

## FROM PSALM 51

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Open my lips, O Lord,  
and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.  
Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from your presence  
and take not your holy Spirit from me.  
Give me the joy of your saving help again  
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.  
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. *Amen.*

## MATTHEW 14:22-33

## THE MESSAGE (MSG)

### Jesus Walks on the Water

<sup>22</sup> Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. <sup>23</sup> And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, <sup>24</sup> but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land,<sup>[a]</sup> for the wind was against them. <sup>25</sup> And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. <sup>26</sup> But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, “It is a ghost!” And they cried out in fear. <sup>27</sup> But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, “Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.”

<sup>28</sup> Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” <sup>29</sup> He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. <sup>30</sup> But when he noticed the strong wind,<sup>[b]</sup> he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, “Lord, save me!” <sup>31</sup> Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, “You of little faith, why did you doubt?” <sup>32</sup> When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. <sup>33</sup> And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

**THE HOMILY**      *Cheryl Smith, Director of Children & Family Ministries*  
(A period of silence may follow.)

**OPEN MY.... PRAYER**

Open my ears to hear your word  
Open my eyes to see your ways  
Open my hands to show your love  
Open my mouth to sing your praise  
Open my heart to love you more.  
Amen

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.*

**THE COLLECT**

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Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**THE BLESSING**

Deep peace to you, my child, deep peace.  
Peace in your body, peace in your mind, peace in your spirit.  
As you breathe in deeply, breathe in peace.  
May the worries in your mind seem far away.  
May you know God's love for you, and your family's love too.  
Deep, deep peace to you, my child, deep peace.  
(Excerpt from *Prayers for Faithful Families* by Traci Smith)