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Here we post current prayer concerns of those with health needs and those in need of comfort, the full scriptural text for today's service, a link to give online, and important announcements about the life of our church.

GATHERING

"EVERLASTING GOD" (ARR. MCDONALD/SHACKLEY)

"PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY" | #575 IN THE HYMNAL

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!
Come, all who hear; brothers and sisters, draw near,
Join me in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning,
Sheltering you under his wings, oh, so gently sustaining.
Have you not seen all that is needful has been
Sent by his gracious ordaining?

Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;
Surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do
As with his love he befriends you.

Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore him!
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his people again.
Gladly forever adore him!

CALL TO WORSHIP | FROM PSALM 145

- › Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise;
his greatness no one can fathom.
- » **One generation commends your works to another;
they tell of your mighty acts.**
- › They speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty—
and I will meditate on your wonderful works.
- » **They celebrate your abundant goodness
and joyfully sing of your righteousness.**
- › The Lord is gracious and compassionate,
slow to anger and rich in love.
- » **Let every creature praise his holy name
for ever and ever.**

PRAYER OF ADORATION

"PSALM 131" | ANTIPHON

Lord, my heart is not haughty
And my eyes are not lofty,
And I don't seek
What is not right for me.

*I have stilled my soul
In your presence, Lord,
Like a weaned child
With its mother.*

We will trust in you, Lord,
In your unfailing love.
We put our hope in you
Forever.

"BLEST ARE THEY"

Blest are they, the poor in spirit;
Theirs is the kingdom of God.
Blest are they, full of sorrow;
They shall be consoled.

Blest are they, the lowly ones;
They shall inherit the earth.
Blest are they who hunger and thirst;
They shall have their fill.

*Rejoice and be glad!
Blessed are you; holy are you.
Rejoice and be glad!
Yours is the kingdom of God.*

Blest are they who show mercy;
Mercy shall be theirs.
Blest are they, the pure of heart;
They shall see God.

Blest are they who seek peace;
They are the children of God.
Blest are they who suffer in faith;
The glory of God is theirs.

Blest are you who suffer hate,
All because of me.
Rejoice and be glad, yours is the kingdom;
Shine for all to see.

"MY GOD, MY KING"

I will sing, sing, sing to my God, my King,
For all else fades away.
I will love, love, love with this heart you've made,
For you've been good always.

CONFESSING

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

» **Merciful God,**
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you
with our whole heart and mind and strength;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
Create in us a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within us.

SILENT CONFESSION

The Lord is steadfast, merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in love. He extends his mercy to us and receives us as we are. Let's bring our confessions to the Lord silently.

WORDS OF COMFORT

› Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn?
» **Only Christ.**
› And Christ died for us, Christ rose for us,
Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.
Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.
The old life has gone; the new life has begun!
Know that you are forgiven, and be at peace.
» **Thanks be to God!**

GREETING OF PEACE

As a new spiritual family reconciled to one another through Christ, pass the peace of Christ to one another as you're able.

THANKSGIVING

OUR OFFERINGS | FROM 1 CHRONICLES 29:14

› Lord, who are we that we are able to give so generously?
» **For all things come from you and what we now offer is already yours.**

Please be praying for our mission partner Inspire International, founders David and Nalini Singh, and director Nisha Grant as they seek to create caring communities of faith among unreached people groups in northern India that teach the word of God, promote literacy, alleviate poverty, and bring hope.

INTERVIEW WITH MISSION PARTNERS ANDREW & JESSIE FOSTER

Want to make a gift this morning? You can drop it in the basket in the Commons or give online at thirdrva.org/give.

DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PROCLAIMING

SCRIPTURE READING | 1 SAMUEL 16:1-14

Read along in your Bible or the online guide for this Sunday at thirdrva.org/this-sunday.

SERMON | "A KING AFTER GOD'S OWN HEART"

RESPONDING

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

- › God of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ you promise to hear us when we pray to you in his name. Confident in your love and mercy, we offer our prayer. Empower the church throughout the world in its life and witness. Break down the barriers that divide, so that united in your truth and love, the church may confess your name, share one baptism, sit together at one table, and serve you in one common ministry. Lord, in your mercy,
» **Hear our prayer.**
- › Guide the rulers of the nations. Move them to set aside their fear, greed, and vain ambition and to bow to your sovereign rule. Inspire them to strive for peace and justice, that all your children may dwell secure, free of war and injustice. Hear the cries of the world's hungry and suffering. Use us, your church, so that all may have their rightful share of food, medical care, and shelter, and so have the necessities of a life of dignity. Lord, in your mercy,
» **Hear our prayer.**
- › Look with compassion on all who suffer. Support with your love those with incurable and stigmatized diseases, those who are imprisoned, those denied dignity, those who live without hope, those who are homeless or abandoned. As you have moved toward us in love, so lead us to be present with them in their suffering in the name of Jesus Christ. Lord, in your mercy,
» **Hear our prayer.**

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 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 for ever. Amen.**

SENDING

"LOVE DIVINE, ALL LOVES EXCELLING" | #351 IN THE HYMNAL

Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heaven, to earth come down;
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,
All thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
Pure, unbounded love thou art;
Visit us with thy salvation,
Enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, oh, breathe thy loving Spirit
Into every troubled breast;
Let us all in thee inherit;
Let us find thy promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its beginning,
Set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty, to deliver,
Let us all thy life receive;
Suddenly return, and never,
Nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve thee with thy hosts above,
Pray and praise thee without ceasing,
Glory in thy perfect love.

Finish, then, thy new creation;
Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see thy great salvation
Perfectly restored in thee:
Changed from glory into glory,
Till in heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before thee,
Lost in wonder, love and praise.

COMMISSION AND BENEDICTION | 2 CORINTHIANS 5:16-17

- › So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer.
- » **Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!**

"TUBA TUNE IN D MAJOR" (C. S. LANG)

BLEST ARE THEY



1. Blest are they, the poor in spir - it; theirs is the king - dom of
2. Blest are they, the low - ly ones; they shall in - her - it the



God. _____ Blest are they, full of sor - row; _____
earth. _____ Blest are they who hun - ger and thirst; _____



they shall be con - soled. _____
they shall have their fill. _____

Refrain



Re - jice _____ and be glad! _____



Bless - ed are you; ho - ly are you. Re - jice _____ and be



glad! _____ Yours is the king - dom of God. _____

Verses 3. & 4.



3. Blest are they who show mer - cy; mer - - cy
4. Blest are they who seek peace;— they are the



shall be theirs._____ Blest are they, the pure of
chil - dren of God._____ Blest are they who suf - fer in

Sing Refrain



heart;_____ they_____ shall see God._____
faith;— the glo - ry of God is theirs._____

Verse 5.

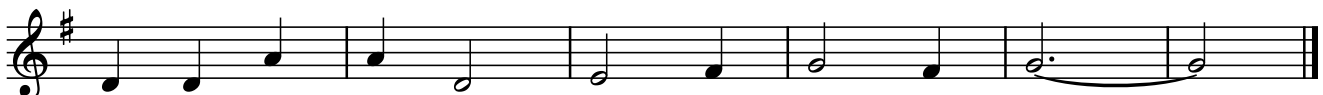


5. Blest are you who suf - fer hate,— all be - cause of



me._____ Re - joice and be glad,

Sing Refrain




yours is the king - dom; shine for all to see._____

MY GOD, MY KING



I will sing, sing, sing to my God, my King, for all else fades a - way.



— And I will love, love, love with this heart you've made, for



you've been good al - ways.