

CONNECT TO TODAY'S ONLINE WORSHIP GUIDE: THIRDRVA.ORG/THIS-SUNDAY

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

"VARIATIONS ON 'O FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES TO SING'"
(ROBERT HOBBY)

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP | FROM PSALM 124:8

- > Our help is in the name of the LORD,
- » Who made heaven and earth.

CALL TO WORSHIP | FROM PSALM 113

- Praise the LORD. Praise the LORD, you his servants; praise the name of the LORD.
- » Let the name of the LORD be praised, both now and forevermore.
- From the rising of the sun to the place where it sets, the name of the LORD is to be praised.
 The LORD is exalted over all the nations, his glory above the heavens.
- » Who is like the Lord our God, the One who sits enthroned on high, who stoops down to look on the heavens and the earth?
- He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the ash heap; he seats them with princes, with the princes of his people.
- » Praise the LORD!

PRAYER OF ADORATION

"PSALM 62 (MY SOUL FINDS REST IN GOD ALONE)"

My soul finds rest in God alone,
My rock and my salvation;
A fortress strong against my foes
And I will not be shaken.
Though lips may bless and hearts may curse,
And lies like arrows pierce me,
I'll fix my heart on righteousness;
I'll look to him who hears me.

O praise him, hallelujah, My delight and my reward. Everlasting, never failing, My Redeemer, my God. Find rest, my soul, in God alone
Amid the world's temptations;
When evil seeks to take a hold
I'll cling to my salvation.
Though riches come and riches go,
Don't set your heart upon them;
The fields of hope in which I sow
Are harvested in heaven.

I'll set my gaze on God alone
And trust in him completely;
With every day pour out my soul
And he will prove his mercy.
Though life is but a fleeting breath,
A sigh too brief to measure;
My King has crushed the curse of death
And I am his forever!

Oh praise him, oh praise him, Hallelujah, hallelujah!

CONFESSING

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

- > Merciful God, for the things we have done that we regret,
- » Forgive us;
- > For the things we have failed to do that we regret,
- » Forgive us;
- > For all the times we have acted without love,
- » Forgive us;
- For all the times we have reacted without thought,
- » Forgive us;
- > For all the times we have withdrawn care,
- » Forgive us;
- For all the times we have failed to forgive,
- » Forgive us.
- For hurtful words said and helpful words unsaid, for unfinished tasks and unfulfilled hopes,
- » God of all time, forgive us and help us to lay down our burden of regret. 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.

WORDS OF COMFORT

- Hear these words of favor, O children of God: all these sins you have truly repented of, he has eternally forgiven. They will never be held against you. You are free to love and to serve him in joyful assurance, knowing his grace will always be more than sufficient to your own failings.
- » Thanks be to Christ for this glorious gift!

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

- Let us give thanks to God our Father for all his gifts so freely bestowed upon us: for the beauty and wonder of your creation, in earth and sky and sea,
- » We thank you, Lord.
- For all that is gracious in the lives of people, revealing the image of Christ,
- » We thank you, Lord.
- For our daily food and drink, our homes, families, and friends,
- » We thank you, Lord.
- > For minds to think, and hearts to love, and hands to serve,
- » We thank you, Lord.
- For health and strength to work, and leisure to rest and play,
- » We thank you, Lord.
- For the brave and courageous, who are patient in suffering and faithful in adversity,
- » We thank you, Lord.
- > For all valiant seekers after truth, liberty, and justice,
- » We thank you, Lord.
- > For the communion of saints, in all times and places,
- » We thank you, Lord.
- For what else are we thankful?
 Feel free to speak out loud or type into the chat area.
- Above all, we give you thanks for the great mercies and promises given to us in Christ Jesus our Lord, who taught us to pray as children of God, saying:
- » 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.

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 Tim Cole and Strategies to Elevate People (STEP), as they surround and support leaders in the urban community with compassion, prayer, and action to defeat physical and spiritual poverty.

OFFERTORY | "O DAY OF PEACE THAT DIMLY SHINES"

O day of peace that dimly shines
Through all our hopes and prayers and dreams,
Guide us to justice, truth, and love,
Delivered from our selfish schemes.
May swords of hate fall from our hands,
Our hearts from envy find release,
Till by God's grace our warring world
Shall see Christ's promised reign of peace.

Then shall the wolf dwell with the lamb,
Nor shall the fierce devour the small;
As beasts and cattle calmly graze,
A little child shall lead them all.
Then enemies shall learn to love,
All creatures find their true accord;
The hope of peace shall be fulfilled,
For all the earth shall know the Lord.

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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 | GALATIANS 5:22-23, JOHN 14:25-27

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

SERMON | "PEACE IN A TIME OF CONFLICT"

RESPONDING

"POUR ME OUT"

Make me a vessel of your peace. Where there is war, let fighting cease. All that divides us, come reconcile us. Make me a vessel of your peace.

Make me a vessel of your love.
Where there is hatred, break it up.
All creeds and colors, bind us together.
Make me a vessel of your love.

Pour me out, pour me out, pour me out, Wherever I am, wherever I go.

Make me a vessel of your hope.
Where dreams are dead, come wake them up.
A new horizon, I feel it rising.
Make me a vessel of your hope.

Like a rushing river, let mercy flow Through my heart to my world.

SCRIPTURE READING | PSALM 145:9-13

SENDING

"YOUR KINGDOM KNOWS NO END"

Your kingdom, unshakable. Your power, unstoppable. Your love is so beautiful. Your kingdom knows no end.

Oh, glory to God, glory to God in the highest! Oh, glory to God, glory to God in the highest! Your kingdom knows no end, hallelujah!

You're righteous and gracious. Your peace overtakes us. Your joy is contagious. Your kingdom knows no end.

Yours is the kingdom, yours is the power, Yours is the glory, forever and ever.

COMMISSION AND BENEDICTION | 1 THESSALONIANS 5:23-24

- May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- » The one who calls us is faithful, and he will do it.

"PRAISE, MY SOUL, THE KING OF HEAVEN" (BURKHARDT)

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