



# RECITATIONS

**August 2025 – June 2026**

**Lyrics from the New King James Version  
Music composed by Kären Childs Elder**



*"You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart,  
with all your soul and with all your strength."  
Deut. 6:5*

*"Oh, sing to the LORD a new song! For He  
has done marvelous things."  
Psalm 98:1*

*"I will extol You, my God, O King; and I will  
bless Your name forever and ever. Every  
day I will bless You, and I will praise Your  
name forever and ever."  
Psalm 145.1*



# RECITATION SONGS

## OAK ARBOR MONTESSORI SCHOOL

### 2025-2026

#### INTRODUCTION

Each day at School, in **classroom worship**, **chapel**, or in a **closing circle** at the end of the day, we recite or sing a selection from the Word. There are many reasons for this. The quotations from the teachings of our church below give a little perspective.

We also encourage families to learn and recite or sing these scriptural verses together at home. Try introducing them at **meal times**, during **family worship**, or at **bedtime**.

From time to time during the year we will ask students to sing some of these recitation songs during **Sunday worship services**.

A huge **thank you!** to **Kären Childs Elder** for her energy and creativity in composing these songs and teaching them to our students.

#### WHY MEMORIZE VERSES FROM THE WORD?

"The facts that are acquired in childhood are very many indeed, but the Lord arranges them into order, so that they may serve a use - first to enable the person to think; then so that through thinking those facts may be of use; and at length so that the following may be accomplished, namely, that a person's very life may consist in use and be a life of uses. These are the things effected by the facts which a person absorbs in childhood."

*Arcana Caelestia 1487*

"Truths as stated in the literal sense of the Word, which have been stored away in the natural person's memory, form so to speak a field there for the contemplation of the internal person into whom light from heaven flows. From this field the internal chooses such things as are in agreement with the good within, just as a person's eye selects from a cultivated field such things growing there as will help him to perform his duties in life."

*Arcana Caelestia 9035*

"A person learns [truths] and stores them in the memory; but as long as they are not in the person's will and the person does not therefore do them, they do not come to have any life in them. When however they are brought out of store in the memory and introduced by way of the understanding into the will, that is, through thought into affection and

therefore into action, they come to have life in them and to be truths of faith.”

*Arcana Caelestia 8881*

**Notes:**

- *These recitations are formatted primarily to be read and memorized as quotations from the Word. Some special formatting has been done to help in learning the song lyrics, which sometimes vary slightly from the New King James version.*
- *The name “LORD” (in all caps) refers to the Hebrew for “Jehovah”.*
- ***All these recitations are on the album “Lift Up My Eyes” by Karen Childs Elder, starting with track #24.*** This year’s recitations will be introduced on Wednesdays

**Dates:**

<b>#24:</b> 8/27-9/3	<b>#36:</b> 2/18-2/25
<b>#25:</b> 9/3-9/17	<b>#37:</b> 2/25-3/11
<b>#26:</b> 9/17-10/8	<b>#38:</b> 3/11-3/18
<b>#27:</b> 10/8-10/15	<b>#39:</b> 3/18-4/8
<b>#28:</b> 10/15-10/29	<b>#40:</b> 4/8-4/15
<b>#29:</b> 10/29-11/12	<b>#41:</b> 4/15-4/29
<b>#30:</b> 11/12-11/26	<b>#42:</b> 4/29-5/6
<b>#31:</b> 12/3-12/19	<b>#43:</b> 5/6-5/20
<b>#32:</b> 1/7-1/21	<b>#44:</b> 5/20-5/27
<b>#33:</b> 1/21-1/28	<b>#45:</b> 5/27-6/3
<b>#34:</b> 1/28-2/4	<b>#46:</b> 6/3-6/10
<b>#35:</b> 2/4-2/18	

**#24 – The Bread of God**

Do not labor for the food which perishes, but for the food which endures. The bread of God is He who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.

*John 6:27,33*

## **#25 – Find a Place for the LORD**

Surely I will not go into the chamber of my house, or go up to the comfort of my bed; I will not give sleep to my eyes or slumber to my eyelids, until I find a place for the Lord, a dwelling place for the mighty One of Jacob.

*Psalm 132:3-5*

## **#26 – Five Thousand Filled**

Then Jesus lifted up His eyes, and seeing a multitude coming toward Him, He said “Where shall we buy bread?” But this He said to test, for He Himself knew what He would do.

“There is a lad here who has five barley loaves and two small fish, but what are they among so many, five thousand?”

And Jesus took the loaves, and when He had given thanks, distributed them and likewise of the fish. So when they were filled, He said, “Gather up the fragments that remain, so nothing is lost.” They gathered and filled twelve baskets were left over.

“This is truly the Prophet come into the world.”

*John 6:5-6, 9-14*

## **#27 – Seek Good**

Seek good not evil, that you may live;  
so the Lord God of Hosts will be with you.  
Love good; establish justice in the gate.  
For I will pass through you.

*Amos 5:14-15, 17*

## **#28 – I Remember**

I remember the days of old; I muse on the work of Your hands. I spread out my hands to You. My soul longs for You like a thirsty land.

I will sing a new song to You, O God; on a harp of ten strings I will sing to the One who gives salvation to kings.

*Psalm 143:5-6; 144:9-10*

## **#29 – Strength in My Soul**

In the day when I cried out, You answered me, and made me bold with strength in my soul.

Though the Lord is on high, yet He regards the lowly.

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, You will revive me.

*Psalm 138:3,6,7*

## **#30 – Bring an Offering (Thanksgiving)**

Give to the Lord the glory due His name; bring an offering.

Proclaim the good news of His salvation from day to day.

The Lord is great and greatly to be praised.

The Lord made the heavens. Honor and majesty are before Him; strength and beauty in His sanctuary.

*Psalm 96:2,4,5,6,8*

### **#31 – Mary Kept All These Things (Christmas)**

Mary kept all these things and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen.

Simeon was waiting when the parents brought the Child. He took Him up in his arms and said, “My eyes have seen Your salvation, a light to bring revelation.”

And Joseph marveled at those things which were spoken of Him.

And when He was twelve, they went up to the feast. The boy Jesus lingered. And they returned to Jerusalem. They found Him in the temple. And all who heard Him were astonished at His answers.

*Luke 2:19-47*

### **#32 – Praise the LORD**

He sends out His command;  
He gives snow like wool;  
He scatters frost like ashes;  
Casts out hail like morsels.

Praise the Lord from the heavens;  
Praise Him in the heights!  
Praise Him, sun and moon;  
Praise Him, all you stars of light.

Praise the Lord from the earth,  
You great sea creatures,  
Fire and hail, snow and clouds;  
Creeping things and flying fowl.

*Psalms 147:15-17; 148:1,3,7,8,15*

### **#33 – The Light of Life**

“I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness but have the light of life.”

*John 8:12*

### **#34 – Whatever the LORD Pleases**

Whatever the Lord pleases He does in heaven and in earth, in the seas

and in all the deep places. He causes vapors to ascend from the ends of the earth.

He makes lightning for the rain; He brings the wind out of His treasury.

*Psalms 135:6-7*

### **#35 – Heart of Flesh**

Then I will give them one heart, and I'll put a new spirit within them and take the stony heart out of their flesh and give them a heart of flesh,

that they may walk in My statutes and keep My judgments and do them; and be My people, and I will be their God.

*Ezekiel 11:19-20*

### **#36 – The LORD Looks at the Heart**

The Lord does not see as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.

*1 Samuel 16:7*

### **#37 – If Anyone Thirsts**

On the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out saying, “If anyone thirsts, let Him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.” This He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing, would receive.

*John 7:37-39*

### **#38 – You Are the Christ**

“The words that I speak to you are spirit and they are life.”

“You have the words of eternal life. You are the Christ.”

*John 6:63, 68-69*

### **#39 – I Am Ascending (Easter)**

Mary stood outside the tomb weeping; as she wept she saw two angels sitting where Jesus had lain. They said,

“Woman, why are you weeping?”

She said, “Because they have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid Him.”

She turned around and saw Jesus standing there, and did not know it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?”

She said, “If you have carried Him away, tell me where and I will take Him.”

Jesus said, “Mary.”

She turned and said, “Rabboni!”

Jesus said, “Do not cling, but go and tell My brethren and say to them, “I am ascending.”

*John 20:11-17*

### **#40 – Kingdom Within**

The kingdom of God does not come with observation; nor will they say, “See here!” or “See there!” for indeed, the kingdom of God is within you.

*Luke 17:20-21*



## **#41 – We Hung Our Harps**

We hung our harps upon the willows; for there those who carried us away captive asked of us a song, by the rivers of Babylon.

There we sat down, yea, we wept when we remembered Zion. And those who plundered us requested mirth, saying, “Sing us one of the songs of Zion!”

How can we sing the Lord’s song in a foreign land? Let my right hand forget its skill if I do not remember You.

*Psalms 137:1-4, 5*

## **#42 – The Father is in Me**

“I and My Father are one. Believe the works, that you may know and believe that the Father is in Me.”

*John 10:30,38*

## **#43 – O Give Thanks**

Oh, give thanks to the Lord of lords! For His mercy endures. To Him who made great lights, the sun to rule by day, the moon and stars to rule by night, to Him who divided the Red Sea in two, and made Israel pass through.

*Ps. 136:3,7-9,13*

## **#44 – You Are There**

Where can I go from Your spirit? Or where can I flee?

If I ascend into heaven, You are there;

If I make my bed in hell, behold, You are there.

If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, You are there.

If I say, “Surely the darkness shall fall on me,” even the night shall be light. When I awake I am still with You.

*Psalms 139:7-9, 11*

## **#45 – The Truth Shall Make You Free**

If you abide in My word, you are my disciples indeed, and you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

*John 8:31-32*

## **#46 – The People Shall Flow to It (New Church Day)**

Now it shall come to pass that the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established on the top of the mountain, and shall be exalted above the hills.

And the people shall flow to it. "Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord!"

*Micah 4:1-2*

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### **Table Blessings to Say or Sing**

O LORD, save Your people, and bless Your inheritance; and feed them and lift them up forever. Amen Psalm 28:9

Taste and see that the LORD is good; blessed is the one who trusts in Him! Amen Psalm 34:8

Bless the LORD, O my soul; and all that is within me bless His holy name!

Bless the LORD, O my soul; and forget not all His benefits. Amen Psalm 103:1,2

O give thanks unto the LORD, for He is good!  
For His mercy is forever. Amen Psalm 107:1

Ho-dhoo lai-HO-WAH, ki Tov;  
Kil'-o-lam chas-do. Amen

Psalm 107:1

O give thanks, O give thanks, O give thanks unto the LORD,  
for He is gracious and His mercy endureth forever and ever.  
Amen

Psalm 107:1

Thank you LORD, for Your goodness and Your wonderful  
works to the children of men. Amen

Psalm 107:8

The LORD has remembered us. He will bless us. And we will  
bless the LORD from this time forth and forever. Amen

Based on Psalm 115

This is the day which the LORD has made; we will rejoice and  
be glad in it. Amen

Psalm 118:24

The eyes of all wait upon You; and You give them their food  
in its season. You open Your hand and satisfy the desire of  
every living thing. Amen

Psalm 145:15-16

### **Scripture Verses to Recite Before the Lord's Prayer**

(Leader says first stanza, others say second)

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be  
acceptable in Your sight, O LORD, my rock and my  
Redeemer. (Psalm 19:14)

*God be merciful to us and bless us and cause His  
face to shine upon us. (Psalm 67:1)*

I will lift up my eyes to the mountains. From whence comes  
my help?

*My help is from the LORD who made the heavens and  
the earth. (Psalm 121:1,2)*

Give ear to my prayer, O LORD.

*And attend to the voice of my supplications. (Psalm 86:6)*

O LORD, open our lips,

*And our mouths shall show forth Your praise. (Psalm 51:15)*

### **Scripture Verses to Recite After the Lord's Prayer**

(Leader says first stanza, others say second)

O LORD, I will abide in Your Tabernacle forever.

*I will trust in the shelter of Your wings. (Psalm 61:4)*

Send us the spirit of truth.

*And grant us Your peace. (cp. John 14:26,27)*

Keep us in Your name, O Lord.

*Sanctify us by Your truth. (cp. John 17:11,17)*

Let Your words abide in us, O Lord,

*For without You we can do nothing. (cp. John 15:5)*

## **The Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, who art in the heavens, hallowed be Thy name.  
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven so upon  
the earth. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us  
our debts as we also 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.

*This version of The Lord's Prayer is taken from the Gospel of Matthew (6:9-13) and maintains the order and structure given to us in the original language.*