

## CONCLUDING PRAYER

Almighty God,  
our hope and our strength,  
without you we falter.  
Help us to follow Christ  
and to live according to your will.  
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit  
God, for ever and ever.

## BLESSING

Let us praise the Lord.  
— And give him thanks.

## SUNDAY MIDAFTERNOON PRAYER for ORDINARY TIME WEEK III



## INTROIT

God, come to my assistance.  
— Lord, make haste to help me.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
— as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

## HYMN

Breathe on me, breath of God,  
fill me with life anew,  
that I may love the things You love,  
and do what You would do.

Breathe on me, breath of God,  
until my heart is pure,  
until with You I have one will,  
to live and to endure.

Breathe on me, breath of God,  
my soul with grace refine,  
until this earthly part of me,  
glows with Your fire divine.

Breathe on me, breath of God,  
so I shall never die,  
but live with You the perfect life  
in Your eternity.

## PSALMODY

### Psalm 118: Song of Joy for Salvation

This Jesus is the stone which, rejected by you builders, has become the chief stone supporting all the rest (Acts 4:11)

**Antiphon 1: In my distress, I called on the Lord, and he heard my cry, alleluia.**

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,  
for his love endures forever.

Let the sons of Israel say:  
His love endures forever.

Let the sons of Aaron say:  
His love endures forever.

Let those who fear the Lord say:  
His love endures forever.

I called to the Lord in my distress;  
he answered and freed me.

The Lord is at my side; I do not fear.  
what can man do against me?

The Lord is at my side as my helper;  
I shall look down on my foes.

It is better to take refuge in the Lord  
than to trust in men;  
it is better to take refuge in the Lord  
than to trust in princes.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
— as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

**Antiphon 1: In my distress, I called on the Lord, and he heard my cry, alleluia.**

**Antiphon 2: The Lord's right hand has raised me up, alleluia.**

The nations all encompassed me;  
in the Lord's name I crushed them.  
They compassed me, compassed me about;  
in the Lord's name I crushed them.  
They compassed me about like bees;  
they blazed like a fire among thorns.  
In the Lord's name I crushed them.

I was thrust down, thrust down and falling,  
but the Lord was my helper.  
The Lord is my strength and my song;  
he is my savior.  
There are shouts of joy and victory  
in the tents of the just.

The Lord's right hand has triumphed;  
his right hand raised me.  
The Lord's right hand has triumphed;  
I shall not die, I shall live  
and recount his deeds.  
I was punished, I was punished by the Lord,  
but not doomed to die.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
— as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

**Antiphon 2: The Lord's right hand has raised me up, alleluia.**

**Antiphon 3: The Lord our God has let his light shine upon us, alleluia.**

Open to me the gates of holiness:  
I will enter and give thanks.  
This is the Lord's own gate  
where the just may enter.  
I will thank you for you have answered  
and you are my savior.

The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the corner stone.  
This is the work of the Lord,  
a marvel in our eyes.  
This day was made by the Lord;  
we rejoice and are glad.

O Lord, grant us salvation;  
O Lord, grant success.  
Blessed in the name of the Lord  
is he who comes.  
We bless you from the house of the Lord;  
the Lord God is our light.

Go forward in procession with branches  
even to the altar.  
You are my God, I thank you.  
My God, I praise you.  
Give thanks to the Lord for he is good;  
for his love endures forever.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
— as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

**Antiphon 3: The Lord our God has let his light shine upon us, alleluia.**

## READING

### 2 Timothy 1:9

God has saved us and called us to a holy life, not according to our works but according to his own design and the grace bestowed on us in Christ Jesus before time began.

## SACRED SILENCE

Confiding in the Lord's guidance, they feared nothing.  
— He led them into his holy land.