



To Benefit the Beth-El Center of Milford

The Beth-El Center is a recognized leader in caring for and meeting the needs of the hungry and homeless and strives to prevent and end homelessness. It serves individuals and families by providing temporary shelter and feeds up to 75 persons daily in the soup kitchen. To learn more, visit www.bethelmilford.org.

Join us for a Worthy Cause

- Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. at Lisman Landing, Milford, CT
- Kids FUN RUN Begins at 8:45 a.m.
- Race Begins at 9:00 a.m.
- Wear your favorite Halloween costume, form a team
- Best costume prizes
- Breakfast after the race
- Music by the Elwoods
- Awards to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place male and female winners by age group
- Questions? Send an e-mail to info@milfordtrickortrot.com

Registration

\$27.00 pre-registration fee receives a race number and t-shirt.
 \$30.00 fee for same day registration.
 Please make checks payable to "Milford Trick or Trot".
 To register, please fill in the form below and mail to:
 Milford Trick or Trot
 P.O. Box 427
 Milford, CT 06460.
 Or Register online at www.milfordtrickortrot.com.



All participants are asked to bring a non-perishable food item as a donation to the Beth-El Center.

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7th Annual Milford Trick or Trot 5K Run/Walk - Registration Form

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____
 Address: _____ City, State, Zip: _____
 Phone #: _____ E-mail: _____

Male Female Age: _____ Age on race day
 Shirt Size: S M L XL XXL

Release: I know that participating in this fitness event is a potentially hazardous activity. I will not enter and compete unless I am medically able and properly trained. I assume all risks with participating in this event, including but not limited to falls, contact with other participants effects of the weather including high heat, humidity, traffic, and the conditions of the course. I legally waive and release any and all rights and claims for damages I may have against Beth-El and their representatives, successors, assigns and sponsors for any and all injuries suffered by me at this event. I also grant permission of photographs, video footage and other record of this event for legitimate purposes. I know that dogs, bicycles, and inline skates are not allowed on the course. Participants under the age of 18 require signature of parent or guardian. It is illegal to give your bib to anyone else. Only the registered person can use this bib. Transferring a bib will result in disqualification for both parties and will void all waiver language and insurance claims.

Print Name _____ Signature _____ Date _____

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MARY TAYLOR MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Ministers	All the People of God	Bishop	The Rev. Dr. Thomas J. Bickerton
Co-Lay Leader	Shelly Lapadula	Superintendent	The Rev. Dr. Alpher Sylvester
Co-Lay Leader	Beth O'Brien	Pastor	The Rev. Kristina Hansen
Prayer Chain	Stacy Meszaros	Outreach Pastor	Dani Levine
Administrative Assistant	Mary Lou Kampert	Music Director	Dr. Richard L. Riccardi
Sexton	Andy Thomas	Pastor of Healing Ministries	The Rev. Cynthia Dodd
		Theologian-in-Residence:	The Rev. Dr. Judith F. Bennett

*Grace Notes
 September 30, 2018*



The Lord's Prayer is perhaps the best known prayer of all time. Many of us memorize it at a young age. Each week we pray this prayer, invited by a worship leader to pray together saying, "Our Father..." But...what are we really saying? Today our whole service will be a meditation on the Lord's Prayer.

May God bless you with a deeper understanding and appreciation for this prayer
through what you experience today!

Blessings on the journey,

Rev. Kristina Hansen, Pastor

AT WORSHIP TODAY

Head Usher: Dennis Darak

Greeters: Shelly and Hayley Lapadula

Liturgist: Kristin Campbell

Bible Bearer:

Cross Bearer: Stefano Cono

Acolytes: Matteo Cono and Selena Gonsalves

Intercessor: Pastor Cynthia Dodd

Healing Anointers: Pastor Kristina, Pastor Hal, Barbara Ann Griggs, Sandy Morgan and Steve Wasko.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS today are to the Glory of God and for Memories, given by Joan Zauner; and to honor the life of Michael Groves.

TO ASSIST YOU IN WORSHIP, see our ushers for:

- Large print Bibles, hymnals and bulletins
- Hearing Assist Devices
- Children's bulletins for ages 3 – 6 and 7 – 12

WELCOME VISITORS! May you experience God's presence today. Please complete a red visitor's card (in the pew racks) and wear the "Visitor" peel-and-stick name tag to help us greet you. Our Ambassadors will look for you! **CHURCH INFORMATION** is in the Narthex.

PLEASE OFFER PRAYER CONCERNS using the "Blue Sheets" in the attendance pads in each pew; or obtain one from an usher. **Please return them completed to an usher or to the center aisle where the ushers will collect them on the opening hymn.** Our Lay Leaders speak them during the Prayer of Intercession and Petition. **You are also invited to speak your concerns when we pray.** Please obtain others' permission to share their concerns. Prayers are included in our on-line prayer chain and Monday night Healing Service. **Please also consider joining our Yahoo e-communication group** (which was created for prayer concerns) to offer immediate posting of intercessory prayer requests. To sign up, contact the church office.

CHILD CARE for children five years old and younger is provided in the Wesley Center, the building to your left. Please note that children over five are expected to remain in the sanctuary since our child care is not staffed to provide for older children.

IF YOU NEED TO LEAVE THE SANCTUARY DURING WORSHIP, please exit by the east (left) side aisle. **RESTROOMS** are in Dodd Hall (behind the altar). **PARENTS are respectfully urged to accompany their children** as required by our Safe Sanctuary policy. **PLEASE RE-ENTER** the sanctuary by the east side aisle.

TODAY'S LITURGY is based on Holy Scripture, The United Methodist Hymnal (1989), and The Faith We Sing (2000), and as noted in the bulletin.

SERMON COPIES from this week are in the rear of the church or at www.mtm-umc.org.

NEW BIBLE STUDY



BIBLE STUDY ENTITLED JESUS IN THE GOSPELS began **September 18th 7:00 p.m. Tuesday evening.** It is a **30 week program** written by Reverend Leander Keck, who is known to some members of the congregation. Each session will be 90 minutes as per previous Tuesday - Wednesday studies. Study materials are part of the program. See Don Hastings or Sandy Morgan if you are interested or call the office to register. Please designate which session you would attend.

LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION...



TRES DIAS

This fall there are two weekends of Tres Dias of Fairfield County!

October 11-14 is the Men's Weekend. November 8-11 is the Women's Weekend.

Tres Dias is a full three-day (Thursday evening through Sunday afternoon) experience which includes worship, fellowship, music, and activities to help strengthen your relationship with your fellow Christians, the Church and Jesus Christ.

Over thirty members of Mary Taylor Memorial United Methodist Church have attended these

weekends in the past and many have served as leaders.

If you are interested in more details, please contact Beth O'Brien, 203-877-8668.

TWO-WEEK CALENDAR AT MARY TAYLOR MEMORIAL

<i>Sunday, September 30</i>	8:45 a.m.	<i>Sunday School Jamboree – Chapel</i>
	9:00 a.m.	<i>Sunday School – Wesley Center</i>
	9:00 a.m.	<i>Java for the Journey (Adult Class with Coffee!) – Wesley Center</i>
	10:00 a.m.	<i>Worship- Sanctuary</i>
	11:15 a.m.	<i>Fellowship Time– Dodd Hall</i>
		<i>UMCOR Coffee/Chocolate sale</i>
	11:30 a.m.	<i>Visitation Ministry meeting – Wesley Center</i>
	4:00 p.m.	<i>NO Youth meeting this week</i>
<i>Monday, October 1</i>	7:00 p.m.	<i>Healing and Wholeness Worship – Chapel</i>
<i>Tuesday, October 2</i>	7:00 p.m.	<i>Bible Study with Pastor Kristina – Gunn Library</i>
	7:00 p.m.	<i>Bible Study with Don Hastings – Egan Room</i>
<i>Wednesday, October 3</i>	10:00 a.m.	<i>Bible Study with Pastor Kristina – Gunn Library</i>
	5:00/6:40/7:45 p.m.	<i>Choir Dinner/Bell & Adult Choir rehearsals – Dodd Hall</i>
	6:30 p.m.	<i>Pastors/Lay Leaders meeting – Pastor’s Study</i>
<i>Thursday, October 4</i>	7:00 p.m.	<i>Board of Trustees meeting – Wesley Center</i>
<i>Friday, October 5</i>	10:00 a.m.	<i>Office Volunteers – Gunn Library</i>
	6:30 p.m.	<i>Mindfulness Meditation – Dodd Hall – Paul Downing contact</i>
<i>Saturday, October 6</i>	9:00 a.m.	<i>Men’s Tres Dias reunion group – Chapel</i>
	9:00 a.m.	<i>Sunday School Teacher’s meeting – Sunday school office</i>
<i>Sunday, October 7</i>	8:45 a.m.	<i>Sunday School Jamboree – Chapel</i>
	9:00 a.m.	<i>Sunday School – Wesley Center</i>
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	11:15 a.m.	<i>Fellowship Time– Dodd Hall</i>
	11:30 a.m.	<i>Community Supper meeting-Sanctuary-Deb Dubien contact</i>
	4:00 p.m.	<i>Youth meeting – Youth Lounge</i>
<i>Monday, October 8</i>	6:00 p.m.	<i>Membership & Evangelism meeting – Wesley Center</i>
	7:00 p.m.	<i>Healing and Wholeness Worship – Chapel</i>
<i>Tuesday, October 9</i>	Noon	<i>UMW noon meeting – Wesley Center 1st floor</i>
	7:00 p.m.	<i>Bible Study with Pastor Kristina – Gunn Library</i>
	7:00 p.m.	<i>Bible Study with Don Hastings – Egan Room</i>
<i>Wednesday, October 10</i>	10:00 a.m.	<i>Bible Study with Pastor Kristina – Gunn Library</i>
	5:00/6:40/7:45 p.m.	<i>Choir Dinner/Bell & Adult Choir rehearsals – Dodd Hall</i>
	7:00 p.m.	<i>Sound System Meeting – Wesley Center</i>
<i>Thursday, October 11</i>	6:30 p.m.	<i>Missions meeting – Wesley Center</i>
	7:00 p.m.	<i>Prayer Shawl meeting – Wesley Center 1st floor</i>

7:00 p.m.

Staff Parish Relations Committee meeting – Wesley Center

Friday, October 12

10:00 a.m.

Office Volunteers – Gunn Library

Saturday, October 13

8:00 a.m.

Harp Guitar event – Wesley Center/Dodd Hall/Sanctuary

9:00 a.m.

Men’s Tres Dias reunion group – Chapel

TODAY

FELLOWSHIP TIME IS HOSTED by the Men’s Club. Next week’s hosts are to be determined.

OUR GAY-STRAIGHT ALLIANCE (GSA), in its on-going work of education and advocacy, has produced a brochure designed to help educate our congregation on current terms used in discussion of sexual orientation and gender identity. The brochure is available in the spinner racks and from any GSA member wearing a rainbow-colored lanyard. These members also welcome conversation with you about this part of our ministry. Feel free to speak with them.

BEACON VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: We could use several more volunteers to help on a monthly basis with assembly and mailing of our monthly “Beacon” newsletter. We usually meet the 4th Wednesday of the month at 9:00 a.m. to approximately 11:00 a.m. in Wesley Center.

Please let Mary Lou in the office know if you are interested in joining the team. Our next mailing is Wednesday, October 24th in the Egan room in Wesley Center.

SEE THE WEEKLY CALENDAR for regular meetings and activities.

THIS WEEK

"FIRST FRIDAY MEDITATION GROUP" Kick-off will be *Friday, October 5 in Dodd Hall, 6:30-8:00pm.* The first Friday of each month, Paul Downing will facilitate an Introduction to Mindfulness Meditation. All are welcome, regardless of your experience, or lack of experience, with meditation. No RSVP required, no need to bring anything, just show up with a curiosity, open-mind, and willingness. Bring a friend! Chairs and a limited number of floor cushions will be provided. (Paul is presently a student of the Engaged Mindfulness Institute Accredited Training course). For questions or more information, contact Paul @ 203-676-5582.

USHERS NEEDED

Would you like to be a welcoming part of worship?

Consider joining the ushers. (It is a way to make new friends too!)

See or contact Stacey Riccardi at 203-415-5558 or stacey.riccardi@comcast.net.

NEXT SUNDAY

OCTOBER 7 PENTECOST 20: World Communion Sunday!!! Celebration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper here while others celebrate around the world!

- Rev. Kristina Hansen will preach the sermon "FAITH IN THE FACE OF CHALLENGES" Job 1:1, 2:1-10 and Ephesians 2:19-22.
- Children's Chapel Service 9-9:45 a.m.
- **We will kick off our 4-week Stewardship Campaign: "Connecting with God and Each Other"**. Week 1: Vision of Connections through Loving, Caring, and Sharing.



EQUAL EXCHANGE FAIR TRADE COFFEE, TEA AND CHOCOLATE ON SALE OCT. 7

The UMCOR Coffee Project is a collaboration between Equal Exchange and the United Methodist Committee on Relief to involve more Methodist communities in supporting small farmers around the world. For every pound of fairly traded coffee, chocolate, tea, and foods Methodists purchase through the UMCOR Coffee Project, 15 cents per pound goes to UMCOR's Small Farmer Fund.

Any profit that may be made from this sale will go to Missions. For additional information, contact Christine McGregor at 203-932-0792 or cjmcgregor50@hotmail.com.

OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

THE NEW YORK ANNUAL CONFERENCE TASK FORCE ON IMMIGRATION...

... hosts a Prayer Time weekly *Monday nights, 7:30 pm – 8 pm*, via Conference Call. Contact person is Pastor Ximena Varas, Ximena.varas@nyac-umc.com. Join us for a time of prayer for our country and immigrant brothers and sisters. Call-in number: 641-715-3580; 780-843#

MARK YOUR CALENDAR



MILFORD 7TH ANNUAL TRICK OR TROT 5K RUN/WALK on Saturday, October 27th at 9:00a.m. to benefit the Beth-El Center of Milford. Register on-line at www.milfordtrickortrot.com or pick up a registration form at the back of the church.

CHARGE CONFERENCE ANNUAL MEETING –Sunday, December 9th –4:00 p.m. at Monroe UMC. This is a must attend meeting for everyone who calls MTMUMC their church. This will be a cluster wide Charge Conference. Our district superintendent will be there to lead us.

Charge Conference is our annual meeting which tells us where we've been this year and where we're going next year. It also gives everyone an understanding of how people have served, how people have been involved and reminds us of the fun that we've had and the ministry that we have offered to our congregation, community and the world. Looking forward to seeing you there!

OUR LIFE IN PRAYER, MINISTRY AND MISSION

BULLETIN NOTICES are due by noon Wednesday for the weekly bulletin.

DONATE ALTAR FLOWERS OR A MISSION CROSS. *Beth O'Brien (203.877.8668 or bgobrien11@optonline.net)*. Flowers are \$20. Donations, in lieu of flowers, to support missions are honored with a cross and miniature mission scarf on the altar. Checks for both are payable to MTMUMC, mailed to Beth O'Brien, 7 Breakneck Court, 06460. **October 7, 14 and November 11 and 18 are open for altar flower orders.**

FOOD BASKET: Please place non-perishable food items in the basket located in the back of the church and monetary donations in the Beth-El envelope.

ANIMAL SHELTER DONATIONS: Wet and dry cat food is needed for seniors with pets and for the canine facility. Towels and blankets are needed. Animal Control will not take peoples' released pets but will spay and neuter feral cats. Please leave your donations in the designated basket in the back of the Sanctuary. Bless you for caring for God's children with fur.

If you and your animals are in need, please help yourself to the available donations.

CONTACT THE PASTORS directly or through the church office (203.874.1982, mtmumc@sbcglobal.net) with pastoral care needs and hospitalizations: **Pastor Kristina Hansen: NEW!** revkristina@yahoo.com; 203.874.1982, ext. 111 or 203.895.3753 cell, or **Pastor Dani Levine:** dani.m.levine@gmail.com; 203.874.1982, ext. 115 or 203.927.9077 cell.

"FIX IT BOX" is in Dodd Hall. See a need? Drop a completed form in the box.

WE HOST Alcoholics Anonymous, Gamblers Anonymous, and Recovery from Co-dependency (CODA) WEEKLY. Please call the church office for the schedule or see it posted on the bulletin boards.

PLEASE NOTE: During a medical or other emergency the Head Usher or a designee will call #911. Please do not call on your cell phone as multiple calls may delay response.

VITAL CONGREGATION WEEKLY REPORT FOR September 23rd

Total worship attendance all services: 139; Sept. 23: 132; Sept. 24: Healing and Wholeness: 7; Total Offerings for Sept. 23: \$3,936.00; Amount given to Charities and Benevolence: \$1,025.00; Engaged in Small Groups: 70; Jesus Bible Study: canceled; Methodist Bible Study: Tues.:11; Wed.:10; Youth Cottage meeting:12; Bell Choir: 8; Adult Choir: 17; Office Volunteers: 12; Total persons received on profession of faith: 0; Total Persons involved in local, national, and international missions: 0. *Small Groups – please contact the church office mtmumc@sbcglobal.net or 203.874.1982) with your attendance.

PRAYERS OF PETITION AND INTERCESSION

Leader: Lord, in Your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

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 trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,

forever. Amen.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory Anthem:

“The Lord’s Prayer”

Malott

Barbara Repetsky- soloist, Mary Lou Kampert-harpist

*Presentation:

“The Doxology”

Hymnal #94

*Prayer of Dedication

*HYMN #397

“I Need Thee Every Hour”

(Let the anointers come forward during the hymn.)

A RITUAL OF PRAYER AND HEALING ANOINTING

On the last Sunday of each month all are invited to come forward to receive prayer and optional healing anointing for oneself or on behalf of another. Please come by the center aisle and return by the side aisles. Stand or kneel (as able) at the Communion rail and speak name and need to the anointer. This ancient Church practice expresses God’s love as a mysterious, caring expression of Christ’s promise “I will be with you always.” Please remain in prayer until all have returned to their seats.

*THE BENEDICTION

*THE BELL TOLLS – *Sending us to walk with and witness for Jesus*

POSTLUDE

“An Ancient Air”

Clarke

(During the postlude you may leave following the pastor or remain seated.)

THE WORSHIP IS ENDED: THE SERVICE BEGINS.

OUR GUEST ORGANIST TODAY is Carole Fanslow. Thank you Carole for filling in while Dr. Riccardi is away.

I cannot say **OUR**, if my religion has no room for others and their needs. I cannot say **FATHER**, if I do not demonstrate this relationship in my daily living. I cannot say **WHO ART IN HEAVEN**, if all my interest and pursuits are in earthly things. I cannot say **HALLOWED BE THY NAME**, if I, who am called by God’s name, am not holy. I cannot say, **THY KINGDOM COME**, if I am unwilling to give up my own sovereignty and accept the righteous reign of God. I cannot say **THY WILL BE DONE**, if I am unwilling or resentful of having it in my life. I cannot say **ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN**, unless I am truly ready to give myself to God’s service here and now. I cannot say **GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD**, without expending honest effort for it or by ignoring the genuine needs of others. I cannot say **FORGIVE US OUR TRESPASSES AS WE FORGIVE THOSE WHO TRESPASS AGAINST US**, if I continue to harbor a grudge against anyone. I cannot say **LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION**, if I deliberately choose to remain in a situation where I am likely to be tempted. I cannot say **DELIVER US FROM EVIL**, if I am not prepared to fight in the spiritual realm with the weapon of Word and prayer. I cannot say **THINE IS THE KINGDOM**, if I do not give the King the disciplined obedience of a loyal subject. I cannot say **THINE IS THE POWER**, if I fear what my neighbors or friends may say or do. I cannot say **THINE IS THE GLORY**, if I am seeking my own glory and recognition first. I cannot say **FOREVER**, if I am too anxious about each day’s affairs. I cannot say **AMEN**, unless I honestly say, "Cost what it may, this is my prayer."

Mary Taylor Memorial United Methodist Church

First Methodist Church in Milford: 1836

Current building dedicated: 1893

Merged with Myrtle Beach Community Church: 1969

Nesting Ghana Emmanuel U.M. Church: 2016-2018

*Whoever you are, wherever you are
on your spiritual journey, you are welcome here.*

19th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 30, 2018

MARY TAYLOR MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

168 South Broad Street
Milford, Connecticut 06460

Phone: 203.874.1982
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Order of Worship

10:00 a.m.

(* Those who are able may stand. °°° Late arrivals will be seated.)

THE BELL TOLLS – *Welcoming us to worship God*

PRELUDE “Bunessan” Cassler

WELCOME TO THE CHURCH

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We come together to praise our God who is in heaven.

People: Holy is God’s name!

Leader: We hope for God’s kingdom to come and God’s will to be done,

People: here on earth as it is in heaven!

Leader: We come together to praise the Lord our God who gives us our daily bread and forgives our trespasses.

People: We give honor and glory forever to our God!

Leader: Come to God, in worship and praise, through Jesus Christ.

*HYMN #66 “Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”

OPENING PRAYER (*unison*)

(Jim Cotter, a variation on the 1st part of the Lord’s Prayer, *Prayer at Night’s Approaching*, 54-55)

Eternal Spirit, Life-Giver, Pain-Bearer, Love-Maker,

Source of all that is and that shall be,

Father and Mother of us all,

Loving God, in whom is heaven:

May the Hallowing of your Name echo through the universe;

May the Way of your Justice be followed

by the peoples of the world;

May Your Heavenly Will be done by all created beings;

May Your Commonwealth of Peace and Freedom

sustain our hope and come on earth. Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION

(*Gathered By Love*, C, mod.)

We bring our flawed lives to God, not so much to be made perfect, but to be whole.

Let us confess our sins to God, trusting the One who builds joy from our despair.

UNISON PRAYER CONFESSION

(Jim Cotter, a variation on the 2nd part of the Lord’s Prayer, *Prayer at Night’s Approaching*, 54-55)

Merciful God, with the bread we need for today—feed us.

In the hurts we absorb from one another—forgive us.

In times of temptation and test—strengthen us.

From trials too sharp to endure—spare us.

From the grip of all that is evil—free us.

*For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,
now and forever. Amen.*

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

(*unknown*)

Leader: The One who taught us to pray came into the world not to condemn it but in order that the world might be saved through him. Friends, believe the good news of the

Gospel: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

People: Thanks be to God!

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*THE PEACE

L: May the peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

(*Greet one another with signs of Christ’s peace.*)

CHILDREN’S TIME

Pastor Kristina

THE PSALTER

Psalm 86:1-12

(*See Insert*)

THE GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 11:1-13

(*See Insert*)

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

*HYMN #496

“Sweet Hour of Prayer”

THE SERMON

“The Lord’s Prayer”

Amanda & God



PSALTER

Psalm 86

(UMH#271, verse 1)

**R: Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name!
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, hallowed be thy name!**

¹ Incline your ear, O LORD, and answer me,
for I am poor and needy.

² Preserve my life, for I am devoted to you;
save your servant who trusts in you.

You are my God; ³ be gracious to me, O Lord,
for to you do I cry all day long.

⁴ Gladden the soul of your servant,
for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

⁵ For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving,
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⁷ In the day of my trouble I call on you,
for you will answer me.

⁸ There is none like you among the gods, O Lord,
nor are there any works like yours.

⁹ All the nations you have made shall come
and bow down before you, O Lord,
and shall glorify your name.

¹⁰ For you are great and do wondrous things;
you alone are God.

¹¹ Teach me your way, O LORD,
that I may walk in your truth;
give me an undivided heart to revere your name.

¹² I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,
and I will glorify your name forever.

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THE GOSPEL LESSON Luke 11:1-13

11 He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.” **2** He said to them, “When you pray, say:

Father,^[a] hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.^[b]

3 Give us each day our daily bread.^[c]

4 And forgive us our sins,
for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.
And do not bring us to the time of trial.”^[d]

5 And he said to them, “Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; **6** for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.’ **7** And he answers from within, ‘Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.’ **8** I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

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THE GOSPEL LESSON Luke 11:1-13

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Your kingdom come.^[b]

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4 And forgive us our sins,
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