

Sunday Contemporary Worship

Tonight's Theme: The Psalms

September 26, 2021 @7:00 pm

GATHERING SONG – Psalm 25

Refrain

To you, oh Lord, I lift up my soul.
In You I trust, oh Lord. (Repeat)

Verse

Higher than the mountain, deeper than the sea,
Wider than the ocean is Your love for me.
You're with me on the mountain and the valley below.
You are right there beside me everywhere that I go!

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LITANY OF THE PSALMS

Dear God, this day we lift up your written word. We lift up the words that point us to you. Today we especially lift up your Psalms. Through them we come to experience a life in relationship to you. Through them we come to worship together. You are the inspiration and the subject the authors of the Psalms sought to speak to.

Heavenly Father you inspired us to create Psalms that were hymns:

**Praise the LORD, O my soul;
all my inmost being, praise his holy name.
Praise the LORD, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits. (Psalm 103:1-2)**

Ever listening God, you hear us even when we cry Psalms of laments:

**I say to God my Rock,
“Why have you forgotten me?” (Psalm 42:9)**

Benevolent God, out of your goodness we have written Psalms of thanksgiving:

**I will extol the Lord at all times;
[the Lord's] praise will always be on my lips. (34:1)**

Almighty God, with you on our side you inspired Psalms of confidence:
**Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I fear no evil;
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff—
they comfort me. (Psalm 23:4)**

God of time and Space, through Psalms we remember your goodness towards your people:
**to [God] who divided the Red Sea asunder
[The Lord's] love endures forever. (Psalm 136:13)**

God of Wisdom, through your wisdom you inspired Psalms to share your knowledge:
**Blessed is the [one]
who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked....
For the Lord watches over the way of the righteous;
but the way of the wicked will perish. (Psalm 1:1,6)**

King of Kings, it is through your majesty that you inspired Psalms to speak of your royalty:
**For God is the King of all the earth;
sing to [the Lord] a psalm of praise. (Psalm 47:7)**

The Psalms praise you in song, lament to you, give thanks when those laments are answered, show confidence in you, remember you, teach your wisdom, and praise you as King. This form of public worship unites us with your children who used these Psalms in public worship over 3,500 years ago to now.
To you, O Lord, we lift up our souls. In you we trust, O Lord. (Psalm 25:1-2)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Blessed Lord God,
You have caused the holy scriptures to be written for the nourishment of your people. Grant that we may hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, especially the poetry inspired by you in the Psalms, that, comforted by your promises, we may embrace and forever hold fast to the hope of eternal life, which you have given us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Reading: Luke 24:36-44

Two men on the road to Emmaus have an encounter with the risen Jesus. Once they realized who they had met that raced back to tell the other disciples. Jesus comes before the disciples to open their minds to his fulfilling of the promises given to God's people.

³⁶ While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." ³⁷ They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. ³⁸ He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts?" ³⁹ Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." ⁴⁰ And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹ While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" ⁴² They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³ and he took it and ate in their presence.

⁴⁴ Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled."

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE

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SONG OF THE EVENING

"How Great is Our God" by Chris Tomlin

Verse

The splendor of a King
Clothed in majesty
(Let all the earth rejoice x2)
He wraps Himself in light
And darkness tries to hide
(And trembles at His voice x2)

Refrain

How great is our God
Sing with me
How great is our God
And all will see
How great, how great is our God

Verse

Age to age He stands
And time is in His hands
(Beginning and the end x2)
Age to age He stands
And time is in His hands
(Beginning and the end x2)

The Godhead Three in One
Father, Spirit, Son
(The Lion and the Lamb x2)

Refrain—Bridge x2—Refrain x2

Bridge

Name above all names
You are worthy of our praise
And my heart will sing
How great is our God

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER

BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING SONG "10,000 Reasons" by Matt Redman

Refrain

Bless the Lord, Oh my soul
Oh my soul, worship his holy name
Sing like never before, Oh my soul
I'll worship your holy name

Verse 1

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes—*Refrain*

Verse 2

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger
Your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find—*Refrain*

Verse 3

And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore—*Refrain x2*

DISSMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.
Thanks be to God!