

*Lead on O King Eternal, the day of march has come; Henceforth in fields of conquest
Thy tents shall be our home: Through days of preparation Thy grace has made us
strong, and now, O King Eternal, we lift our battle song. Lead on O King Eternal, We
follow, not with fears, for gladness breaks like morning where-e'er Thy face appears;
Thy cross is lifted o'er us; We journey in its light; The crown awaits the conquest;
Lead on, O God of might. (Baptist Hymnal, #417)*

- 7 Joshua 10-11; Psalm 56
- 8 Joshua 23-24; Psalm 91; Psalm 116:15
- 9 Judges 1-2; Deuteronomy 4:1-14; 6:10-7:6; 2 Corinthians 6:14-18
- 10 Judges 3; Deuteronomy 8-9; Psalm 50
- 11 Judges 4-5; Psalm 89
- 12 Judges 6; Exodus 34:10-14; Ezekiel 13:13-23; Colossians 3:5-11; Eph 5:3-6
- 13 Judges 7-8; Deuteronomy 20:8; Psalm 76; 2 Corinthians 4:7-18

*O Zion, haste, thy mission high fulfilling, to tell to all the world that God is Light,
that He who made all nations is not willing one soul should perish, lost in shades of
night. Proclaim to every people, tongue, and nation that God, in whom they live and
move, is Love. Tell how He stooped to save His lost creation, and died on earth that
man may live above. Publish glad tidings, Tidings of peace; Tidings of Jesus,
Redemption and release. (Worship in Song, # 356)*

- 14 Judges 13-14; Proverbs 22:6; 12:4; 18:22; 16:9; 20:24; Jeremiah 10:23
- 15 Judges 15-16; Proverbs 6:20-26, 34; 14:1; 16:4, 9; 31:30; Ecclesiastes 7
- 16 Ruth 1; Psalm 88; 2 Corinthians 4:16-18; Psalm 30
- 17 Ruth 2; Leviticus 19:9-10; Romans 12:9-21; James 2:14-16; Luke 6:38
- 18 Ruth 3; Proverbs 3:5-6; 20:24; 31:10; Psalm 37
- 19 Ruth 4; Leviticus 25:23-25; Deuteronomy 25:5-10; Psalm 103
- 20 Isaiah 52; Psalm 98; Psalm 126

*How silently, how silently the wondrous gift is given! So God imparts to
human hearts the blessings of His heaven. No ear may hear His coming, but in this
world of sin, where meek souls will receive Him, still the dear Christ enters in. O holy
Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray; Cast out our sin, and enter in, be born in
us today. We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell; O come to us,
abide with us, Our Lord Emmanuel. [Worship in Song, No. 174]*

- 21 Psalm 2; 24; Jeremiah 23:5-6; Psalm 89:35-36
- 22 Isaiah 7:14; 8:5-10; 9:2-6; 11:1-5; 53
- 23 Matthew 1:18-25; Lk 1:26-56; Genesis 17:19; Psalm 132:11-18; Galatians 3:16
- 24 Luke 2:1-20; Colossians 1:15-23; Isaiah 43:1-3; 45:22
- 25 John 1:1-34; 3:14-21, 36; 6:35-51; 12:44-45
- 26 Leviticus 12; Luke 2:21-40; Isaiah 42:1-9; 8:13-17; 40:1-11; John 10:11; Ps 23
- 27 Micah 5:1-5; Matthew 2

*Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore! Rejoice, give thanks,
and sing, and triumph evermore. Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I
say, rejoice! His Kingdom cannot fail, He rules o'er earth and heaven. The keys of
death and hell are to our Jesus given. Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice,
again I say, rejoice! He all His foes shall quell, shall all our sins destroy, and every
bosom swell with pure seraphic joy. Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice,
again I say, rejoice! (Hymnbook, no. 140)*

- 28 Luke 2:41-52; Proverbs 3:1-6
- 29 Luke 3:1-23a; John 1:1-34
- 30 Matthew 11:1-15; Mark 6:6b-29; Matthew 10:32-42
- 31 Psalm 90; 2 Corinthians 5:1-10



First Cup Readings

November – December 2014



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

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

God of our life, through all the circling years, we trust in Thee; in all the past, through all our hopes and fears, Thy hand we see. With each new day, when morning lifts the veil, we own Thy mercies, Lord, which never fail. God of the coming years, through paths unknown we follow Thee; When we are strong, Lord, leave us not alone; our refuge be. Be Thou for us in life our Daily Bread, our heart's true home when all our years have sped. (The Hymnbook, no. 108)

NOVEMBER

1 Exodus 35:30-36:7; 2 Corinthians 8:1-15; Exodus 40; Psalm 32:8

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee; Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and Mighty! God in three Persons, blessed Trinity. Holy, Holy, Holy! All the saints adore Thee, casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea. Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee, Who wert, and art, and evermore shall be. Holy, Holy, Holy! Though the darkness hide Thee, though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see, Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee; Perfect in power, in love, in purity. Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty! All Thy works shall praise Thy name, in earth and sky and sea. Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and mighty! God in three Persons, blessed Trinity. (Worship in Song, # 8)

2 Leviticus 1; 1 Peter 1
3 Leviticus 4; Romans 3
4 Leviticus 5:1-6:7; Acts 5:1-11; Colossians 3:9
5 Leviticus 11; Acts 10:1-11:18
6 Leviticus 13:1-45; 14:1-32; Mark 1:40-45; Luke 17:11-19
7 Leviticus 15; Numbers 5; John 8:1-11; Mark 5:21-34
8 Leviticus 16; Hebrews 9:1-14

Depth of mercy! Can there be mercy still reserved for me? Can my God His wrath forebear? Me, the chief of sinners, spare? I have long withstood His grace, long provoked Him to His face; would not hearken to His calls, grieved Him by a thousand falls. Still for me the Savior stands, shows His wounds, and spreads His hands. God is love! I know, I feel; Jesus weeps, and loves me still. (The Hymnbook, no. 273)

9 Leviticus 17; Hebrews 9:15-28
10 Leviticus 18; Romans 1:18-32; 1 Corinthians 6:9-11
11 Leviticus 19; Matthew 5:17-20

12 Leviticus 20; Hebrews 12
13 Leviticus 26; 1 John 1
14 Numbers 6; Judges 13; Luke 1:5-55;
15 Numbers 8-9; Psalm 85

Guide me O Thou great Jehovah, Pilgrim through this barren land. I am weak, but Thou art mighty; Hold me with Thy powerful hand. Bread of Heaven, Bread of Heaven, Feed me till I want no more. Feed me till I want no more. Open now the crystal Fountain, Whence the healing stream doth flow. Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through. Strong Deliverer, Strong Deliverer, Be thou still my strength and shield, Strong Deliverer, Strong Deliverer, Be Thou still my strength and Shield. (Worship in Song, # 64)

16 Numbers 10-12; Hebrews 13:7; Romans 12:12; James 5:13-16
17 Numbers 13-14; Proverbs 3:5-6; Psalm 20
18 Numbers 15; Leviticus 4:13-14; 5:14-19
19 Numbers 16-17; Proverbs 17:11; Hebrews 9:1-15
20 Numbers 20; Psalm 95; Hebrews 12:1-13
21 Numbers 21; 25; 1 Corinthians 10:1-13
22 Deuteronomy 1-2; 2 Corinthians 6:3-10; 10:4-6

O God, beneath Thy guiding hand, our exiled fathers crossed the sea; And when they trod the wintry strand, with prayer and psalm they worshipped Thee. Laws, freedom, truth, and faith in God, came with those exiles over the waves; and, where their pilgrim feet have trod, the God they trusted guards their graves. And here thy name, O God of love, their children's children shall adore, till these eternal hills remove, and spring adorns the earth no more. (The Hymnbook, # 523)

23 Deuteronomy 4; 6; 8; Romans 1:18-2:29; Proverbs 3:11-12
24 Deuteronomy 9-11; John 14:23-24
25 Deuteronomy 29-30; Psalm 1
26 Deuteronomy 31; Psalm 14:2-3
27 Psalm 107; 116
28 Deuteronomy 32; Galatians 6:7—10
29 Deuteronomy 33-34

Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known. Join in a song with sweet accord, join in a song with sweet accord, and thus surround the throne, and thus surround the throne. The hill of Zion yields a thousand sacred sweets before we reach the heavenly fields, before we reach the heavenly fields, Or walk the golden streets, or walk the golden streets. We're marching to Zion, beautiful, beautiful Zion. We're marching upward to Zion, the beautiful city of God. (Worship in Song, # 75)

30 Joshua 1; Psalm 119:89-112; Hebrews 4:12-13

DECEMBER

1 Joshua 2; Matthew 1:1-6; Ephesians 2:11-22; James 2:25-26
2 Deuteronomy 11:26-32; Joshua 3-4; Psalm 42
3 Joshua 5-6; Hebrews 11:30; 1 Corinthians 1:25; 3:18-23
4 Joshua 7; Deuteronomy 17:2-7; Acts 5:1-11
5 Joshua 8; Deuteronomy 4:1-2; 6; 8:1; 2 Timothy 3:14-17
6 Joshua 9; Psalm 15