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## Welcome

### GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

#### Responses and Prayer of Praise

Acts 13v32-34

<sup>32</sup> "We tell you the good news: What God promised our fathers<sup>33</sup> he has fulfilled for us, their children, by raising up Jesus. As it is written in the second Psalm: "'You are my Son; today I have become your Father.'<sup>34</sup> The fact that God raised him from the dead, never to decay, is stated in these words: "'I will give you the holy and sure blessings promised to David.'

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

#### Hymn

(Psalm 144) (Tune: Immortal, Invisible)

**All praise to the Lord**, who prepares me to fight; For he is my fortress, the rock of my might.

Lord, why care for mortals, whose brief earthly stay Is fleeting like shadows, soon passing away?

2. O Lord, part the heavens, reach down from on high; Touch mountains with smoke, flash your fire in the sky.

Lord, save me from those who deal only in lies; Their hands are deceitful, your ways they despise.

3. I'll sing a new song on a harp of ten strings. Lord, you are the One who gives victory to kings.

Your hand keeps me safe from the foes' deadly sword. Deliver me from the deceitful, O Lord.

4. Our children will blossom in beauty and grace. Our barns will be filled, sheep and cattle increase.

No cry of distress in our streets will be heard. How blessed the people whose God is the Lord!

### 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 13v38-39*

*<sup>38</sup> "Therefore, my brothers, I want you to know that through Jesus the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you. <sup>39</sup> Through him everyone who believes is justified from everything you could not be justified from by the law of Moses.*

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**

*Psalms 29v1-11*

- <sup>1</sup> Ascribe to the LORD, O mighty ones,  
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.**
- <sup>2</sup> Ascribe to the LORD the glory due to his name;  
worship the LORD in the splendour of his holiness.**
- <sup>3</sup> The voice of the LORD is over the waters;  
the God of glory thunders,  
the LORD thunders over the mighty waters.**
- <sup>4</sup> The voice of the LORD is powerful;  
the voice of the LORD is majestic.**
- <sup>5</sup> The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars;  
the LORD breaks in pieces the cedars of Lebanon.**
- <sup>6</sup> He makes Lebanon skip like a calf,  
Sirion like a young wild ox.**
- <sup>7</sup> The voice of the LORD strikes  
with flashes of lightning.**
- <sup>8</sup> The voice of the LORD shakes the desert;  
the LORD shakes the Desert of Kadesh.**
- <sup>9</sup> The voice of the LORD twists the oaks  
and strips the forests bare.  
And in his temple all cry, "Glory!"**
- <sup>10</sup> The LORD sits enthroned over the flood;  
the LORD is enthroned as King for ever.**
- <sup>11</sup> The LORD gives strength to his people;  
the LORD blesses his people with peace.**

## GOD CALLS US TO SERVE HIM

### Bible Reading

2 Corinthians 9v6-15

<sup>6</sup> Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. <sup>7</sup> Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. <sup>8</sup> And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. <sup>9</sup> As it is written:

*"He has scattered abroad his gifts to the poor;  
his righteousness endures for ever."*

<sup>10</sup> Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. <sup>11</sup> You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.

<sup>12</sup> This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of God's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God. <sup>13</sup> Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, men will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else. <sup>14</sup> And in their prayers for you their hearts will go out to you, because of the surpassing grace God has given you. <sup>15</sup> Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

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

### Sermon

#### 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**

Stir up the wills of your faithful people, Lord, so that we may produce abundantly the fruit of good works and receive your abundant reward, 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**

**Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;**

Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art;  
Thou my best Thought, by day or by night,  
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

2. Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word;  
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;  
Thou my great Father and I Thy true son;  
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

3. Be Thou my battle Shield, Sword for the fight;  
Be Thou my Dignity, Thou my Delight;  
Thou my soul's Shelter and Thou my high Tower:  
Raise Thou me heav'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.

4. Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,  
Thou mine Inheritance, now and always:  
Thou and Thou only the first in my heart,  
High King of Heaven, my Treasure Thou art.

5. High King of Heaven, my victory won,  
May I reach Heav'n's joys, O bright Heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

### **Blessing**

*Ephesians 3v18*

May you have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ.

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