

## GATHERING

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### "GOD OF GRACE" (PAUL MANZ)

#### 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

##### "IN CHRIST ALONE"

In Christ alone my hope is found;  
He is my light, my strength, my song—  
This cornerstone, this solid ground,  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease.  
My comforter, my all in all,  
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh—  
Fullness of God in helpless babe!—  
This gift of love and righteousness,  
Scorned by the ones he came to save.  
'Til on the cross as Jesus died,  
The wrath of God was satisfied.  
For every sin on him was laid;  
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground his body lay,  
Light of the world by darkness slain;  
Then, bursting forth in glorious day,  
Up from the grave he rose again!  
And as he stands in victory,  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me;  
For I am his and he is mine,  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,  
This is the power of Christ in me;  
From life's first cry to final breath,  
Jesus commands my destiny.  
No power of hell, no human plan,  
Can ever pluck me from his hand;  
'Til he returns or calls me home,  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

##### "OUR GREAT GOD"

Eternal God, unchanging, mysterious, and unknown;  
Your boundless love, unfailing, grace and mercy shown.  
Bright seraphim in ceaseless flight around your glorious throne;  
They raise their voices day and night in praise to you alone.

*Hallelujah! Glory be to our great God!*  
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Lord, we are weak and frail, helpless in the storm.  
Surround us with your angels, hold us in your arms;  
Our cold and ruthless enemy, his pleasure is our harm.  
Rise up, O Lord, and he will flee before our sovereign God.

Let every creature in the sea and every flying bird,  
Let every mountain, every field and valley of the earth;  
Let all the moons and all the stars in all the universe  
Sing praises to the living God who rules them by his word.

## PRAYING

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### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

» **Jesus Lord, in your mercy,  
by your holy life that heals us,  
by your holy death that saves us,  
by your Holy Spirit with us,  
come to cleanse these sinners that we are.  
Set us free to obey you;  
make us clear to stand before you;  
then, for your mercy, we will praise you.  
Amen.**

### SILENT CONFESSION

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

## THANKSGIVING

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### 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.**

*Pray for Paul and Reinhild Sydnor in France and for their ministry  
of activating local churches for ministry to refugees.*



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### SONG OF COMFORT | "TIS SO SWEET TO TRUST IN JESUS"

» **Sing refrain:**  
*Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him!  
How I've proved him o'er and o'er.  
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus!  
O for grace to trust him more.*

### 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.*

### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

*We rejoice in the baptism of Benjamin David Mendez on  
October 25. We invite you to pray for parents Mark and  
Kate Mendez of the Lauderdale parish as they seek to raise  
Ben in the love and knowledge of Jesus Christ.*

*The Lord bless you and keep you,  
The Lord make his face shine upon you,  
And give you peace, and give you peace,  
And give you peace forever!*

## PROCLAIMING

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### SCRIPTURE READING | REVELATION 10:1–11:15

<sup>1</sup> Then I saw another mighty angel coming down from heaven. He was robed in a cloud, with a rainbow above his head; his face was like the sun, and his legs were like fiery pillars. <sup>2</sup> He was holding a little scroll, which lay open in his hand. He planted his right foot on the sea and his left foot on the land, <sup>3</sup> and he gave a loud shout like the roar of a lion. When he shouted, the voices of the seven thunders spoke. <sup>4</sup> And when the seven thunders spoke, I was about to write; but I heard a voice from heaven say, “Seal up what the seven thunders have said and do not write it down.”

<sup>5</sup> Then the angel I had seen standing on the sea and on the land raised his right hand to heaven. <sup>6</sup> And he swore by him who lives for ever and ever, who created the heavens and all that is in them, the earth and all that is in it, and the sea and all that is in it, and said, “There will be no more delay! <sup>7</sup> But in the days when the seventh angel is about to sound his trumpet, the mystery of God will be accomplished, just as he announced to his servants the prophets.”

<sup>8</sup> Then the voice that I had heard from heaven spoke to me once more: “Go, take the scroll that lies open in the hand of the angel who is standing on the sea and on the land.”

<sup>9</sup> So I went to the angel and asked him to give me the little scroll. He said to me, “Take it and eat it. It will turn your stomach sour, but ‘in your mouth it will be as sweet as honey.’” <sup>10</sup> I took the little scroll from the angel’s hand and ate it. It tasted as sweet as honey in my mouth, but when I had eaten it, my stomach turned sour. <sup>11</sup> Then I was told, “You must prophesy again about many peoples, nations, languages and kings.”

<sup>1</sup> I was given a reed like a measuring rod and was told, “Go and measure the temple of God and the altar, with its worshippers. <sup>2</sup> But exclude the outer court; do not measure it, because it has been given to the Gentiles. They will trample on the holy city for 42 months. <sup>3</sup> And I will appoint my two witnesses, and they will prophesy for 1,260 days, clothed in sackcloth.” <sup>4</sup> They are “the two olive trees” and the two lampstands, and “they stand before the Lord of the earth.” <sup>5</sup> If anyone tries to harm them, fire comes from their mouths and devours their enemies. This is how anyone who wants to harm them must die. <sup>6</sup> They have power to shut up the heavens so that it will not rain during the time they are prophesying; and they have power to turn the waters into blood and to strike the earth with every kind of plague as often as they want.

<sup>7</sup> Now when they have finished their testimony, the beast that comes up from the Abyss will attack them, and overpower and kill them. <sup>8</sup> Their bodies will lie in the public square of the great city—which is figuratively called Sodom and Egypt—where also their Lord was crucified. <sup>9</sup> For three and a half days some from every people, tribe, language and nation will gaze on their bodies and refuse them burial. <sup>10</sup> The inhabitants of the earth will gloat over them and will celebrate by sending each other gifts, because these two prophets had tormented those who live on the earth.

<sup>11</sup> But after the three and a half days the breath of life from God entered them, and they stood on their feet, and terror struck those who saw them. <sup>12</sup> Then they heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, “Come up here.” And they went up to heaven in a cloud, while their enemies looked on.

<sup>13</sup> At that very hour there was a severe earthquake and a tenth of the city collapsed. Seven thousand people were killed in the earthquake, and the survivors were terrified and gave glory to the God of heaven.

<sup>14</sup> The second woe has passed; the third woe is coming soon.

<sup>15</sup> The seventh angel sounded his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, which said:

“The kingdom of the world has become  
the kingdom of our Lord and of his Messiah,  
and he will reign for ever and ever.”

MESSAGE | “THE SUFFERING WITNESSES”

## RESPONDING

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### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE



Request prayer and pray for those with health needs  
or for those in need of comfort: [thirdrva.org/prayer](http://thirdrva.org/prayer).

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

- › Gathering our prayers into one, let us boldly pray as our Savior has taught us, saying:

## SENDING

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### "IS HE WORTHY?"

Do you feel the world is broken? We do.  
Do you feel the shadows deepen? We do.  
But do you know that all the dark won't stop  
The light from getting through? We do.  
Do you wish that you could see it all made new? We do.

Is all creation groaning? It is.  
Is a new creation coming? It is.  
Is the glory of the Lord to be  
The light within our midst? It is.  
Is it good that we remind ourselves of this? It is.

Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?  
Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?  
The Lion of Judah, who conquered the grave,  
He is David's Root and the Lamb who died  
To ransom the slave.

Is he worthy?  
Is he worthy of all blessing and honor and glory?  
Is he worthy of this? He is.

Does the Father truly love us? He does.  
Does the Spirit move among us? He does.  
And does Jesus, our Messiah,  
Hold forever those he loves? He does.  
Does our God intend to dwell again with us? He does.

- » **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.**

Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?  
Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?  
The Lion of Judah, who conquered the grave,  
He is David's Root and the Lamb who died  
To ransom the slave.

From ev'ry people and tribe, ev'ry nation and tongue,  
He has made us a kingdom and priests to God  
To reign with the Son.

Is he worthy?  
Is he worthy of all blessing and honor and glory?  
Is he worthy? Is he worthy?  
Is he worthy of this? He is!

### COMMISSION AND BENEDICTION | 2 PETER 3:9, 18

- › The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.
- » **Let us grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory now and forever!**

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

*Philip and Sarah Innes, along with big brother Thomas, welcomed Louise Livingston Innes on September 10, 2020. Please join the Grove parish in praying for this family.*