

Morning Prayer Propers
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Psalm 73:24-29

- 24 You will guide me by your counsel, ***
and afterwards receive me with glory.
- 25 Whom have I in heaven but you? ***
and having you I desire nothing upon earth.
- 26 Though my flesh and my heart should waste away, ***
God is the strength of my heart and my portion for ever.
- 27 Truly, those who forsake you will perish; ***
you destroy all who are unfaithful.
- 28 But it is good for me to be near God; ***
I have made the Lord God my refuge.
- 29 I will speak of all your works ***
in the gates of the city of Zion.

New Testament

Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-14

And you have forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as children—

‘My child, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord,
or lose heart when you are punished by him;
for the Lord disciplines those whom he loves,
and chastises every child whom he accepts.’

Endure trials for the sake of discipline. God is treating you as children; for what child is there whom a parent does not discipline? Now, discipline always seems painful rather than pleasant at the time, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees, and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint, but rather be healed.

The Gospel

Matthew 10: 32-39

Jesus said, "Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

"Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

For I have come to set a man against his father,
and a daughter against her mother,
and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;
and one's foes will be members of one's own household.

Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it."

Collect

Keep us, O Lord, constant in faith and zealous in witness, that, like your servant William Laud, we may live in your fear, die in your favor, and rest in your peace; for the sake of Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*