**Sentences of Scripture**

*The following sentences of Scripture on general themes are appropriate for any Lord's Day but some may be more suitable for a special occasion. They may be used in the Call to Worship followed by the words:* Let us worship God.

O Lord, open our lips;

**And our mouth shall sing your praise.** *Ps. 51:15.*

Praise the Lord.

**The Lord's name be praised.**

The Lord is risen.

**The Lord has risen indeed.** *Luke 24:34*.

This is the day the Lord has made;

**let us rejoice and be glad in it.** *Ps. 118:24*.

Wait for the Lord;

be strong, and let your heart take courage;

wait for the Lord.

**We wait for the Lord.** *Ps. 27:14.*

Surely God is our salvation;

**We will trust and will not be afraid**.

The Lord is our strength and our song;

**The Lord has become our salvation** . *Isa. 12:2.*

What shall we return to the Lord

for all the Lord's bounty to us?

**We will lift up the cup of salvation**

**and call on the name of the Lord.** *Ps. 116:12.*

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

**Hosanna in the highest!**

Praise the Lord.

**The Lord's name be praised.** *Ps. 118:26; 113:1, 3.*

Alleluia! The Lord is risen!

**The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!** *Luke 24:34*.

O come, let us sing to the Lord;

**let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!**

Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving;

**let us make a joyful noise to the Lord with songs of praise!** *Ps. 95:1, 2*.

In the name of the Father,

and of the Son,

and of the Holy Spirit.  *Matt. 28:19*.

**Amen.**

Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength.

**They shall mount up with wings as eagles,**

**They shall run and not be weary,**

**They shall walk and not faint.** *Isa. 40:31.*

Salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed;

**the night is far gone;**

the day is near.

**Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the**

**armour of light.**  *Rom. 13:11*.

A child has been born for us,

**a son has been given to us;**

authority rests upon his shoulders,

**and he is named:**

**Wonderful Counselor,**

**Mighty God,**

**Everlasting Father,**

**Prince of Peace.**  *Isa. 9:6*.

In the beginning was the Word,

and the Word was with God,

**and the Word was God.**

The Word became flesh and lived among us,

**we have seen his glory, . . .**

**full of grace and truth.** *John 1:1, 14.*

God is our refuge and our strength,

a very present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear,

though the earth should change,

though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea:

though its waters roar and foam,

though the mountains tremble with its tumult. *Ps. 46:1-3*.

Hear the words of the Lord.

I will pour out my spirit on all flesh;

your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,

your old shall dream dreams,

and your young shall see visions. *Joel 2:28*.

Since we are surrounded

by so great a cloud of witnesses,

let us lay aside every weight

and the sin that clings so closely.

**Let us run with perseverance the race**

**that is set before us,**

**looking to Jesus**

**the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.** *Heb. 12:1, 2a*.