
Welcome

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Responses and Prayer of Praise

Acts 4v10-12

¹⁰ then know this, you and all the people of Israel: It is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed. ¹¹ He is "the stone you builders rejected, which has become the capstone." ¹² Salvation is found in no-one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved."

Lift up your hearts! **We lift them up to the Lord!**

Hymn

In Christ alone, my hope is found; He is my hope, 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.

2. 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:
till on that 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.

3. 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.

4. 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 scheme of man, can ever pluck me from His hand;
till He returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

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.

God's Promise of Forgiveness

Acts 5v31-32

³¹ God exalted him to his own right hand as Prince and Saviour that he might give repentance and forgiveness of sins to Israel. ³² We are witnesses of these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him."

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Words of Thanks and Praise

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

GOD CALLS US TO SERVE HIM

Bible Reading

Jonah 4

¹ But Jonah was greatly displeased and became angry. ² He prayed to the LORD, "O LORD, is this not what I said when I was still at home? That is why I was so quick to flee to Tarshish. I knew that you are a gracious and compassionate God, slow to anger and abounding in love, a God who relents from sending calamity. ³ Now, O LORD, take away my life, for it is better for me to die than to live."

⁴ But the LORD replied, "Have you any right to be angry?"

⁵ Jonah went out and sat down at a place east of the city. There he made himself a shelter, sat in its shade and waited to see what would happen to the city. ⁶ Then the LORD God provided a vine and made it grow up over Jonah to give shade for his head to ease his discomfort, and Jonah was very happy

about the vine.⁷ But at dawn the next day God provided a worm, which chewed the vine so that it withered.⁸ When the sun rose, God provided a scorching east wind, and the sun blazed on Jonah's head so that he grew faint. He wanted to die, and said, "It would be better for me to die than to live."

⁹ But God said to Jonah, "Do you have a right to be angry about the vine?" "I do," he said. "I am angry enough to die."

¹⁰ But the LORD said, "You have been concerned about this vine, though you did not tend it or make it grow. It sprang up overnight and died overnight.¹¹ But Nineveh has more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who cannot tell their right hand from their left, and many cattle as well. Should I not be concerned about that great city?"

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

Sermon – Jonah 4

Words of belief

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe 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, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will 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.

**means universal*

Collect of the Day, Prayers of intercession and Lord's Prayer

Lord God, our refuge and strength, the author of all godliness, hear the devout prayers of your church and grant that what we ask for in faith we may surely obtain, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

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,
praise him in glad adoration!

2. Praise to the Lord, above all things so mightily reigning;
keeping us safe at his side, and so gently sustaining.

Have you not seen all you have needed has been
met by his gracious ordaining?

3. Praise to the Lord, who shall prosper our work and defend us;
surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend us.

Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
who with his love will befriend us.

4. Praise to the Lord, who, when darkness and sin are abounding,
who, when the godless are rampant, all goodness confounding,
breaks forth as light, scatters the terrors of night,
saints with his mercy surrounding!

5. Praise to the Lord— O 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 we praise and adore him!

Blessing

1 John 2v28

*And now, may you continue in him, so that when he appears we may be
confident and unashamed before him at his coming.*

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