

*What-e'er my God ordains is right; His holy will abideth; I will be still, what-e'er He doth, and follow where He guideth. He is my God; though dark my road, He holds me that I shall not fall; wherefore to Him I leave it all. What-e'er my God ordains is right; here shall my stand be taken. Though sorrow, need, or death be mine, yet am I not forsaken. My Father's care is round me there; He holds me that I shall not fall, and so to Him I leave it all. (The Hymnbook, no. 366)*

- 9      2 Kings 2:1-14; 4:1-37; 6:8-23; Proverbs 25:21-22; Romans 12:14-21
- 10     Hosea 4-5; Jeremiah 2:26-28; Isaiah 64:4-9
- 11     Hosea 8-9; 14; Isaiah 26; Proverbs 10:29
- 12     Amos 3-4; Deuteronomy 11:8-32
- 13     Amos 5:6-7; 9:8; Jeremiah 44:24-28; Matthew 7:21-27; Revelation 3:14-22
- 14     2 Kings 17:1-23; 18:1-33; 19:9-34; Psalm 89:34-37; Hebrews 9:11-15
- 15     Isaiah 3:1-4:1; 1 Peter 3:3-4

*There's a wideness in God's mercy, like the wideness of the sea; there's a kindness in His justice which is more than liberty. There is no place where earth's sorrows are more felt than up in heaven; there is no place where earth's failings have such kindly judgment given. For the love of God is broader than the measures of man's mind, and the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind. (The Hymnbook, no. 110)*

- 16     Isaiah 6; Ezekiel 3; Matthew 13:1-23
- 17     Isaiah 13; Matthew 24
- 18     Isaiah 14; Ephesians 2; Psalm 126
- 19     Isaiah 49; 1 Peter 1:1-2:11
- 20     Isaiah 53; 1 Peter 2:12-4:19
- 21     2 Kings 21:1-18; 2 Chronicles 33:10-13; 2 Kings 21:19-23:30; Colossians 3:15
- 22     2 Kings 23:31-24:20; Deuteronomy 4:25-31; Psalm 119:1-16

*O Word of God Incarnate, O Wisdom from on high, O Truth unchanged, unchanging, O Light of our dark sky: We praise Thee for the radiance that from the hallowed page, a lantern to our footsteps, shines on from age to age. The Church from Thee, her Master, received the gift divine, and still that light she lifteth o'er all the earth to shine. It is the sacred casket where gems of truth are stored; it is the heaven-drawn picture of Thee, the living Word. (The Hymnbook, no. 251)*

- 23     Ezekiel 1:1-2:7; 6:1-10; 7:5-9; John 3:16-18; Hebrews 10:26-31
- 24     Jeremiah 1:1-10, 18-19; 2; 1 John 1:5-2:6
- 25     Jeremiah 4:5-8; 5; 13:15-19; 2 Chronicles 36:11-16; 2 Timothy 4:1-5
- 26     Jeremiah 21:1-10; 2 Kings 25:1-12, 21b; Lamentations 1:1-3; 2:17; 3:19-26; 5:1-22
- 27     Ezekiel 36:16-37:14; Joel 2
- 28     Romans 9:1-11:36



## *First Cup Readings*

January – February 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)*

## JANUARY

- 1 Ecclesiastes 3:1-15; Psalm 90; Psalm 39
- 2 Acts 17:22-31; 20:22-24; 1 Corinthians 9:24-27; 2 Timothy 4:1-8; Hebrews 12
- 3 John 1:1-9; 3:1-21; 8:12; Psalm 27
- 4 Psalm 112; 18:28; Psalm 139

*O grant us light, that we may know the wisdom Thou alone canst give; that truth may guide where'er we go, and virtue bless where'er we live. O grant us light that we may learn how dead is life from Thee apart; how sure is joy for all who turn to Thee an undivided heart. O grant us light, in grief and pain, to lift our burdened hearts above, and count the very cross a gain, and bless our Father's hidden love. (The Hymnbook, no. 335)*

- 5 John 11; 12:37-50; Romans 13:8-14
- 6 2 Corinthians 4:5-10; Psalm 18:28
- 7 Psalm 19; 119:105-112, 129-176; Proverbs 20:27
- 8 Isaiah 5:20-30; Ephesians 4:17-5:20
- 9 Isaiah 60; Revelation 21-22
- 10 1 Samuel 16; Psalm 147:10; 1 Chronicles 28:9; Isaiah 55:8-9
- 11 1 Samuel 17; 18; 2 Corinthians 1:8-11

*If thou but suffer God to guide thee, and hope in Him through all thy ways, He'll give thee strength, what-e'er betide thee, and bear thee through the evil days; who trusts in God's unchanging love builds on the rock that naught can move. Sing, pray, and swerve not from His ways, but do thine own part faithfully. Trust His rich promises of grace, so shall they be fulfilled in thee. God never yet forsook at need the soul that trusted Him indeed. (The Hymnbook, no. 344)*

- 12 1 Samuel 24; Matthew 5:43-48; 1 Samuel 31; Galatians 6:7-10
- 13 Exodus 25:8-22; Deuteronomy 10:1-8; 2 Samuel 6
- 14 2 Samuel 22; Psalm 89:18-29
- 15 1 Chronicles 17; Psalm 16

- 16 Psalm 59; Psalm 101
- 17 2 Samuel 11; Proverbs 4:20-27; 6:16-35; 28:17
- 18 2 Samuel 12; Psalm 32; 51

*O, Lord, my God, most earnestly my heart would seek Thy face, within Thy holy house once to see Thy glorious grace. Apart from Thee I long and thirst, and naught can satisfy; I wander in a desert land where all the streams are dry. The loving kindness of my God is more than life to me; so I will bless Thee while I live and lift my prayer to Thee. In Thee my soul is satisfied, my darkness turns to light, and joyful meditations fill the watches of the night. (The Hymnbook, no. 327)*

- 19 2 Samuel 13-14; Leviticus 19:17-18; 20:17; 1 John 2:9-11
- 20 2 Samuel 15-16:14; Psalm 4
- 21 2 Samuel 16:15-17:29; 2 Samuel 12:7-13; Galatians 6:7-8
- 22 2 Samuel 18-19; Psalm 55
- 23 1 Chronicles 22; 29; Psalm 23
- 24 1 Kings 1-2; Psalm 5
- 25 1 Kings 3; Proverbs 1

*Thou art the King of mercy and of grace, reigning omnipotent in every place. So come, O King, and our whole being sway; shine on us with the light of Thy pure day. Thou art the life by which alone we live and all our substance and our strength receive. Sustain us by Thy faith and by Thy power, and give us strength in every trying hour. Thou hast the true and perfect gentleness; no harshness hast Thou and no bitterness. O grant to us the grace we find in Thee that we may dwell in perfect unity. (The Hymnbook, no. 144)*

- 26 1 King 4:20-7:12; Deuteronomy 8:10-20; Proverbs 15:25
- 27 1 Kings 7:13-8:66; Deuteronomy 11:16-21
- 28 1 Kings 10-11; Proverbs 2-3; 6:20-35
- 29 2 Chronicles 5-6:11; Proverbs 21:1-4
- 30 2 Chronicles 6:12-7:22; Proverbs 21:30
- 31 1 Samuel 8:10-20; 1 Kings 4:20-28; 12; Proverbs 15:1; Ecclesiastes 4:13-16

## FEBRUARY

- 1 1 Kings 13; Deuteronomy 13:1-5; Psalm 31

*Who is on the Lord's side? Who will serve the King? Who will be His helpers other lives to bring? Who will leave the world's side? Who will face the foe? Who is on the Lord's Side? Who for Him will go? Fierce may be the conflict, strong may be the foe, but the King's own army none can overthrow. Round His standard ranging victory to secure, for His truth unchanging makes the triumph sure. Joyfully enlisting by Thy grace divine, we are on the Lord's side; Savior, we are Thine! (Worship in Song Hymnal, no. 318)*

- 2 1 Kings 14; Deuteronomy 12:1-3; 16:21-22; 23:17; Nehemiah 9
- 3 1 Kings 15:1-8; 2 Chronicles 13; Numbers 10:8-9; 2 Corinthians 10:3-6
- 4 1 Kings 15:9-32; Proverbs 15:8-11; 24:19-22; Mark 9:42-48
- 5 1 Kings 15:33-16:20; 1 Samuel 2:2-10; 8; 12
- 6 1 Kings 16:21-34; Joshua 6:26; Psalm 106
- 7 1 Kings 17; Luke 4:24-26; John 6:5-13; 30-40
- 8 1 Kings 18-19; Romans 11:1-6