



MORNING PRAYER AND HOLY COMMUNION AT NINE
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UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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The Second Sunday in Lent

PRELUDE

Give Me Jesus

Spiritual

This morning's prelude is especially poignant for the season of Lent.

Below is the text of the spiritual which may aid in its relevance, and deepen our understanding of its meaning.

1. In the morning, when I rise, in the morning, when I rise, in the morning, when I rise, give me Jesus.	<i>Refrain: Give me Jesus. give me Jesus, you may have all this world, give me Jesus.</i>	2. Dark midnight was my cry, dark midnight was my cry, dark midnight was my cry, give me Jesus. <i>[Refrain]</i>	3. Oh, when I come to die, oh, when I come to die, oh, when I come to die, give me Jesus. <i>[Refrain]</i>
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* PSALM OF THE DAY Psalm 27 (*read responsively by verse*)

L: The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?

P: When evildoers assail me to devour my flesh— my adversaries and foes— they shall stumble and fall.

L: Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war rise up against me,
yet I will be confident.

**P: One thing I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after: to live in the house of the LORD
all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in God's temple.**

L: For in the day of trouble you shall keep me safe in your shelter;
you shall hide me in the secrecy of your dwelling and set me high upon on rock.

**P: Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me,
and I will offer in God's tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the LORD.**

L: Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud, be gracious to me and answer me!

P: "Come," my heart says, "seek his face!" Your face, LORD, do I seek.

L: Do not hide your face from me. Do not turn your servant away in anger, you who have been my help.
Do not cast me off, do not forsake me, O God of my salvation!

P: If my father and mother forsake me, the LORD will take me up.

L: Teach me your way, O LORD, and lead me on a level path because of my enemies.

**P: Do not give me up to the will of my adversaries, for false witnesses have risen against me,
and they are breathing out violence.**

L: I believe that I shall see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.

P: Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD!

THE FIRST READING Genesis 15:1–12, 17–18

After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

(The reading continues on the reverse)

