

FIRST CUP READINGS MARCH, 2021

Dear Family in Christ,

First Cup is designed to assist you in the habit of daily Bible reading and prayer. The name is to remind you that as you reach for your first cup of morning coffee or tea, reach also for your Bible and prayer list. The prayers at the beginning of each week are taken from hymns, sometimes found in obscure hymnals in my library. They are intended to be read as your beginning prayer, to focus your mind on the daily readings that follow. May this spiritual discipline strengthen you as you face each day.

Blessings and love in Christ, Sandy Sturch



Let the morning bring me word of your unfailing love, for I have put my trust in you. Show me the way I should go, for to you I lift up my soul.— Psalm 143:8

Cast thy burden on the Lord, Lean thou only on His word; Ever will He be thy stay, Tho' the heavens shall melt away. Ever in the raging storm, Thou shalt see His cheering form; hear his pledge of coming aid: "It is I; be not afraid." Cast thy burdens at His feet; linger near His mercy seat; He will lead thee by the hand gently to the better land. He will gird thee by His power, in the weary, fainting hour; Lean thou strong upon His Word; Cast thy burden to the Lord. (Baptist Hymnal, #254)

- 1 Deuteronomy 6:4-8; Psalm 119:89-112;
2 Timothy 2:10-19
- 2 Mark 4:35-41; 2 Samuel 22; Psalm 65
- 3 Mark 5:1-20; Matthew 4:23-24; 8:16-17;
Acts 19:11-20; Revelation 20:1-10
- 4 Mark 5:21-43; Psalm 103
- 5 Mark 6:1-29; Luke 9:7-9; 14:25-33; Acts 21:10-14
- 6 Mark 6:30-56; Ephesians 3:20-21; Psalm 37
- 7 Mark 7:1-23; Jeremiah 17:9; Micah 6;
James 1:21-27

*Savior, like a Shepherd lead us, much we need thy tender care;
In thy pleasant pastures feed us, for Thy use our folds prepare.
Thou hast promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be;
Thou hast mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse and power to free.
Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus, Thou hast loved us loved us still;
Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus, Thou hast loved us, loved us still.
(The Hymnbook, #380)*

- 8 Mark 7:24-8:10; Colossians 1:15-23;
Ephesians 1:2-23
- 9 Mark 8:11-38; John 10
- 10 Mark 9:1-13; Malachi 4:5-6; Matthew 11:7-15;
17:1-13
- 11 Mark 9:14-29; James 5:13-20; Philippians 4:6-7;
Ephesians 6:18
- 12 Mark 9:30-41; Numbers 11:26-30; Matthew 18:1-9
- 13 Mark 9:42-50; 1 Corinthians 5; 1 Peter 1:13-25
- 14 Genesis 2:18-25; Mark 10:1-16; 1 Corinthians 7;
1 John 1:9-10

*Work, for the night is coming, Work through the morning hours;
Work while the dew is sparkling, Work mid springing flowers; Work
when the day grows brighter, Work in the glowing sun; Work, for
the night is coming, when man's work is done. Work for the night
is coming, under the sunset skies; while their bright tints are
glowing, work for the daylight flies. Work till the last beam fadeth,*

*fadeth to shine no more; Work while the night is darkening, when
man's work is o'er. (The Hymnbook, #297)*

- 15 Mark 10:17-31; 2 Chronicles 1:1-12;
Proverbs 11:24-28; 1 Timothy 6:17
- 16 Mark 10:32-45; Philippians 2:1-18; John 13:1-17
- 17 Mark 10:46-52; Hebrews 11:6; Matthew 7:7-12;
Luke 19:1-10; Psalm 27
- 18 Mark 11:1-19; Jeremiah 7; Romans 12:12;
Colossians 4:2
- 19 Mark 11:20-33; Luke 17:1-4; Matthew 5:21-24;
Matthew 18:21-35
- 20 Mark 12; Proverbs 25:14; Matthew 6:1-4;
Psalm 37:25-26; 112; Proverbs 11:25
- 21 Matthew 23; Proverbs 6:16-19; Micah 6:8

*Saviour, teach me day by day Love's sweet lesson to obey;
Sweeter lesson cannot be, Loving Him who first loved me. With
a child's glad heart of love, at Thy bidding may I move. Prompt
to serve and follow Thee, Loving Him who first loved me. Teach
me thus Thy steps to trace, strong to follow in thy grace, Learning
how to love from Thee, Loving Him who first loved me. (The
Hymnbook, #457)*

- 22 Mark 13; Isaiah 13:9-11; Revelation 6:12-17
- 23 Matthew 24; Revelation 16:15
- 24 Matthew 25
- 25 1 Thessalonians 4-5:11
- 26 John 10
- 27 John 11
- 28 John 12:1-11; Deuteronomy 15:1-11

*All glory, laud, and honor, To Thee, Redeemer, King. To whom
the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring! The people of the
Hebrews with palms before Thee went; Our praise and prayer
and anthems before Thee we present. Thou art the king of Israel,
Thou David's royal Son, Who in the Lord's name comest, The
King and blessed One! To Thee, before Thy Passion, they sang
their hymns of praise; To Thee, now high exalted, our melody
we raise. All glory, laud and honor to Thee, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring! (The
Hymnbook, #187)*

- 29 Matthew 21:1-17; John 12:12-19
- 30 John 12:20-50; 3:16-21; Romans 10:9-13
- 31 Mark 14:10-42; John 17; Mark 14:43-72