# The Fast I Choose

Living With Intentionality

Lent 2021

Orders for Praise & Prayer



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(PSALM 51:15, ALT.)

HYMN

## Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying



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#### SCRIPTURE

Matthew 6:5-15 (NRSV)

<sup>5</sup> "And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. <sup>6</sup> But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

<sup>7</sup> "When you are praying, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do; for they think that they will be heard because of their many words. <sup>8</sup> Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

<sup>9</sup> "Pray then in this way: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.
<sup>10</sup> Your kingdom come. Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
<sup>11</sup> Give us this day our daily bread.
<sup>12</sup> And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.

- <sup>13</sup> And do not bring us to the time of trial,
  - but rescue us from the evil one.

<sup>14</sup> For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you; <sup>15</sup> but if you do not forgive others, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

#### SILENCE

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#### **PSALTER**

#### Psalm 25:1-10

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1	То	you,	0	Lord,	Ι	lift	up	my	soul.

- <sup>2</sup> O my God, in you I trust, let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies exult over me.
- <sup>3</sup> Let none that wait for you be put to shame;

let them be ashamed who are clothed with treachery.

- <sup>4</sup> Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths.
- <sup>5</sup> Lead me in your truth, and teach me,
  - for you are the God of my salvation;
  - for you I wait all the day long.
- <sup>6</sup> Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.
- <sup>7</sup> Remember not the sins of my youth, or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.
- <sup>8</sup> Good and upright is the Lord; therefore the Lord instructs sinners in the way,
- <sup>9</sup> and leads the humble in what is right, and teaches them their way.
- <sup>10</sup> All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep the Lord's covenant and testimonies.

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<sup>31</sup> Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. <sup>32</sup> He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup> But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

<sup>34</sup> He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup> For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. <sup>36</sup> For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? <sup>37</sup> Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? <sup>38</sup> Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

#### SILENCE

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#### **PSALTER**

	Psalm 22:25-31
25	From you comes my praise in the great congregation;
	my vows I will pay before those who worship the Lord.
26	The poor shall eat and be satisfied;
	those who seek the Lord shall praise the Lord!
	May your hearts live for ever!
27	All the ends of the earth shall remember
	and turn to the Lord;
	and all the families of the nations
	shall worship before the Lord.
28	For dominion belongs to the Lord
	who rules over the nations.
29	All who sleep in the earth
	shall bow down to the Lord.
	All who go down to the dust shall bow before the Lord,
	and I shall live for God.
30	Posterity shall serve the Lord;
	each generation shall tell of the Lord,
31	and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn.
	Surely the Lord has done it.

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John 2:13-22 (NRSV)

<sup>13</sup> The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup> In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. <sup>15</sup> Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. <sup>16</sup> He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" <sup>17</sup> His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." <sup>18</sup> The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" <sup>19</sup> Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." <sup>20</sup> The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" <sup>21</sup> But he was speaking of the temple of his body. <sup>22</sup> After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

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#### **PSALTER**

#### Psalm 19

1	The heavens are telling the glory of God;
	and the firmament proclaims God's handiwork.
2	Day to day pours forth speech,
	and night to night declares knowledge.
3	There is no speech, nor are there words;
	their voice is not heard;
4	yet their voice goes out through all the earth,
	and their words to the end of the world.
	In them God has set a tent for the sun,
5	which comes forth like a bridegroom leaving his chamber,
	and runs its course with joy like a strong man.
6	Its rising is from the end of the heavens,
	and its circuit to the end of them;
	and there is nothing hid from its heat.

7 The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple; 8 the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes; 9 the fear of the Lord is clean, enduring for ever; the ordinances of the Lord are true, and righteous altogether. 10 More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb. 11 Moreover by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward. 12 But who can understand one's own errors? Clear me from hidden faults. 13 Also keep your servant from the insolent; let them not have dominion over me! Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression. Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

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John 3:14-21 (NRSV)

<sup>14</sup> And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup> that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

<sup>16</sup> "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

<sup>17</sup> "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. <sup>18</sup> Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. <sup>19</sup> And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. <sup>20</sup> For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. <sup>21</sup> But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."

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1	O give thanks to the Lord, who is good,
	whose steadfast love endures for ever!
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4	Let the redeemed of the Lord say so,
	whom the Lord has redeemed from trouble
3	and gathered in from the lands,
	from the east and from the west,
	from the north and from the south.
4	Some wandered in the desert wastes,
	finding no way to a city in which to dwell;
5	hungry and thirsty,
	their soul fainted within them.
6	Then in their trouble, they cried to the Lord,
	who delivered them from their distress,
7	and led them by å straight way,
	till they reached a city in which to dwell.
8	Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love,
	for his wonderful works to humankind.
9	For the Lord satisfies those who are thirsty,
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#### SCRIPTURE

#### John 12:20-33 (NRSV)

<sup>20</sup> Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. <sup>21</sup> They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." <sup>22</sup> Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. <sup>23</sup> Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. <sup>24</sup> Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. <sup>25</sup> Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. <sup>26</sup> Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

<sup>27</sup> "Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. <sup>28</sup> Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." <sup>29</sup> The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." <sup>30</sup> Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. <sup>31</sup> Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. <sup>32</sup> And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." <sup>33</sup> He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

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#### **PSALTER**

#### Psalm 51:1-13

1	Have mercy on me, O God,
	according to your steadfast love;
	according to your abundant mercy
	blot out my transgressions.
2	Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
	and cleanse me from my sin!
3	For I know my transgressions,
	and my sin is ever before me.
4	Against you, you only, have I sinned,
	and done that which is evil in your sight,
	so that you are justified in your sentence
	and blameless in your judgment.
5	Behold, I was born into iniquity,
	and I have been sinful since my mother conceived
	me.

- <sup>6</sup> Behold, you desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.
- <sup>7</sup> Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow;
- <sup>8</sup> Make me hear with joy and gladness; let the bones which you have broken rejoice.
- <sup>9</sup> Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.
- <sup>10</sup> Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.
- <sup>11</sup> Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your holy Spirit from me.
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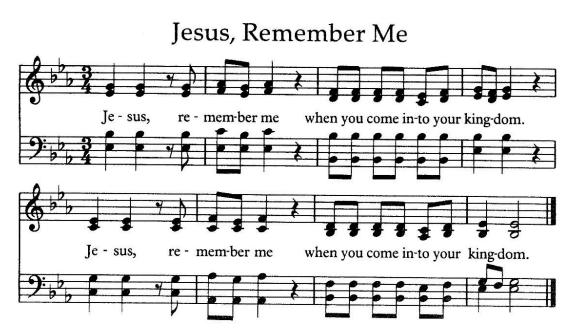
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