

# MARCH 22, 2020 LITURGY

## GOD CALLS US

### Call to Worship

THIS LITURGY IS SUITABLE FOR PRIVATE DEVOTIONS AND SMALL GATHERINGS. IF GATHERED TOGETHER, ONE OFFICIANT SHOULD BE DESIGNATED TO READ ALL NON-EMBOLDENED TEXT (SUCH AS SCRIPTURE PASSAGES) AND TO TAKE THE ROLE OF THE VERSICLE, DESIGNATED BY THE ∇ SYMBOL. SECTIONS LABELED WITH THE Ⱳ SYMBOL ARE INTENDED TO BE READ ALOUD BY ALL. ALL OTHER READINGS IN BOLD FONT SHOULD BE READ IN UNISON AS NOTED.

THE BOOK OF PSALMS

**95** Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;  
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

<sup>2</sup> Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;  
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

<sup>3</sup> For the LORD is a great God,  
and a great King above all gods.

<sup>4</sup> In his hand are the depths of the earth;  
the heights of the mountains are his also.

<sup>5</sup> The sea is his, for he made it,  
and his hands formed the dry land.

<sup>6</sup> Oh come, let us worship and bow down;  
let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

<sup>7</sup> For he is our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture,  
and the sheep of his hand.

Today, if you hear his voice,  
<sup>8</sup> do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah,  
as on the day at Massah in the wilderness,

<sup>9</sup> when your fathers put me to the test  
and put me to the proof, though they had seen my work.

<sup>10</sup> For forty years I loathed that generation  
and said, "They are a people who go astray in their heart,  
and they have not known my ways."

<sup>11</sup> Therefore I swore in my wrath,  
"They shall not enter my rest."

∇ VERSICLE  
Ⱳ RESPONSE

∇ Lord, open our lips.

Ⱳ **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

∇ Glory be to the Father and to the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Ⱳ **Come let us adore Him. Alleluia!**

### Salutation

PHILIPPIANS 1

<sup>2</sup> Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

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## Prayer of the Day

O heavenly Father, in whom we live and move and have our being;  
We humbly pray thee so to guide and govern us by thy Holy Spirit,  
that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget thee,  
but may remember that we are ever walking in thy sight;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Hymn of Praise

ALL HYMN #230 HOLY, HOLY HOLY

SELECTIONS ARE  
TAKEN FROM THE  
TRINITY PSALTER  
HYMNAL

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## Confession of Sin

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

IN UNISON

**Almighty and most merciful Father;**

**We have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep.**

**We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts**

**We have offended against Your holy laws.**

**We have left undone those things which we ought to have done;**

**And we have done those things which we ought not to have done;**

**And there is no health in us.**

**O Lord, have mercy upon us.**

**Spare those, O God, who confess their faults.**

**Restore those who are penitent;**

**According to Your promises declared unto us in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

**And grant, O merciful Father, for His sake;**

**That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life;**

**To the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

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## Words of Comfort

THE BOOK OF PSALMS

# 103<sup>OF DAVID</sup>

- <sup>1</sup> Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
and all that is within me,  
bless his holy name!
- <sup>2</sup> Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
and forget not all his benefits,
- <sup>3</sup> who forgives all your iniquity,  
who heals all your diseases,
- <sup>4</sup> who redeems your life from the pit,  
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,
- <sup>5</sup> who satisfies you with good  
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

## Hymn of Assurance

#239 PRAISE MY SOUL THE KING OF HEAVEN

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## Old Testament Reading

THE BOOK OF NUMBERS

**34** The LORD spoke to Moses, saying,  
<sup>2</sup>“Command the people of Israel, and say to them, When you enter the land of Canaan (this is the land that shall fall to you for an inheritance, the land of Canaan as defined by its borders), <sup>3</sup> your south side shall be from the wilderness of Zin alongside Edom, and your southern border shall run from the end of the Salt Sea on the east. <sup>4</sup> And your border shall turn south of the ascent of Akrabbim, and cross to Zin, and its limit shall be south of Kadesh-barnea. Then it shall go on to Hazar-addar, and pass along to Azmon. <sup>5</sup> And the border shall turn from Azmon to the Brook of Egypt, and its limit shall be at the sea. <sup>6</sup>“For the western border, you shall have the Great Sea and its coast. This shall be your western border.

<sup>7</sup>“This shall be your northern border: from the Great Sea you shall draw a line to Mount Hor. <sup>8</sup> From Mount Hor you shall draw a line to Lebo-hamath, and the limit of the border shall be at Zedad. <sup>9</sup> Then the border shall extend to Ziphron, and its limit shall be at Hazar-enan. This shall be your northern border.

<sup>10</sup>“You shall draw a line for your eastern border from Hazar-enan to Shepham. <sup>11</sup> And the border shall go down from Shepham to Riblah on the east side of Ain. And the border shall go down and reach to the shoulder of the Sea of Chinnereth on the east. <sup>12</sup> And the border shall go down to the Jordan, and its limit shall be at the Salt Sea. This shall be your land as defined by its borders all around.”

<sup>13</sup> Moses commanded the people of Israel, saying, “This is the land that you shall inherit by lot, which the LORD has commanded to give to the nine tribes and to the half-tribe. <sup>14</sup> For the tribe of the people of Reuben by fathers’ houses and the tribe of the people of Gad by their fathers’ houses have received their inheritance, and also the half-tribe of Manasseh. <sup>15</sup> The two tribes and the half-tribe have received their inheritance beyond the Jordan east of Jericho, toward the sunrise.”

∞ VERSICLE ∞ The Word of the Lord!

℞ RESPONSE ℞ **Thanks be to God!**

## Psalm of Preparation

#46C GOD IS OUR REFUGE AND OUR STRENGTH

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## New Testament Reading

<sup>1</sup> PETER <sup>1</sup>

<sup>3</sup> Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, <sup>4</sup> to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup> who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. <sup>6</sup> In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, <sup>7</sup> so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. <sup>8</sup> Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, <sup>9</sup> obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

<sup>10</sup> Concerning this salvation, the prophets who prophesied about the grace that was to be yours searched and inquired carefully, <sup>11</sup> inquiring what person or time the Spirit of Christ in them was indicating when he predicted the sufferings of Christ and the subsequent glories. <sup>12</sup> It was revealed to them that they were serving not themselves but you, in the things that have now been announced to you through those who preached the good news to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven, things into which angels long to look.

<sup>13</sup> Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

☩ **VERSICLE**      ☩ **The Word of the Lord!**  
☩ **RESPONSE**      ☩ **Thanks be to God!**

## Homily

REV. JESSE PIRSCHEL

## Hymn of Response

#243 HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION

THIS WEEK'S  
HOMILY IS  
AVAILABLE ONLINE  
ON OUR WEBSITE,  
YOUTUBE,  
FACEBOOK, OR  
SERMONAUDIO  
(AUDIO ONLY).

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## Closing Prayers

∞ VERSICLE ∞ O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;  
℞ RESPONSE ℞ **And grant us thy salvation.**  
∞ Endue thy ministers with righteousness;  
℞ **And make thy chosen people joyful.**  
∞ Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;  
℞ **For only in thee can we live in safety.**  
∞ Lord, keep this nation under thy care;  
℞ **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**  
∞ Let thy way be known upon earth;  
℞ **Thy saving health among all nations.**  
∞ Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;  
℞ **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**  
∞ Create in us clean hearts, O God;  
℞ **And sustain us with thy Holy Spirit.**  
∞ We pray now, even as our LORD has taught us;

IN UNISON **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 forever. Amen.**

## GOD COMMISSIONS US

### Departing Words of Comfort

ROMANS 15

<sup>13</sup> May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.



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