

# A LITURGY FOR THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

Heavenly Father, I bring to you my heart  
with all the weakness of a child.  
Beloved Christ, remind me of your mercy  
and of my great need for mercy.  
Holy Spirit, comfort me with your presence  
and speak to me through your word.

I come, O Lord, to hear your word.  
Speak, I pray!  
I come, O Lord, to see your glory.  
Give light!

Rather than hide my sin from you, I come.  
Confront me, Holy Spirit!  
Rather than seek worldly pleasure, I come.  
Delight me with your mercy, Jesus!  
Rather than pursue my own way, I come.  
Conform me to your ways, Father!

As I open now the pages of Scripture, may they  
resonate in my heart and mind  
with life,  
with light,  
with beauty.

As my heart is tuned to yours, play a more  
beautiful song through me in the world,  
lifting high the name of Christ,  
and not my own.

Commune with me I pray, Holy Trinity,  
as I sit under your word  
ever before your face,  
ever in your presence,  
and covered by your grace.

REMINDE ME, FATHER,  
WHAT IS YOUR WORD AND YOUR LAW?

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The law of the Lord is perfect,  
reviving the soul;  
the testimony of the Lord is sure,  
making wise the simple;  
the precepts of the Lord are right,  
rejoicing the heart;  
the commandment of the Lord is pure,  
enlightening the eyes;  
the fear of the Lord is clean,  
enduring forever; PSALM 19:7-11  
the rules of the Lord are true,  
and righteous altogether.  
More to be desired are they than gold,  
even much fine gold;  
sweeter also than honey  
and drippings of the honeycomb.  
Moreover, by them is your servant warned;  
in keeping them there is great reward.

AMEN.

