

## WORSHIP READINGS

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

- A. The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray together.
- C. **O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without you nothing is strong, nothing is holy. Embrace us with your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide, we may live through what is temporary without losing what is eternal, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### FIRST LESSON:

### MALACHI 4:1-2a

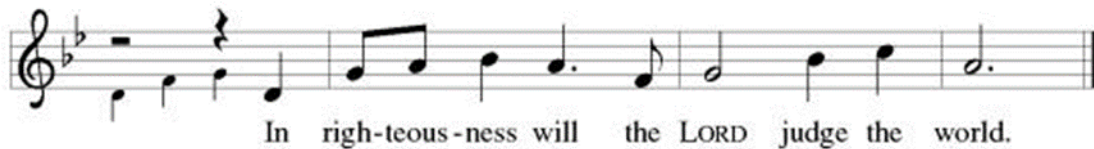
<sup>1</sup>See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. <sup>2a</sup>But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

R: Word of God, word of life.

C. **Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM (CAROLYN SINGS)

### PSALM 98



### SECOND READING:

### 2 THESSALONIANS 3:6-13

<sup>6</sup>Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. <sup>7</sup>For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, <sup>8</sup>and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labor we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. <sup>9</sup>This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. <sup>10</sup>For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. <sup>11</sup>For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. <sup>12</sup>Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. <sup>13</sup>Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

R. The word of the Lord.

C. **Thanks be to God.**

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

A. United with your saints across time and place, we pray for our shared world.

*A brief silence.*

- A. Reviving God, keep your church active in its mission and ministry. Encourage bishops, deacons, pastors, and lay leaders to risk boldly in their proclamation and fill them with wisdom and endurance for challenging times. Lord in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**
- A. Renewing God, as the northern hemisphere prepares for winter, make us mindful of the ordered beauty of your creation. Teach us to treasure cycles of rest and new life. Help us care for what you have made. Lord in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**
- A. Loving God, accompany all who make sacrifices for the sake of others. Safeguard first responders and active duty military personnel. Grant peace to veterans and heal any wounds in body, mind, or spirit. Lord in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**
- A. Healing God, your people cry out to you. Sustain doctors, nurses, and hospital personnel in their tireless work. Uphold mental health professionals and those in their care. May the sun of righteousness rise on all who are sick especially Gayle Matthis, Joan Wheeler, Laurie Sanders, David Roberts, Lynne Schrimper, Robert Schlaufman, Kellie Montifiori, Sharon Hetrick, and Judy Crissman, Denny Sanders, Ellen Stevens, Fran Moriarty, Keri Schmidt, Arlene Rick, Gliceria Conuel, Amy Nupp, Brian Boam, Kay Knobloch, Roger Seman, and Astro Rys (rise). Lord, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**
- A. Uniting God, unite this assembly in its shared mission and ministry for the sake of the gospel (specific ministries or initiatives may be named). Highlight ways we can better work together and give us patience to work through disagreement. Lord, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**
- A. Consoling God, abide with all who grieve for loved ones who have died (especially). Comfort us with the promise of resurrection and new life with you. Lord, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**
- A. Accept these prayers, gracious God, and those known only to you; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**