
GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Prayer of Praise

Titus 1v2-3

² a faith and knowledge resting on the hope of eternal life, which God, who does not lie, promised before the beginning of time,³ and at his appointed season he brought his word to light through the preaching entrusted to me by the command of God our Saviour,

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

Titus 3v5-6

⁵ he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit,⁶ whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Saviour,

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

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

Isaiah 40v1-11

¹ *Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.*

² *Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that her hard service has been completed, that her sin has been paid for, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins.*

³ *A voice of one calling: "In the desert prepare the way for the LORD; make straight in the wilderness a highway for our God.*

⁴ *Every valley shall be raised up, every mountain and hill made low; the rough ground shall become level, the rugged places a plain.*

⁵ *And the glory of the LORD will be revealed, and all mankind together will see it. For the mouth of the LORD has spoken."*

⁶ *A voice says, "Cry out." And I said, "What shall I cry?"*

"All men are like grass, and all their glory is like the flowers of the field.

⁷ *The grass withers and the flowers fall, because the breath of the LORD blows on them. Surely the people are grass.*

⁸ *The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God stands for ever."*⁹ *You who bring good tidings to Zion, go up on a high mountain.*

You who bring good tidings to Jerusalem, lift up your voice with a shout, lift it up, do not be afraid; say to the towns of Judah, "Here is your God!"

¹⁰ *See, the Sovereign LORD comes with power, and his arm rules for him. See, his reward is with him, and his recompense accompanies him.*

¹¹ *He tends his flock like a shepherd: He gathers the lambs in his arms and carries them close to his heart; he gently leads those that have young.*

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

Sermon – Isaiah 40

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

Lord, come among us, we pray, with your power and help us with your great might so that, although we are hindered by our sins and wickedness from running the race set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us through the work of your Son our Lord to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be honour and glory now and for ever. 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

O come, O come, Emmanuel and ransom captive Israel
who mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God draws near:

Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

2. O come, O come, great Lord of might who long ago on Sinai's height
gave Israel's tribes the holy law in cloud and majesty and awe:

Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

3. O come, true Branch of Jesse, free your own from Satan's tyranny;
from depths of hell your people save to rise victorious from the grave:

Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

4. O come, strong Key of David, come and open wide our heavenly home;
make safe the way that leads on high and close the path to misery:

Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

Blessing

Ephesians 3v19

May you know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

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