soul and, therefore, obey God fully.

Keith Drury, *Holiness for Ordinary People*

Vow Prayer: Lord, you alone are holy and worthy of all praise. Increase in us a sense of awe in your presence. Let the light of your holiness shine through us that all may glorify you. Amen.

Morning Gospel: Luke 18:18-43

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to You, Lord Christ.

And now, with the words Jesus taught us, we are bold to pray:

Lord's Prayer:

Our Father in heaven. Let your holiness be revealed
Let your kingdom come. Let your will be done on earth as in heaven
Give us today our daily bread. Erase our debts as we erase the debts of others.
Keep us from temptation and Rescue us from evil.
For kingdom, power and glory belong to you for ever and ever.
Amen.

Morning Psalm: Psalm 110

A psalm of David.

The Lord said to my Lord,
"Sit in the place of honor at my right hand
until I humble your enemies,
making them a footstool under your feet."

The Lord will extend your powerful kingdom from Jerusalem;
you will rule over your enemies.
When you go to war,
your people will serve you willingly.
You are arrayed in holy garments,

and your strength will be renewed each day like the morning dew.

The Lord has taken an oath and will not break his vow:
“You are a priest forever in the order of Melchizedek.”

The Lord stands at your right hand to protect you.
He will strike down many kings when his anger erupts.
He will punish the nations
and fill their lands with corpses;
he will shatter heads over the whole earth.
But he himself will be refreshed from brooks along the way.
He will be victorious.

Intercession:

Concluding Prayer: Lord God, Almighty and Everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day. Preserve us with your mighty power that we may not fall into sin nor be overcome by adversity and in all we do direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Midday

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Evening Short Reading:

God is deeper than the deepest depth of man. He is holier than our deepest sin is deep. There is no depth so deep to us as when God reveals his holiness in dealing with our sin.
P.T. Forsyth, *The Cure of Souls*

Vow Prayer: Lord, you alone are holy and worthy of all praise. Increase in us a sense of awe in your presence. Let the light of your holiness shine through us that all may glorify you. Amen.

Evening Gospel: Luke 19:1-27

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to You, Lord Christ.

And now, with the words Jesus taught us, we are bold to pray:

Lord's Prayer:

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Let your kingdom come. Let your will be done on earth as in heaven
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Keep us from temptation and Rescue us from evil.
For kingdom, power and glory belong to you for ever and ever.
Amen.

Evening Psalm: Psalm 111

Praise the Lord!

I will thank the Lord with all my heart
as I meet with his godly people.
How amazing are the deeds of the Lord!
All who delight in him should ponder them.
Everything he does reveals his glory and majesty.
His righteousness never fails.
He causes us to remember his wonderful works.
How gracious and merciful is our Lord!
He gives food to those who fear him;
he always remembers his covenant.
He has shown his great power to his people
by giving them the lands of other nations.
All he does is just and good,
and all his commandments are trustworthy.
They are forever true,
to be obeyed faithfully and with integrity.
He has paid a full ransom for his people.
He has guaranteed his covenant with them forever.
What a holy, awe-inspiring name he has!
Fear of the Lord is the foundation of true wisdom.
All who obey his commandments will grow in wisdom.

Praise him forever!

Intercession:

Concluding Prayer: Lord Jesus stay with us, for evening is at hand and the day is past. Be our companion in the way, kindle our hearts and awaken hope, that we may know you as you are revealed in Scripture and the breaking of bread. Grant this for the sake of your love. Amen.

November 23, 2012

Morning

Call To Prayer: In the morning, O Lord, you hear my voice,* In the morning I lay my requests before you and wait in expectation.

Vow: In a world where anything goes, we'll live faithfully toward God, others, and ourselves.

Scripture Related to the Vow: Mark 9:2-4, 7

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Morning Short Reading:

God urges us to give our all to Him. He wants us to make a total surrender of our lives to His leadership and direction. The emphasis is on "total." He wants all of us—our time, talents, thoughts, finances, hopes, aspirations, reputation, hobbies, friendships, habits, and future. He wants to be the Lord and Master of every part of our lives. He knows what is best for us. He tenderly urges us to turn over to Him our total lives. He wants to use us and direct, guide, and change us into the image of His perfect Son. With our cooperation and consecration, He will cleanse and empower.

Keith Drury, *Holiness for Ordinary People*

Vow Prayer: Lord, you alone are holy and worthy of all praise. Increase in us a sense of awe in your presence. Let the light of your holiness shine through us that all may glorify you. Amen.

Morning Gospel: Luke 19:28-48

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to You, Lord Christ.

And now, with the words Jesus taught us, we are bold to pray:

Lord's Prayer:

Our Father in heaven. Let your holiness be revealed
Let your kingdom come. Let your will be done on earth as in heaven
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Keep us from temptation and Rescue us from evil.
For kingdom, power and glory belong to you for ever and ever.
Amen.

Morning Psalm: Psalm 112

Praise the Lord!

How joyful are those who fear the Lord
and delight in obeying his commands.
Their children will be successful everywhere;
an entire generation of godly people will be blessed.
They themselves will be wealthy,
and their good deeds will last forever.
Light shines in the darkness for the godly.
They are generous, compassionate, and righteous.

Good comes to those who lend money generously
and conduct their business fairly.
Such people will not be overcome by evil.
Those who are righteous will be long remembered.
They do not fear bad news;
they confidently trust the Lord to care for them.
They are confident and fearless
and can face their foes triumphantly.
They share freely and give generously to those in need.
Their good deeds will be remembered forever.
They will have influence and honor.
The wicked will see this and be infuriated.
They will grind their teeth in anger;
they will slink away, their hopes thwarted.

Intercession:

Concluding Prayer: Lord God, Almighty and Everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day. Preserve us with your mighty power that we may not fall into sin nor be overcome by adversity and in all we do direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Midday

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Evening

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Evening Short Reading:

She well knew that, for a long time, she had been assured that God required holiness. But she had never deemed this knowledge a sufficient plea to take to God—and because of present need, to as a present bestowment of the gift.

Phoebe Palmer, *The Way of Holiness*

Vow Prayer: Lord, you alone are holy and worthy of all praise. Increase in us a sense of awe in your presence. Let the light of your holiness shine through us that all may glorify you. Amen.

Evening Gospel: Luke 20:1-19

The Gospel of the Lord.

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For kingdom, power and glory belong to you for ever and ever.
Amen.

Evening Psalm: Psalm 113

Praise the Lord!

Yes, give praise, O servants of the Lord.
Praise the name of the Lord!
Blessed be the name of the Lord
now and forever.
Everywhere—from east to west—
praise the name of the Lord.
For the Lord is high above the nations;
his glory is higher than the heavens.

Who can be compared with the Lord our God,
who is enthroned on high?
He stoops to look down
on heaven and on earth.
He lifts the poor from the dust
and the needy from the garbage dump.
He sets them among princes,
even the princes of his own people!
He gives the childless woman a family,
making her a happy mother.

Intercession:

Concluding Prayer: Lord Jesus stay with us, for evening is at hand and the day is past. Be our companion in the way, kindle our hearts and awaken hope, that we may know you as you are revealed in Scripture and the breaking of bread. Grant this for the sake of your love. Amen.

November 24, 2012

Morning

Call To Prayer: In the morning, O Lord, you hear my voice,* In the morning I lay my requests before you and wait in expectation.

Vow: In a world where anything goes, we'll live faithfully toward God, others, and ourselves.

Scripture Related to the Vow: Acts 2:1-4

On the day of Pentecost all the believers were meeting together in one place. Suddenly, there was a sound from heaven like the roaring of a mighty windstorm, and it filled the house where they were sitting. Then, what looked like flames or tongues of fire appeared and settled on each of them. And everyone present was filled with the Holy Spirit and began speaking in other languages, as the Holy Spirit gave them this ability.

Morning Short Reading:

Entire consecration is a decision—an act of the will. We are, with firm intention, placing our “all on the altar,” as a sacrifice to God. We want Him—only Him—to rule our thoughts, habits, words, and deeds from now until eternity.

Keith Drury, *Holiness for Ordinary People*

Vow Prayer: Lord, you alone are holy and worthy of all praise. Increase in us a sense of awe in your presence. Let the light of your holiness shine through us that all may glorify you. Amen.

Morning Gospel: Luke 20:20-47

The Gospel of the Lord.

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For kingdom, power and glory belong to you for ever and ever.
Amen.

Morning Psalm: Psalm 114

When the Israelites escaped from Egypt—
when the family of Jacob left that foreign land—
the land of Judah became God's sanctuary,
and Israel became his kingdom.

The Red Sea saw them coming and hurried out of their way!
The water of the Jordan River turned away.
The mountains skipped like rams,
the hills like lambs!
What's wrong, Red Sea, that made you hurry out of their way?
What happened, Jordan River, that you turned away?
Why, mountains, did you skip like rams?
Why, hills, like lambs?

Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord,
at the presence of the God of Jacob.

He turned the rock into a pool of water;
yes, a spring of water flowed from solid rock.

Intercession:

Concluding Prayer: Lord God, Almighty and Everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day. Preserve us with your mighty power that we may not fall into sin nor be overcome by adversity and in all we do direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Evening Short Reading:

She did not at that moment regard the state into which she had been brought as “the way of holiness,” neither had the word holiness been the most prominent topic during this solemn transaction. *Conformity to the will of God in all things* was the absorbing desire of her heart. Yet after having passed through these exercises she began to give expression to her full soul thus: “I am wholly thine!—Thou dost reign unrivalled in my heart! There is not a tie that binds me to earth; every tie has been severed, and now I am wholly, wholly thine!” While lingering on these last words, the Holy Spirit appealingly repeated the confident expressions to her heart, thus: What! Wholly the Lord's? Is not this the holiness that God requires? What have you more to render?

Phoebe Palmer, *The Way of Holiness*

Vow Prayer: Lord, you alone are holy and worthy of all praise. Increase in us a sense of awe in your presence. Let the light of your holiness shine through us that all may glorify you. Amen.

Evening Gospel: Luke 21:1-19

The Gospel of the Lord.

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Keep us from temptation and Rescue us from evil.
For kingdom, power and glory belong to you for ever and ever.
Amen.

Evening Psalm: Psalm 115

Not to us, O Lord, not to us,
but to your name goes all the glory
for your unfailing love and faithfulness.
Why let the nations say,
"Where is their God?"
Our God is in the heavens,
and he does as he wishes.
Their idols are merely things of silver and gold,
shaped by human hands.
They have mouths but cannot speak,
and eyes but cannot see.
They have ears but cannot hear,
and noses but cannot smell.
They have hands but cannot feel,
and feet but cannot walk,
and throats but cannot make a sound.
And those who make idols are just like them,
as are all who trust in them.

O Israel, trust the Lord!
He is your helper and your shield.
O priests, descendants of Aaron, trust the Lord!
He is your helper and your shield.
All you who fear the Lord, trust the Lord!
He is your helper and your shield.

The Lord remembers us and will bless us.
He will bless the people of Israel
and bless the priests, the descendants of Aaron.
He will bless those who fear the Lord,
both great and lowly.

May the Lord richly bless
both you and your children.
May you be blessed by the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.
The heavens belong to the Lord,
but he has given the earth to all humanity.
The dead cannot sing praises to the Lord,
for they have gone into the silence of the grave.
But we can praise the Lord
both now and forever!

Praise the Lord!

Intercession:

Concluding Prayer: Lord Jesus stay with us, for evening is at hand and the day is past. Be our companion in the way, kindle our hearts and awaken hope, that we may know you as you are revealed in Scripture and the breaking of bread. Grant this for the sake of your love. Amen.

November 25, 2012

Morning

Call To Prayer: In the morning, O Lord, you hear my voice,* In the morning I lay my requests before you and wait in expectation.

Vow: In a world where anything goes, we'll live faithfully toward God, others, and ourselves.

Scripture Related to the Vow: Acts 2:1-4

On the day of Pentecost all the believers were meeting together in one place. Suddenly, there was a sound from heaven like the roaring of a mighty windstorm, and it filled the house where they were sitting. Then, what looked like flames or tongues of fire appeared and settled on each of them. And everyone present was filled with the Holy Spirit and began speaking in other languages, as the Holy Spirit gave them this ability.

Morning Short Reading:

God will cleanse what He gets from you. If you give Him part, He'll sanctify part. If you give Him all, He'll sanctify all.

Keith Drury, *Holiness for Ordinary People*

Vow Prayer: Lord, you alone are holy and worthy of all praise. Increase in us a sense of awe in your presence. Let the light of your holiness shine through us that all may glorify you. Amen.

Morning Gospel: Luke 21:20-38

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to You, Lord Christ.

And now, with the words Jesus taught us, we are bold to pray:

Lord's Prayer:

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Keep us from temptation and Rescue us from evil.
For kingdom, power and glory belong to you for ever and ever.
Amen.

Morning Psalm: Psalm 116

I love the Lord because he hears my voice
and my prayer for mercy.
Because he bends down to listen,
I will pray as long as I have breath!
Death wrapped its ropes around me;
the terrors of the grave overtook me.
I saw only trouble and sorrow.
Then I called on the name of the Lord:
"Please, Lord, save me!"
How kind the Lord is! How good he is!
So merciful, this God of ours!
The Lord protects those of childlike faith;
I was facing death, and he saved me.
Let my soul be at rest again,
for the Lord has been good to me.
He has saved me from death,
my eyes from tears,

my feet from stumbling.
And so I walk in the Lord's presence
as I live here on earth!
I believed in you, so I said,
"I am deeply troubled, Lord."
In my anxiety I cried out to you,
"These people are all liars!"
What can I offer the Lord
for all he has done for me?
I will lift up the cup of salvation
and praise the Lord's name for saving me.
I will keep my promises to the Lord
in the presence of all his people.

The Lord cares deeply
when his loved ones die.
O Lord, I am your servant;
yes, I am your servant, born into your household;
you have freed me from my chains.
I will offer you a sacrifice of thanksgiving
and call on the name of the Lord.
I will fulfill my vows to the Lord
in the presence of all his people—
in the house of the Lord
in the heart of Jerusalem.

Praise the Lord!

Intercession:

Concluding Prayer: Lord God, Almighty and Everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day. Preserve us with your mighty power that we may not fall into sin nor be overcome by adversity and in all we do direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Midday

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Evening

Call To Prayer: Our help is in the name of the Lord* The Maker of heaven and earth

Vow: In a world where anything goes, we'll live faithfully toward God, others, and ourselves.

Scripture Related to the Vow: Acts 2:1-4

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Evening Short Reading:

Does God require more than all? Hath he issued the command “Be ye holy,” and not given the ability, with the command, for the performance of it? Is he a hard master, unreasonable in his requirements? She now saw, in a convincing light, her error regarding holiness as an attainment beyond her reach, and stood reprov’d, though consciously shielded by the atonement from condemnation, and enjoying the blessedness of that soul “to whom the Lord will not impute sin.”

Phoebe Palmer, *The Way of Holiness*

Vow Prayer: Lord, you alone are holy and worthy of all praise. Increase in us a sense of awe in your presence. Let the light of your holiness shine through us that all may glorify you. Amen.

Evening Gospel: Luke 22:1-6

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to You, Lord Christ.

And now, with the words Jesus taught us, we are bold to pray:

Lord’s Prayer:

Our Father in heaven. Let your holiness be revealed
Let your kingdom come. Let your will be done on earth as in heaven
Give us today our daily bread. Erase our debts as we erase the debts of others.
Keep us from temptation and Rescue us from evil.
For kingdom, power and glory belong to you for ever and ever.
Amen.

Evening Psalm: Psalm 117

Praise the Lord, all you nations.
Praise him, all you people of the earth.
For he loves us with unfailing love;
the Lord’s faithfulness endures forever.

Praise the Lord!

Intercession:

Concluding Prayer: Lord Jesus stay with us, for evening is at hand and the day is past. Be our companion in the way, kindle our hearts and awaken hope, that we may know you as you are revealed in Scripture and the breaking of bread. Grant this for the sake of your love. Amen.

November 26, 2012

Morning

Call To Prayer: In the morning, O Lord, you hear my voice,* In the morning I lay my requests before you and wait in expectation.

Vow: In a world where anything goes, we'll live faithfully toward God, others, and ourselves.

Scripture Related to the Vow: Acts 2:1-4

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Morning Short Reading:

Jesus is our example. What did He pray in the garden? “Not my will, but Yours be done.” This is the prayer of entire consecration: total surrender to God’s will and way. It’s holding nothing back. It’s saying, “From this day forward, I am Yours, Lord. I will walk in total obedience to Your will, not mine.” We promise that once we know His will, we will obey.

Keith Drury, *Holiness for Ordinary People*

Vow Prayer: Lord, you alone are holy and worthy of all praise. Increase in us a sense of awe in your presence. Let the light of your holiness shine through us that all may glorify you. Amen.

Morning Gospel: Luke 22:7-30

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to You, Lord Christ.

And now, with the words Jesus taught us, we are bold to pray:

Lord’s Prayer:

Our Father in heaven. Let your holiness be revealed
Let your kingdom come. Let your will be done on earth as in heaven
Give us today our daily bread. Erase our debts as we erase the debts of others.
Keep us from temptation and Rescue us from evil.
For kingdom, power and glory belong to you for ever and ever.
Amen.

Morning Psalm: Psalm 118: 1-10

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good!
His faithful love endures forever.

Let all Israel repeat:

“His faithful love endures forever.”

Let Aaron’s descendants, the priests, repeat:

“His faithful love endures forever.”

Let all who fear the Lord repeat:

“His faithful love endures forever.”

In my distress I prayed to the Lord,
and the Lord answered me and set me free.
The Lord is for me, so I will have no fear.
What can mere people do to me?
Yes, the Lord is for me; he will help me.

I will look in triumph at those who hate me.
It is better to take refuge in the Lord
than to trust in people.
It is better to take refuge in the Lord
than to trust in princes.

Though hostile nations surrounded me,
I destroyed them all with the authority of the Lord.

Intercession:

Concluding Prayer: Lord God, Almighty and Everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day. Preserve us with your mighty power that we may not fall into sin nor be overcome by adversity and in all we do direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Midday

Vow: In a world where anything goes, we'll live faithfully toward God, others, and ourselves.

Vow Prayer: Lord, you alone are holy and worthy of all praise. Increase in us a sense of awe in your presence. Let the light of your holiness shine through us that all may glorify you. Amen.

Evening

Call To Prayer: Our help is in the name of the Lord* The Maker of heaven and earth

Vow: In a world where anything goes, we'll live faithfully toward God, others, and ourselves.

Scripture Related to the Vow: Acts 2:1-4

On the day of Pentecost all the believers were meeting together in one place. Suddenly, there was a sound from heaven like the roaring of a mighty windstorm, and it filled the house where they were sitting. Then, what looked like flames or tongues of fire appeared and settled on each of them. And everyone present was filled with the Holy Spirit and began speaking in other languages, as the Holy Spirit gave them this ability.

Evening Short Reading:

Thy fishes breathe but where thy waters roll;
Thy birds fly but within thy airy sea;
My soul breathes only in thy infinite soul;
I breathe, I think, I love, I live but thee.
Oh, breathe, oh, sink— O Love, live into me;

Unworthy is my life till all divine,
Till thou see in me only what is thine.
George MacDonald, *Diary of an Old Soul*

Vow Prayer: Lord, you alone are holy and worthy of all praise. Increase in us a sense of awe in your presence. Let the light of your holiness shine through us that all may glorify you. Amen.

Evening Gospel: Luke 22:31-46

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to You, Lord Christ.

And now, with the words Jesus taught us, we are bold to pray:

Lord's Prayer:

Our Father in heaven. Let your holiness be revealed
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Keep us from temptation and Rescue us from evil.
For kingdom, power and glory belong to you for ever and ever.
Amen.

Evening Psalm: Psalm 118: 11-21

Yes, they surrounded and attacked me,
but I destroyed them all with the authority of the Lord.
They swarmed around me like bees;
they blazed against me like a crackling fire.
But I destroyed them all with the authority of the Lord.
My enemies did their best to kill me,
but the Lord rescued me.
The Lord is my strength and my song;
he has given me victory.
Songs of joy and victory are sung in the camp of the godly.
The strong right arm of the Lord has done glorious things!
The strong right arm of the Lord is raised in triumph.
The strong right arm of the Lord has done glorious things!
I will not die; instead, I will live
to tell what the Lord has done.
The Lord has punished me severely,
but he did not let me die.

Open for me the gates where the righteous enter,
and I will go in and thank the Lord.
These gates lead to the presence of the Lord,
and the godly enter there.
I thank you for answering my prayer
and giving me victory!

Intercession:

Concluding Prayer: Lord Jesus stay with us, for evening is at hand and the day is past. Be our companion in the way, kindle our hearts and awaken hope, that we may know you as you are revealed in Scripture and the breaking of bread. Grant this for the sake of your love. Amen.

November 27, 2012

Morning

Call To Prayer: In the morning, O Lord, you hear my voice,* In the morning I lay my requests before you and wait in expectation.

Vow: In a world where anything goes, we'll live faithfully toward God, others, and ourselves.

Scripture Related to the Vow: Acts 2:1-4

On the day of Pentecost all the believers were meeting together in one place. Suddenly, there was a sound from heaven like the roaring of a mighty windstorm, and it filled the house where they were sitting. Then, what looked like flames or tongues of fire appeared and settled on each of them. And everyone present was filled with the Holy Spirit and began speaking in other languages, as the Holy Spirit gave them this ability.

Morning Short Reading:

If we can find any Christians that sincerely intend to please God in all their actions, as the best and happiest thing in the world, whether they be young or old, single or married, men or women, if they but have this intention, it will be impossible for them to do otherwise. This one principle will infallibly carry them to this height of charity, and they will find themselves unable to stop short of it.

William Law, *A Serious Call to a Devout and Holy Life*

Vow Prayer: Lord, you alone are holy and worthy of all praise. Increase in us a sense of awe in your presence. Let the light of your holiness shine through us that all may glorify you. Amen.

Morning Gospel: Luke 22:47-65

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to You, Lord Christ.

And now, with the words Jesus taught us, we are bold to pray:

Lord's Prayer:

Our Father in heaven. Let your holiness be revealed
Let your kingdom come. Let your will be done on earth as in heaven
Give us today our daily bread. Erase our debts as we erase the debts of others.
Keep us from temptation and Rescue us from evil.
For kingdom, power and glory belong to you for ever and ever.
Amen.

Morning Psalm: Psalm 118: 22-29

The stone that the builders rejected
has now become the cornerstone.
This is the Lord's doing,
and it is wonderful to see.
This is the day the Lord has made.
We will rejoice and be glad in it.
Please, Lord, please save us.
Please, Lord, please give us success.
Bless the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
We bless you from the house of the Lord.
The Lord is God, shining upon us.
Take the sacrifice and bind it with cords on the altar.
You are my God, and I will praise you!
You are my God, and I will exalt you!

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good!
His faithful love endures forever.

Intercession:

Concluding Prayer: Lord God, Almighty and Everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day. Preserve us with your mighty power that we may not fall into sin nor be overcome by adversity and in all we do direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Midday

Vow: In a world where anything goes, we'll live faithfully toward God, others, and ourselves.

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Evening

Call To Prayer: Our help is in the name of the Lord* The Maker of heaven and earth

Vow: In a world where anything goes, we'll live faithfully toward God, others, and ourselves.

Scripture Related to the Vow: Acts 2:1-4

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Evening Short Reading:

Then shall I breathe in sweetest sharing, then
Think in harmonious consort with my kin;
Then shall I love well all my father's men,
Feel one with theirs the life my heart within.
O brothers, sisters holy, hearts divine,
Then I shall be all yours, and nothing mine—
To every human heart a mother-twin.
George MacDonald, *Diary of an Old Soul*

Vow Prayer: Lord, you alone are holy and worthy of all praise. Increase in us a sense of awe in your presence. Let the light of your holiness shine through us that all may glorify you. Amen.

Evening Gospel: Luke 22:66-71

The Gospel of the Lord.

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For kingdom, power and glory belong to you for ever and ever.
Amen.

Evening Psalm: Psalm 119: 1-8

Aleph

Joyful are people of integrity,
 who follow the instructions of the Lord.
Joyful are those who obey his laws
 and search for him with all their hearts.
They do not compromise with evil,
 and they walk only in his paths.
You have charged us
 to keep your commandments carefully.
Oh, that my actions would consistently
 reflect your decrees!
Then I will not be ashamed
 when I compare my life with your commands.
As I learn your righteous regulations,
 I will thank you by living as I should!
I will obey your decrees.
 Please don't give up on me!

Intercession:

Concluding Prayer: Lord Jesus stay with us, for evening is at hand and the day is past. Be our companion in the way, kindle our hearts and awaken hope, that we may know you as you are revealed in Scripture and the breaking of bread. Grant this for the sake of your love.
Amen.

November 28, 2012

Morning

Call To Prayer: In the morning, O Lord, you hear my voice,* In the morning I lay my requests before you and wait in expectation.

Vow: In a world where anything goes, we'll live faithfully toward God, others, and ourselves.

Scripture Related to the Vow: Acts 2:1-4

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Morning Short Reading:

When...you would represent to your mind, how Christians ought to live unto God, and in what degrees of wisdom and holiness they ought to use the things of this life, you must not look at the world, but you must look up to God, and the society of Angels, and think what wisdom and holiness is fit to prepare you for such a state of glory.

William Law, *A Serious Call to a Devout and Holy Life*

Vow Prayer: Lord, you alone are holy and worthy of all praise. Increase in us a sense of awe in your presence. Let the light of your holiness shine through us that all may glorify you. Amen.

Morning Gospel: Luke 23:1-25

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to You, Lord Christ.

And now, with the words Jesus taught us, we are bold to pray:

Lord's Prayer:

Our Father in heaven. Let your holiness be revealed
Let your kingdom come. Let your will be done on earth as in heaven
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Keep us from temptation and Rescue us from evil.
For kingdom, power and glory belong to you for ever and ever.
Amen.

Morning Psalm: Psalm 119: 9-16

Beth

How can a young person stay pure?

By obeying your word.

I have tried hard to find you—

don't let me wander from your commands.

I have hidden your word in my heart,

that I might not sin against you.

I praise you, O Lord;

teach me your decrees.

I have recited aloud

all the regulations you have given us.

I have rejoiced in your laws

as much as in riches.

I will study your commandments

and reflect on your ways.

I will delight in your decrees
and not forget your word.

Intercession:

Concluding Prayer: Lord God, Almighty and Everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day. Preserve us with your mighty power that we may not fall into sin nor be overcome by adversity and in all we do direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Midday

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Evening

Call To Prayer: Our help is in the name of the Lord* The Maker of heaven and earth

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Evening Short Reading:

Presenting myself to God implies a recognition that I am altogether His. This giving of myself is a definite thing, just as definite as reckoning. There must be a day in my life when I pass out of my own hands into His, and from that day forward I belong to Him and no longer to myself.

Watchman Nee, *The Normal Christian Life*

Vow Prayer: Lord, you alone are holy and worthy of all praise. Increase in us a sense of awe in your presence. Let the light of your holiness shine through us that all may glorify you. Amen.

Evening Gospel: Luke 23:26-43

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to You, Lord Christ.

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Lord's Prayer:

Our Father in heaven. Let your holiness be revealed
Let your kingdom come. Let your will be done on earth as in heaven
Give us today our daily bread. Erase our debts as we erase the debts of others.
Keep us from temptation and Rescue us from evil.
For kingdom, power and glory belong to you for ever and ever.
Amen.

Evening Psalm: Psalm 119: 17-24

Gimel

Be good to your servant,
that I may live and obey your word.
Open my eyes to see
the wonderful truths in your instructions.
I am only a foreigner in the land.
Don't hide your commands from me!
I am always overwhelmed
with a desire for your regulations.
You rebuke the arrogant;
those who wander from your commands are cursed.
Don't let them scorn and insult me,
for I have obeyed your laws.
Even princes sit and speak against me,
but I will meditate on your decrees.
Your laws please me;
they give me wise advice.

Intercession:

Concluding Prayer: Lord Jesus stay with us, for evening is at hand and the day is past. Be our companion in the way, kindle our hearts and awaken hope, that we may know you as you are revealed in Scripture and the breaking of bread. Grant this for the sake of your love.
Amen.

November 29, 2012

Morning

Call To Prayer: In the morning, O Lord, you hear my voice,* In the morning I lay my requests before you and wait in expectation.

Vow: In a world where anything goes, we'll live faithfully toward God, others, and ourselves.

Scripture Related to the Vow: Acts 2:1-4

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Morning Short Reading:

You must look to all the highest precepts of the Gospel, you must examine yourself by the spirit of Christ, you must think how the wisest men in the world have lived, you must think how departed souls would live if they were again to act the short part of human life; you must think what degrees of wisdom and holiness you will wish for, when you are leaving the world.

William Law, *A Serious Call to a Devout and Holy Life*

Vow Prayer: Lord, you alone are holy and worthy of all praise. Increase in us a sense of awe in your presence. Let the light of your holiness shine through us that all may glorify you. Amen.

Morning Gospel: Luke 23:44-56

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to You, Lord Christ.

And now, with the words Jesus taught us, we are bold to pray:

Lord's Prayer:

Our Father in heaven. Let your holiness be revealed
Let your kingdom come. Let your will be done on earth as in heaven
Give us today our daily bread. Erase our debts as we erase the debts of others.
Keep us from temptation and Rescue us from evil.
For kingdom, power and glory belong to you for ever and ever.
Amen.

Morning Psalm: Psalm 119: 25-32

Daleth

I lie in the dust;
revive me by your word.
I told you my plans, and you answered.
Now teach me your decrees.
Help me understand the meaning of your commandments,
and I will meditate on your wonderful deeds.
I weep with sorrow;
encourage me by your word.
Keep me from lying to myself;
give me the privilege of knowing your instructions.
I have chosen to be faithful;
I have determined to live by your regulations.

I cling to your laws.
Lord, don't let me be put to shame!
I will pursue your commands,
for you expand my understanding.

Intercession:

Concluding Prayer: Lord God, Almighty and Everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day. Preserve us with your mighty power that we may not fall into sin nor be overcome by adversity and in all we do direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Midday

Vow: In a world where anything goes, we'll live faithfully toward God, others, and ourselves.

Vow Prayer: Lord, you alone are holy and worthy of all praise. Increase in us a sense of awe in your presence. Let the light of your holiness shine through us that all may glorify you. Amen.

Evening

Call To Prayer: Our help is in the name of the Lord* The Maker of heaven and earth

Vow: In a world where anything goes, we'll live faithfully toward God, others, and ourselves.

Scripture Related to the Vow: Acts 2:1-4

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Evening Short Reading:

To whom can I expound, and with what words can I express, the weight of cupidity pulling us downwards into the precipitous abyss and the lifting up of love given by your Spirit who was "borne above the waters"? To whom can I communicate this?...The impurity of our spirit flows downwards because of our love of anxieties, and the holiness which is yours draws us upwards in a love of freedom from anxiety.
St. Augustine, *Confessions*

Vow Prayer: Lord, you alone are holy and worthy of all praise. Increase in us a sense of awe in your presence. Let the light of your holiness shine through us that all may glorify you. Amen.

Evening Gospel: Luke 24:1-12

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to You, Lord Christ.

And now, with the words Jesus taught us, we are bold to pray:

Lord's Prayer:

Our Father in heaven. Let your holiness be revealed
Let your kingdom come. Let your will be done on earth as in heaven
Give us today our daily bread. Erase our debts as we erase the debts of others.
Keep us from temptation and Rescue us from evil.
For kingdom, power and glory belong to you for ever and ever.
Amen.

Evening Psalm: Psalm 119: 33-40

He

Teach me your decrees, O Lord;
I will keep them to the end.
Give me understanding and I will obey your instructions;
I will put them into practice with all my heart.
Make me walk along the path of your commands,
for that is where my happiness is found.
Give me an eagerness for your laws
rather than a love for money!
Turn my eyes from worthless things,
and give me life through your word.
Reassure me of your promise,
made to those who fear you.
Help me abandon my shameful ways;
for your regulations are good.
I long to obey your commandments!
Renew my life with your goodness.

Intercession:

Concluding Prayer: Lord Jesus stay with us, for evening is at hand and the day is past. Be our companion in the way, kindle our hearts and awaken hope, that we may know you as you are revealed in Scripture and the breaking of bread. Grant this for the sake of your love.
Amen.

November 30, 2012

Morning

Call To Prayer: In the morning, O Lord, you hear my voice,* In the morning I lay my requests before you and wait in expectation.

Vow: In a world where anything goes, we'll live faithfully toward God, others, and ourselves.

Scripture Related to the Vow: Acts 2:1-4

On the day of Pentecost all the believers were meeting together in one place. Suddenly, there was a sound from heaven like the roaring of a mighty windstorm, and it filled the house where they were sitting. Then, what looked like flames or tongues of fire appeared and settled on each of them. And everyone present was filled with the Holy Spirit and began speaking in other languages, as the Holy Spirit gave them this ability.

Morning Short Reading:

...Be everywhere in the spirit of devotion; with hearts always set toward Heaven, looking up to God in all our actions, and doing everything as His servants; living in the world as in a holy temple of God, and always worshipping Him, though not with our lips, yet with the thankfulness of our hearts, the holiness of our actions, and the pious and charitable use of all His gifts.

William Law, *A Serious Call to a Devout and Holy Life*

Vow Prayer: Lord, you alone are holy and worthy of all praise. Increase in us a sense of awe in your presence. Let the light of your holiness shine through us that all may glorify you. Amen.

Morning Gospel: Luke 24:13-34

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to You, Lord Christ.

And now, with the words Jesus taught us, we are bold to pray:

Lord's Prayer:

Our Father in heaven. Let your holiness be revealed
Let your kingdom come. Let your will be done on earth as in heaven
Give us today our daily bread. Erase our debts as we erase the debts of others.
Keep us from temptation and Rescue us from evil.
For kingdom, power and glory belong to you for ever and ever.
Amen.

Morning Psalm: Psalm 119: 41-48

Waw

Lord, give me your unfailing love,
the salvation that you promised me.
Then I can answer those who taunt me,
for I trust in your word.
Do not snatch your word of truth from me,
for your regulations are my only hope.
I will keep on obeying your instructions
forever and ever.
I will walk in freedom,
for I have devoted myself to your commandments.
I will speak to kings about your laws,
and I will not be ashamed.
How I delight in your commands!

How I love them!
I honor and love your commands.
I meditate on your decrees.

Intercession:

Concluding Prayer: Lord God, Almighty and Everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day. Preserve us with your mighty power that we may not fall into sin nor be overcome by adversity and in all we do direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Midday

Vow: In a world where anything goes, we'll live faithfully toward God, others, and ourselves.

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Evening

Call To Prayer: Our help is in the name of the Lord* The Maker of heaven and earth

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Evening Short Reading:

As certain...as the same holiness of prayers requires the same holiness of life, so certain is it, that all Christians are called to the same holiness of life. A soldier, or a tradesman, is not called to minister at the altar, or preach the Gospel; but every soldier or tradesman is as much obliged to be devout, humble, holy, and heavenly minded, in all the parts of his common life, as a clergyman is obliged to be zealous, faithful, and laborious, in all parts of his profession.

William Law, A Serious Call to a Devout and Holy Life

Vow Prayer: Lord, you alone are holy and worthy of all praise. Increase in us a sense of awe in your presence. Let the light of your holiness shine through us that all may glorify you. Amen.

Evening Gospel: Luke 24:35-53

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to You, Lord Christ.

And now, with the words Jesus taught us, we are bold to pray:

Lord's Prayer:

Our Father in heaven. Let your holiness be revealed
Let your kingdom come. Let your will be done on earth as in heaven
Give us today our daily bread. Erase our debts as we erase the debts of others.
Keep us from temptation and Rescue us from evil.
For kingdom, power and glory belong to you for ever and ever.
Amen.

Evening Psalm: Psalm 119: 49-56

Zayin

Remember your promise to me;
it is my only hope.
Your promise revives me;
it comforts me in all my troubles.
The proud hold me in utter contempt,
but I do not turn away from your instructions.
I meditate on your age-old regulations;
O Lord, they comfort me.
I become furious with the wicked,
because they reject your instructions.
Your decrees have been the theme of my songs
wherever I have lived.
I reflect at night on who you are, O Lord;
therefore, I obey your instructions.
This is how I spend my life:
obeying your commandments.

Intercession:

Concluding Prayer: Lord Jesus stay with us, for evening is at hand and the day is past. Be our companion in the way, kindle our hearts and awaken hope, that we may know you as you are revealed in Scripture and the breaking of bread. Grant this for the sake of your love.
Amen.