

A SUMMER OF PRAYER

SUMMER 2021 SERMON SERIES: THE PRAYERS OF THE BIBLE



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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Clement of Rome (1st century)

O God Almighty, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Grant us, we pray, to be grounded and settled in your truth by the coming down of the Holy Spirit into our hearts. That which we know not, reveal; that which is wanting in us, fill up; that which we know, confirm; and keep us blameless in your service; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PRELUDE

Sweet Hour of Prayer
What a Friend

William M. Felton, 1985
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THE WELCOME

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Our God is full of compassion, long-suffering, and abounding in mercy.

People: Your merciful promise is beyond all measure; it surpasses all that our minds can fathom.

Leader: And now, O Lord, we humble our hearts, sure of your gracious goodness.

People: For all the hosts of heaven sing your praises, and your glory is forever and ever.

* Please stand if you are able.

* HYMN OF PRAISE, No. 436

God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us

Tune: O QUANTA QUALIA



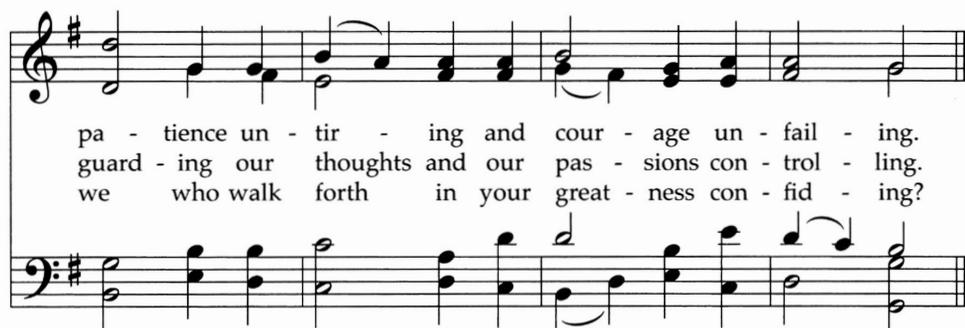
1 God of com - pas - sion, in mer - cy be - friend us,
2 Though we are lost, you have sought us and found us,
3 How shall we stray, with your hand to di - rect us,



giv - er of grace for our needs all - a - vail - ing.
stilled our rude hearts with your word of con - sol - ing.
you who the stars in their cours - es are guid - ing?



Wis - dom and strength for each day ev - er send us,
Wrap now your peace, like a man - tle, a - round us,
What shall we fear, with your power to pro - tect us,



pa - tience un - tir - ing and cour - age un - fail - ing.
guard - ing our thoughts and our pas - sions con - trol - ling.
we who walk forth in your great - ness con - fid - ing?

* Please stand if you are able.

* CALL TO CONFESSION

God our Creator, your kindness has brought us the gift of a new morning. Help us to leave yesterday and not to covet tomorrow but to accept the uniqueness of today.

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(Silence)

O Lord, by your love celebrated in your Word, seen in your Son, brought near by your Spirit, take from us what we need to carry no longer, so that we may be free again to choose to serve you and to be served by each other.

(Silence)

* SUNG INVOCATION (please repeat twice)

Tune: SARADAY

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God; Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O
God; Cre - ate in me a clean hear, O God, _____ and re -
new a right spir - it _____ with - in me. _____ (repeat)

* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: I believe that God forgives and sets us free.

People: **We believe that God forgives and sets us free; and at this day's morning worship, we commit ourselves to following where Christ calls and to loving one another. Amen.**

* SUNG RESPONSE

TUNE: CONVERSE

***What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
What privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit; O what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer!***

* Please stand if you are able.

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

A READING FROM SCRIPTURE

Psalm 51: 1-12, 17

Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy
blot out my transgressions.

Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin.

For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is ever before me.

Against you, you alone, have I sinned,
and done what is evil in your sight,
so that you are justified in your sentence
and blameless when you pass judgment.

Indeed, I was born guilty,
a sinner when my mother conceived me.

You desire truth in the inward being;
therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.

Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Let me hear joy and gladness;
let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.

Hide your face from my sins,
and blot out all my iniquities.

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and put a new and right spirit within me.

Do not cast me away from your presence,
and do not take your holy spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and sustain in me a willing spirit.

The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"The Prayer of David"

Rev. Clinton G. Roberts

* HYMN, No. 442 (stanzas 1 & 3)

Just as I Am, without One Plea

Tune: WOODWORTH

1 Just as I am, with - out one plea but that thy
3 Just as I am, thou wilt re - ceive, wilt wel - come,
blood was shed for me, and that thou biddest me
par - don, cleanse, re - lieve; be - cause thy prom - ise
come to thee,
I be - lieve, O Lamb of God, I come; I come!

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;

and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

OFFERING

Create in Me a Clean Heart

Robert J. Powell, 2008

* DOXOLOGY

Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God from whom all blessing flow.

Praise God all creatures here below.

Praise God above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

* CLOSING PRAYER

* HYMN OF SENDING, No. 435

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

Tune: IN BABILONE

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'There's a Wideness in God's Mercy'. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. Both staves are in the key of D major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

1 There's a wide - ness in God's mer - cy, like the wide - ness
2 For the love of God is broad - er than the mea - sures

* Please stand if you are able.

of the sea. There's a kind-ness in God's jus-tice,
of the mind. And the heart of the E-ter-nal

which is more than lib-er-ty. There is no place where earth's
is most won-der-ful-ly kind. If our love were but more

sor-rows are more felt than up in heaven. There is no place
faith-ful, we would glad-ly trust God's Word, and our lives re-

where earth's fail-ings have such kind-ly judg-ment given.
flect thanks-giv-ing for the good-ness of our Lord.

*** BENEDICTION**

*** POSTLUDE**

Tocatta in Seven

John Rutter, 1975

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