

Training Conference

How to Study the Bible

Morning Devotions 4

The leader says the lines in *italics*.

Psalm

O Lord, open our lips.

And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit;*

As it was in the beginning, is now,
and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Alleluia!

Psalm 33

¹ *Shout for joy in the LORD, O you righteous!*

Praise befits the upright.

² *Give thanks to the LORD with the lyre;*

make melody to him with the harp of ten strings!

³ *Sing to him a new song;*

play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.

⁴ *For the word of the LORD is upright,*

and all his work is done in faithfulness.

⁵ *He loves righteousness and justice;*

the earth is full of the steadfast love of the LORD.

⁶ *By the word of the LORD the heavens were made,*

and by the breath of his mouth all their host.

⁷ *He gathers the waters of the sea as a heap;*

he puts the deeps in storehouses.

⁸ *Let all the earth fear the LORD;*

let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him!

⁹ *For he spoke, and it came to be;*

he commanded, and it stood firm.

¹⁰ *The LORD brings the counsel of the nations to nothing;*

he frustrates the plans of the peoples.

¹¹ *The counsel of the LORD stands forever,*
the plans of his heart to all generations.

¹² *Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD,*
the people whom he has chosen as his heritage!

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit;

As it was in the beginning, is now,
and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Creed

Christian, what do you believe?

I believe in God the Father almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven and is seated
at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there he shall come to judge
the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Let us pray.

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 and ever. Amen.

*O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer;
 give ear, O God of Jacob!*

Psalm 84:8

Collect of the Day

Almighty God,
 whose most dear Son went not up to joy
 but first he suffered pain, and entered not
 into glory before he was crucified:

Mercifully grant that we,
 walking in the way of the Cross, may find it
 none other than the way of life and peace;
 Through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Closing Collect

*Almighty God, who alone gave us the breath of life,
 and alone can keep alive in us
 the holy desires you impart;*

*We beg you, for your compassion's sake
 to sanctify all our thoughts and endeavors;
 that we may neither begin an action without
 a pure intention nor continue it without your blessing.*

*And grant that, having the eyes of the mind
opened to behold things invisible and unseen,
we may in heart be inspired by your wisdom,
and in work be upheld by your strength,
and in the end be accepted by you as your faithful servants;
Through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.*