

GATHERING

"PRELUDE AND FUGUE IN D MINOR" (J. S. BACH)

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP | FROM PSALM 62

- › For God alone my soul waits in silence;
- » **From him comes my salvation.**

CALL TO WORSHIP | FROM PSALM 62

- › Truly my soul finds rest in God;
my salvation comes from him.
- » **Truly he is our rock and our salvation;
he is our fortress, we will never be shaken.**
- › Yes, my soul, find rest in God; my hope comes from him.
- » **Truly he is our rock and our salvation;
he is our fortress, we will not be shaken.**
- › My salvation and honor depend on God;
he is my mighty rock, my refuge.
- » **Trust in him at all times, you people;
pour out your hearts to him, for God is our refuge.**

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Take a few moments with the people you are gathered with, or on your own, to praise God for his goodness and his faithfulness.

PRAYING

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION AND INTERCESSION

- › Eternal God, who alone is worthy of all praise and honor and glory, we confess that our hearts are often far from you. We look to many false gods for our salvation, whether money, power, comfort, control or approval. We have not loved you with our whole heart, mind and strength, nor have we loved our neighbor as we love ourselves. Have mercy on us, loving God, and renew us once again that we might live in union with Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Lord, in your mercy,
- » **Hear our prayer.**

Let's pause for a time of silent, personal confession.

- › Sovereign Lord, in this election week, we pray for peace on our land. In this time of great division and turmoil, we cry out that you would restrain the powers of sin and evil and order our national life in justice and peace. As we vote, grant us wisdom and prudence, and guide us to go the way of love, seeking the good of our nation, our community and neighbor above all else. May all who are elected in this season do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly before

"OH, FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES TO SING" | MUSIC ON P.5

Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing
My great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King,
The triumphs of his grace!

My gracious Master and my God,
Assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad
The honors of your name.

The name of Jesus charms our fears
And bids our sorrows cease;
'Tis music in the sinner's ears,
'Tis life and health and peace.

He breaks the power of canceled sin,
He sets the prisoner free;
His blood can make the foulest clean;
His blood availed for me.

you and all people. We rest confidently in your providence throughout all ages and all nations, for you are the King on the throne. Lord, in your mercy,

- » **Hear our prayer.**

Now let's pause for a time of silent, personal prayer for the elections this week.

- › Loving Father, we pray for all those who are bound in struggle; for the lonely, the suffering, the persecuted, the lost; for the sick, the mentally ill, the estranged; for the poor, the widow, the orphan, and the alien among us. We cry out for your healing and liberating kingdom to extend throughout the earth, and that you would use us your people to be agents of your kingdom. Hasten the day when you bring an end to all that destroys and divides, when we rejoice to enter that dwelling place where you have chosen to be with us forever, where all is redeemed in the presence of Jesus the Son through the power of the Spirit. Lord, in your mercy,
- » **Hear our prayer.**

Finally, pause for a time of silent, personal prayer for people you know that are hurting, sick or in trouble.



Request prayer and pray for those with health needs or for those in need of comfort: thirdrva.org/prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

- › Thank you for hearing our prayers! Gathering our prayers into one, let us pray boldly as our Savior has taught us:
- » **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.**

THANKSGIVING

OUR OFFERINGS

- › We bring our gifts, we bring our power,
- » **We place them in your sovereign hand.**
- › We bring our time, we bring our treasure,
- » **We lay them down before your throne.**
- › You will make them something greater,
- » **You will use them for your plan.**
- › Lord, who are we that we should be able to give so generously?
- » **For what we now offer is already yours.**

Please pray for our mission partner Andrew Fuller with World Horizons and their efforts in pioneering, recruiting, equipping, and supporting evangelism and church planting in parts of the world where there is no church, particularly among Muslim peoples.

**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.**

GREETING OF PEACE

As a new spiritual family reconciled to one another through Christ, take a few moments to pass the peace of Christ to one another as you're able, either with those in your home, or by sending a text to other friends and family watching.



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VIDEO: BELONGS TO OUR GOD

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 | REVELATION 7

¹ After this I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding back the four winds of the earth to prevent any wind from blowing on the land or on the sea or on any tree.

² Then I saw another angel coming up from the east, having the seal of the living God. He called out in a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to harm the land and the sea: ³ "Do not harm the land or the sea or the trees until we put a seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God." ⁴ Then I heard the number of those who were sealed: 144,000 from all the tribes of Israel.

⁵ From the tribe of Judah 12,000 were sealed,
from the tribe of Reuben 12,000,
from the tribe of Gad 12,000,
⁶ from the tribe of Asher 12,000,
from the tribe of Naphtali 12,000,
from the tribe of Manasseh 12,000,
⁷ from the tribe of Simeon 12,000,
from the tribe of Levi 12,000,
from the tribe of Issachar 12,000,
⁸ from the tribe of Zebulun 12,000,
from the tribe of Joseph 12,000,
from the tribe of Benjamin 12,000.

⁹ After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰ And they cried out in a loud voice:

"Salvation belongs to our God,
who sits on the throne,
and to the Lamb."

¹¹ All the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹² saying:

"Amen!
Praise and glory
and wisdom and thanks and honor
and power and strength
be to our God for ever and ever.
Amen!"

¹³ Then one of the elders asked me, "These in white robes—who are they, and where did they come from?"

¹⁴ I answered, "Sir, you know."

And he said, "These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. ¹⁵ Therefore,

"they are before the throne of God
and serve him day and night in his temple;
and he who sits on the throne
will shelter them with his presence.

¹⁶ 'Never again will they hunger;
never again will they thirst.

The sun will not beat down on them,
nor any scorching heat.

¹⁷ For the Lamb at the center of the throne
will be their shepherd;

'he will lead them to springs of living water.'

'And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'"

MESSAGE | "THE GREAT MULTITUDE"

The Lord's Supper, or Communion, is one of the two sacraments we celebrate (the other is baptism). It's one of the most important things we do when we gather together, because the bread and juice are concrete signs of what Jesus has done for us on the cross. When we come forward to receive them, we believe that Jesus is actually present through the Holy Spirit, extending his grace and forgiveness to us. We welcome anyone to the table who is willing to forsake their sin and trust in Jesus Christ for salvation. If you are not able to receive Communion, we invite you to use this time to meditate on one of the following prayers:

PRAYER OF THOSE SEARCHING FOR TRUTH

"Lord Jesus, you claim to be the Way, the Truth and the Life. Help me to be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open me to the reality of who you are. Lead me into the light and life you promise. Amen."

PRAYER OF BELIEF

"Lord Jesus Christ, I admit that I am more blind and sinful than I ever dared admit, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt on the cross, taking what I deserved in order to offer me complete acceptance. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as Savior and Lord. Amen."

Adapted from prayers written by Rev. Scot Sherman, Redeemer Presbyterian Church

RESPONDING

THE APOSTLES' CREED

- › Christians, what do you believe?
- » **I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there he shall 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.**

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

- › Lift up your hearts!
- » **We lift them up to the Lord.**
- › Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- » **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

- › Holy and merciful God, our Father, you have made us in your image and for yourself. You have made this good world for us to tend and to enjoy. God, our Father,
- » **Hear the praise of grateful hearts.**
- › You sought your ancient people when they strayed from you. You freed them from the oppressor and brought them home. God, our Father,
- » **Hear the praise of grateful hearts.**
- › You have sent your Son to bring us home to you. By his Incarnation—
- » **You have found us.**
- › By his Death—
- » **You have forgiven us.**
- › By his Resurrection—
- » **You have freed us.**
- › God, our Father,
- » **Hear the praise of grateful hearts.**
- › In union with Jesus Christ of Nazareth, our Great High Priest, and with all who worship you, both in heaven and on earth, we offer you our praise, singing:
- » **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might, heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is he, blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

- › Holy and merciful God, our Father, send down your Holy Spirit on our bread and wine, that they may be for us the body and blood of Christ, and on your people, that we may be the body of Christ, reconciled to you and to each other by his blood. By your Holy Spirit make us—
- » **One with Christ, one with each other, and one in mission to all the world,**
- › Until Christ shall come in final victory and we feast together at his heavenly banquet. We cry,
- » **Maranatha! Even so, come, Lord Jesus, come. Amen!**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION | FROM 1 CORINTHIANS 11:23–26

- › “The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, ‘This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me.’ In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, ‘This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.’ For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.”

As we take the elements together, spend a few moments meditating on the mercy of God given to us in Jesus’ death and resurrection. Praise and thank God for his gift of love that binds us together in unity through Jesus’ sacrifice!

SENDING

“WE WILL FEAST IN THE HOUSE OF ZION”

*We will feast in the house of Zion,
We will sing with our hearts restored.
“He has done great things,” we will say together.
“We will feast and weep no more.”*

We will not be burned by the fire.
He is the Lord our God.
We are not consumed by the flood—
Upheld, protected, gathered up.

In the dark of night, before the dawn:
My soul, be not afraid.
For the promised morning, oh, how long?
O God of Jacob, be my strength.

Every vow we’ve broken and betrayed.
You are the faithful one.
And from the garden to the grave,
Bind us together, bring shalom.

COMMISSION AND BLESSING | EPHESIANS 1:13–14

- › You were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit,
- » **Who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God’s possession—to the praise of his glory.**

“TOCCATA ON ‘SINE NOMINE’” (MICHAEL BEDFORD)

OH, FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES TO SING

"LIFT UP YOUR HEARTS" HYMNAL #590

The musical score is written in 3/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a treble clef staff with a melody and a bass clef staff with a bass line. Above the treble staff are chords: D, G, D, G, D, G, D7. The second system also has a treble clef staff with a melody and a bass clef staff with a bass line. Above the treble staff are chords: G, C, G/D, D7, G. The lyrics are printed below the treble staves.

1 Oh, for a thou-sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem - er's praise,
2 My gra-cious Mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim,
3 The name of Je - sus charms our fears and bids our sor - rows cease;
4 He breaks the power of can - celed sin, he sets the pri - soner free;

the glo - ries of my God and King, the tri - umphs of his grace!
to spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of your name.
'tis mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.
his blood can make the foul - est clean; his blood a - vailed for me.

French

1 Seigneur, que n'aïje mille voix
pour chanter tes louanges.
Et faire monter jusqu' aux anges
les glories de ta croix!

Spanish

1 Mil voces para celebrar
a mi Libertador,
las glorias de su majestad,
los triunfos de su amor.

Korean

1 만 입이 내게 있으면
그 입 다 가지고
내 구주 주신 은총을
늘 찬송하겠네

Japanese

1 すべての人々
ほめたたえよ、
御神の栄光
恵みの勝利。

Mandarin

1 但愿万口欢声高唱，
颂扬救主我王，
赞美我神恩爱深长，
并他莫大荣光。