

# SUNDAY MAY 3<sup>RD</sup>, 2020 LITURGY

## Call to Worship

THE BOOK OF PSALMS

**149** Praise the LORD!

- Sing to the LORD a new song,  
his praise in the assembly of the godly!
- <sup>2</sup> Let Israel be glad in his Maker;  
let the children of Zion rejoice in their King!
- <sup>3</sup> Let them praise his name with dancing,  
making melody to him with tambourine and lyre!
- <sup>4</sup> For the LORD takes pleasure in his people;  
he adorns the humble with salvation.
- <sup>5</sup> Let the godly exult in glory;  
let them sing for joy on their beds.
- <sup>6</sup> Let the high praises of God be in their throats  
and two-edged swords in their hands,
- <sup>7</sup> to execute vengeance on the nations  
and punishments on the peoples,
- <sup>8</sup> to bind their kings with chains  
and their nobles with fetters of iron,
- <sup>9</sup> to execute on them the judgment written!  
This is honor for all his godly ones.  
Praise the LORD!

- ☩ VERSICLE ☩ Lord, open our lips.  
☩ **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**
- ☩ RESPONSE ☩ Glory be to the Father and to the Son and the Holy Spirit.  
☩ **Come let us adore Him. Alleluia!**

## Salutation

PHILIPPIANS 1

- <sup>2</sup> Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

## Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

# Hymn of Praise

#248 ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING

1. All crea-tures of our God and King, lift up your voice and  
2. Thou rush-ing wind that art so strong, ye clouds that sail in  
3. Thou flow-ing wa-ter, pure and clear, make mu-sic for thy  
4. And all ye men of ten-der heart, for-giv-ing oth-ers,  
5. Let all things their Cre-a-tor bless, and wor-ship him in

with us sing al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia! Thou burn-ing  
heav'n a-long, O praise him, al-le-lu-ia! Thou ris-ing  
• Lord to hear, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia! Thou fire so  
take your part, O sing ye, al-le-lu-ia! Ye who long  
hum-ble-ness, O praise him, al-le-lu-ia! Praise, praise the

sun with gold-en beam, thou sil-ver moon with soft-er gleam,  
morn, in praise re-joice, ye lights of eve-ning, find a voice,  
• mas-ter-ful and bright, that giv-est man both warmth and light,  
pain and sor-row bear, praise God and on him cast your care,  
Fa-ther, praise the Son, and praise the Spir-it, three in one,

O praise him, O praise him, al-le-

lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

# GOD CLEANSSES US

## Reading of God's Law

☞ VERSICLE  
☞ RESPONSE

☞ Hear now the covenant of your God, which He has commanded you to keep saying, "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage." You shall have no other gods before Me.

☞ **You shall not make for yourself an idol.**

☞ You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain.

☞ **Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.**

☞ Honor your father and your mother.

☞ **You shall not murder.**

☞ You shall not commit adultery.

☞ **You shall not steal**

☞ You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

☞ **You shall not covet.**

☞ Have you fully obeyed the LORD in all that He has commanded? Have you loved the LORD with all your heart, soul, mind and strength, and your neighbor as yourself?

☞ **No, but we have sinned in thought, in word, and in deed.**

☞ Then confess your sins to the LORD, for with Him there is mercy and abundant redemption.

## Confession of Sin

IN UNISON

**Almighty and most merciful Father,  
we have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep,  
we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts,  
we have offended against Your holy laws,  
we have left undone those things which we ought to have done,  
and we have done those things which we ought not to have done,  
and there is no health in us.  
O Lord, have mercy upon us,  
spare those, O God, who confess their faults, restore those who are penitent,  
according to Your promises declared unto us in Christ Jesus our Lord;  
and grant, O merciful Father, for His sake,  
that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life,  
to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

## Words of Comfort

<sup>1</sup> JOHN 1

<sup>8</sup>If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. <sup>9</sup>If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

<sup>10</sup>If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

**2** My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. <sup>2</sup>He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

## Hymn of Assurance

#237 WHEN ALL YOUR MERCIES, O MY GOD



1. When all your mer-cies, O my God, my ris - ing soul sur - veys,
2. Un - num-bered com-forts to my soul your ten - der care be - stowed,
3. When worn with sick-ness, oft have you with health re - newed my face;
4. Ten thou-sand thou-sand pre-cious gifts my dai - ly thanks em - ploy;



- trans - port - ed with the view, I'm lost in won - der, love, and praise.  
be - fore my in - fant heart con - ceived from whom those com - forts flowed.  
and when in sins and sor - rows sunk, re - vived my soul with grace.  
nor is the least a cheer - ful heart that tastes those gifts with joy.



5. Through ev'ry period of my life  
your goodness I'll pursue;  
and after death, in distant worlds,  
the glorious theme renew.
6. Through all eternity to you  
a joyful song I'll raise;  
for oh, eternity's too short  
to utter all your praise.

## GOD CONSECRATES US

### Old Testament Reading

THE BOOK OF PSALMS

## 126 A SONG OF ASCENTS.

When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,  
we were like those who dream.

- 2 Then our mouth was filled with laughter,  
and our tongue with shouts of joy;  
then they said among the nations,  
"The LORD has done great things for them."
- 3 The LORD has done great things for us;  
we are glad.
- 4 Restore our fortunes, O LORD,  
like streams in the Negeb!
- 5 Those who sow in tears  
shall reap with shouts of joy!
- 6 He who goes out weeping,  
bearing the seed for sowing,  
shall come home with shouts of joy,  
bringing his sheaves with him.

V<sup>1</sup> VERSICLE    V<sup>1</sup> The Word of the Lord!  
 R<sup>1</sup> RESPONSE    R<sup>1</sup> Thanks be to God!

## Psalm of Preparation

#122A

1. <sup>1</sup>I was filled with joy and glad-ness when they said with one ac-cord,  
 2. <sup>3</sup>As a cit-y bound to-geth-er is Je-ru-sa-lem de-signed.  
 3. <sup>6</sup>Pray for peace, the peace of Zi-on: "Pros-per those who love you well!  
 4. <sup>8</sup>For the sake of my com-pan-ions, for my broth-ers, I will say:

"Let us make our pil-grim jour-ney to the house of God the LORD."  
<sup>4</sup>There, by law, the tribes as-cend-ing thank the LORD in praise com-bined.  
<sup>7</sup>Peace be in your walls for-ev-er; safe-ty in your tow-ers dwell!"  
 "May God's peace a-bide with-in you!" For the tem-ple's sake I pray.

<sup>2</sup>O Je-ru-s'lem, O Je-ru-s'lem, we are stand-ing in your  
<sup>5</sup>Thrones of Da-vid, thrones of Da-vid, there for roy-al jus-tice  
<sup>7</sup>Peace and safe-ty, peace and safe-ty in Je-ru-sa-lem a-  
<sup>9</sup>For the LORD's house, for the LORD's house I will ev-er seek your

gates; (*in your gates*) we are stand-ing in your gates.  
 stand; (*jus-tice stand*) there for roy-al jus-tice stand.  
 bound; (*a-bound*) in Je-ru-sa-lem a-bound.  
 good; (*seek your good*) I will ev-er seek your good.

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 John Hughes, 1907

## New Testament Reading

THE EPISTLE TO THE ROMANS

**5** Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>2</sup>Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. <sup>3</sup>Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, <sup>4</sup>and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup>and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

☩ **VERSICLE**    ☩ The Word of the Lord!  
☩ **RESPONSE**    ☩ **Thanks be to God!**

## Homily

REV. JESSE PIRSCHER

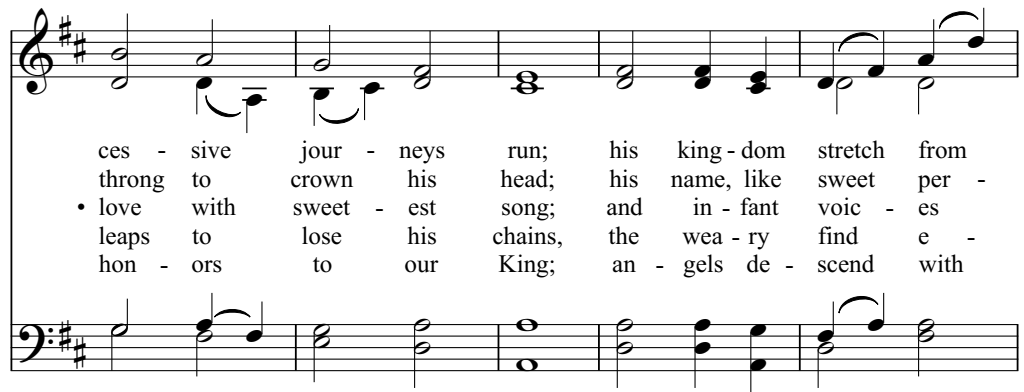
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# Hymn of Response

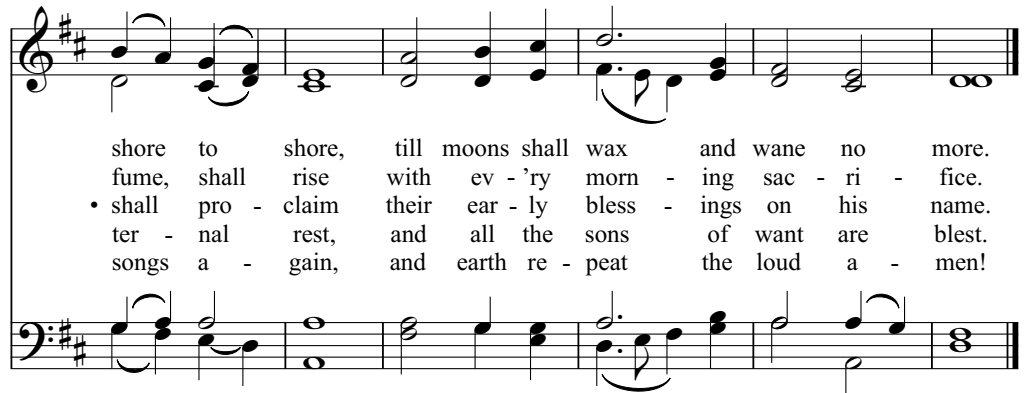
#417 JESUS SHALL REIGN



1. Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does his suc -  
2. To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es  
3. Peo - ple and realms of ev - 'ry tongue dwell on his  
4. Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns; the pris - 'ner  
5. Let ev - 'ry crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar



ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from  
throng to crown his head; his name, like sweet per -  
• love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es  
leaps to lose his chains, the wea - ry find e -  
hon - ors to our King; an - gels de - scend with



shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.  
fume, shall rise with ev - 'ry morn - ing sac - ri - fice.  
• shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.  
ter - nal rest, and all the sons of want are blest.  
songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men!

based on Psalm 72  
Isaac Watts, 1719

DUKE STREET, L.M.  
John Hatton, 1793

## Confession of Faith

IN UNISON APOSTLES CREED

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried;  
He descended into hell.  
The third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## Closing Prayers

☩ VERSICLE  
℞ RESPONSE

☩ For all the baptized, that they would make a joyful noise to the Lord for the salvation they have in Jesus Christ, in whose righteousness they are clothed, let us pray to the Lord:

℞ **Lord, have mercy.**

☩ For all pastors in Christ, that they would be diligent in their studies, faithful in their prayers, steadfast in their faith and compassionate toward the children of God they serve, let us pray to the Lord:

℞ **Lord, have mercy.**

☩ For our children and young people, that they would be brought up by faithful parents; receive a good education; and grow into fruitful maturity for service to home, church and world, let us pray to the Lord:

℞ **Lord, have mercy.**

☩ For the vocation of motherhood, that mothers would love and care for their children, and that children would cherish and honor their mothers, let us pray to the Lord:

℞ **Lord, have mercy.**

☩ For all those who have been entrusted with earthly authority, that they would be given the wisdom to rule according to Your will, to work for the well-being of the nation especially during the present pandemic, and to enable justice and peace to flourish throughout the world, let us pray to the Lord:

℞ **Lord, have mercy.**



☩ **VERSICLE** ☩ For all who suffer in this vale of tears, and for all those who have requested our prayers,  
☩ **RESPONSE** that they would be comforted with the sure and certain hope of life eternal through Christ,  
their Lord, knowing that a day is coming when no one will be able to take their joy from  
them, let us pray to the Lord:

☩ **Lord, have mercy.**

☩ For those who have gone before us with the sign of faith and now rest in Jesus, let us give  
thanks to the Lord; that we would be enlivened by the Gospel and sustained in the one, true  
faith until our last hour comes, let us pray to the Lord:

☩ **Lord, have mercy.**

☩ Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy;  
through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord who taught us to pray:

IN UNISON **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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

## **GOD COMMISSIONS US**

### **Departing Words of Comfort**

HEBREWS 13

<sup>20</sup> Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great  
shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, <sup>21</sup> equip you with everything  
good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus  
Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. *Amen.*



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