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**GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP**

**Responses and Prayer of Praise**

*Deuteronomy 33v29*

*Blessed are you, O Israel! Who is like you, a people saved by the LORD? He is your shield and helper and your glorious sword.*

**GOD CALLS US TO CONFESS OUR SINS**

**Confession**

**Lord God, we have sinned against you; we have done evil in your sight. We are sorry and repent. Have mercy on us according to your love. Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin. Renew a right spirit within us and restore us to the joy of your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Assurance of Forgiveness**

*Joshua 1v9*

*Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go."*

May the Father of all mercies cleanse you from your sins, and restore you in His image to the praise and glory of His name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Words of Thanks and Praise**

*Psalms 20*

***<sup>1</sup> May the LORD answer you when you are in distress; may the name of the God of Jacob protect you.***

***<sup>2</sup> May he send you help from the sanctuary and grant you support from Zion.***

***<sup>3</sup> May he remember all your sacrifices and accept your burnt offerings.***

***<sup>4</sup> May he give you the desire of your heart and make all your plans succeed.***

***<sup>5</sup> We will shout for joy when you are victorious and will lift up our banners in the name of our God.***

***May the LORD grant all your requests.***

***<sup>6</sup> Now I know that the LORD saves his anointed; he answers him from his holy heaven with the saving power of his right hand.***

***7 Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the LORD our God.***

***8 They are brought to their knees and fall, but we rise up and stand firm.***

***9 O LORD, save the king! Answer us when we call!***

## **GOD CALLS US TO SERVE HIM**

### **Bible Reading**

Acts 11v19-30

*19 Now those who had been scattered by the persecution in connection with Stephen travelled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus and Antioch, telling the message only to Jews. 20 Some of them, however, men from Cyprus and Cyrene, went to Antioch and began to speak to Greeks also, telling them the good news about the Lord Jesus. 21 The Lord's hand was with them, and a great number of people believed and turned to the Lord.*

*22 News of this reached the ears of the church at Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. 23 When he arrived and saw the evidence of the grace of God, he was glad and encouraged them all to remain true to the Lord with all their hearts. 24 He was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and faith, and a great number of people were brought to the Lord.*

*25 Then Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul, 26 and when he found him, he brought him to Antioch. So for a whole year Barnabas and Saul met with the church and taught great numbers of people. The disciples were called Christians first at Antioch.*

*27 During this time some prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. 28 One of them, named Agabus, stood up and through the Spirit predicted that a severe famine would spread over the entire Roman world. (This happened during the reign of Claudius.) 29 The disciples, each according to his ability, decided to provide help for the brothers living in Judea. 30 This they did, sending their gift to the elders by Barnabas and Saul.*

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### **Sermon – Acts 11v19-30**

#### **Prayers of intercession and Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into**

**temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.**

## **GOD SENDS US OUT INTO THE WORLD**

### **Hymn**

**Before the throne of God above**, I have a strong, a perfect plea,  
A great High Priest whose name is Love, Who ever lives and pleads for me.  
My name is graven on His hands, My name is written on His heart;  
I know that while in heaven He stands  
No tongue can bid me thence depart, No tongue can bid me thence depart.  
When Satan tempts me to despair, And tells me of the guilt within,  
Upward I look and see Him there Who made an end to all my sin.  
Because the sinless Saviour died, My sinful soul is counted free;  
For God the Just is satisfied  
To look on Him and pardon me, To look on Him and pardon me.  
Behold Him there! The risen Lamb, My perfect, spotless righteousness;  
The great unchangeable I AM, The King of glory and of grace!  
One with Himself I cannot die, My soul is purchased with His blood;  
My life is hid with Christ on high,  
With Christ, my Saviour and my God, With Christ my Saviour and my God.

### **Blessing**

*Hebrews 13v20-21*

*May the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.*

**Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. In the name of Christ. Amen.**