

“When I had nothing,
desperate and defeated,
I cried out to the Lord and
he heard me, bringing his
miracle-deliverance
when I needed it most. *Psalm 34:6*”



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PSALMS (BOOK ONE)

Worship in a traditional order drawing words from Book One of the Psalms (1-41).

Opening Hymn

The Lord, My God, Be Praised

LSB 794



1 The Lord, my God, be praised, My light, my life from heav - en;
 2 The Lord, my God, be praised, My trust, my life from heav - en,
 3 The Lord, my God, be praised, My hope, my life from heav - en,
 △ 4 The Lord, my God, be praised, My God, the ev - er - liv - ing,



My mak - er, who to me Has soul and bod - y giv - en;
 The Fa - ther's own dear Son, Whose life for me was giv - en,
 The Spir - it, whom the Son In love to me has giv - en.
 To whom the heav'n - ly host Their laud and praise are giv - ing.



My Fa - ther, who will shield And keep me day by day
 Who for my sin a - toned With His most pre - cious blood
 His grace re - vives my heart And gives my spir - it pow'r,
 The Lord, my God, be praised, In whose great name I boast,



And make each mo - ment yield New bless - ings on my way.
 And gives to me by faith The high - est heav'n - ly good.
 Help, com - fort, and sup - port In sor - row's gloom - y hour.
 God Fa - ther, God the Son, And God the Ho - ly Ghost.

Text: Johann Olearius, 1611–84; tr. August Crull, 1845–1923, alt. Tune: Johann Crüger, 1598–1662

Invocation (based on Psalms 8:1-2, 24:7-10)

P: O Yahweh, our Lord,

C: how magnificent is your Name throughout the earth!

P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: You reveal your majesty in the heavens above.

From the mouths of children and babies and adults and seniors,

C: You have given us words to praise You,

P: Your strength over Satan and all evil.

C: Look up, you gates.

P: Rise up, you eternal doors.

C: Then the majestic king will enter into our presence.

P: Who is this majestic king?

C: The Lord who is strong and mighty.

The Lord who is mighty in battle.

Look up, you gates.

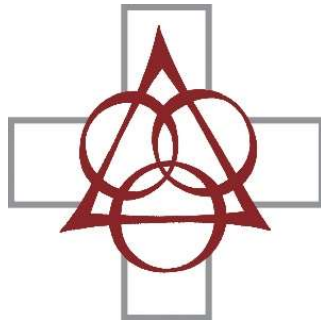
P: Rise up, you eternal doors.

C: Then the majestic king will enter into our lives.

P: Who is this majestic king?

C: The Lord of Heaven's Armies.

He is the majestic king. Amen.



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Song-Psalm of Praise (Based on Psalm 8) How Majestic is Your Name

O Lord, our Lord, how ma-jes-tic is Your name in all the
earth. O Lord, our Lord, how ma-jes-tic is Your name in all the
earth. O Lord, we praise Your name. O
Lord, we mag-ni-fy Your name: Prince of Peace. Might-y
God, O Lord God Al-might - y. O y.

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Confession of Sins (based on Psalms 19:12-13, 25:4-7)

- P: Oh, Yahweh, our God, who can know all their errors?
C: **Please do not punish us for sins we are unaware of.**
P: More than that, keep us from committing flagrant sins;
C: **do not allow such sins to control us.**
P: But only in the blood of Jesus, we will be blameless,
C: **and innocent of blatant rebellion.**
P: Make us understand your ways, O Lord.
C: **Teach us your paths.**
P: Guide us into your truth and teach us.
C: **For you are the God who delivers us;**
P: on you we rely all day long.
C: **Remember your compassionate and faithful deeds, O Lord,**
P: for you have always acted with such steadfast mercy.
C: **Do not hold against us the sins of our youth or our rebellious acts.**

P: Because you are faithful to us,
C: **extend to us your favor, O Lord,
because of the life, death, and resurrection of Your Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ.**

P: We pause in the presence of the Lord
C: **Remembering our sins and our need for the Lord's forgiveness.**

(silent meditation)

Absolution (Declaration of Forgiveness) (based on Psalm 25:8a,11,14b,20a,22)

P: The Lord is both kind and fair;
For the sake of the Lord's reputation, His holy Name, Yahweh,
He forgives your sin, because it is great—
but not so great that He cannot redeem you and make you His holy ones.
Through the work of Jesus who fulfilled the Lord's covenant faithfulness for you,
He protects you and delivers you and rescues you from all your distress.
Therefore, in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all
your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

Song of Praise (based on Psalm 25)

tune: LSB 892



1 Lord, I lift my soul to you; in your ho - ly name I trust.
3 Don't re - call my sins of late; help re - lease me from their hold.



Long I've known your paths are true; all your ways are good and just.
Je - sus save me from my fate; keep me hum - ble, keep me bold.



Wait - ing ev - er for your love, lead me in your truth and grace
May re - demp - tion be my course, and my trou - bles be no more.



Per - fect guid - ance from a - bove, ev - er more in your em - brace.
With your grace my on - ly source, you will my new life re - store.

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This Week's Psalm

Psalm 34 (Passion Translation)

- ¹ Lord! I'm bursting with joy over what you've done for me!
My lips are full of perpetual praise.
- ² I'm boasting of you and all your works, so let all who are discouraged take heart.
- ³ Join me, everyone! Let's praise the Lord together.
Let's make him famous! Let's make his name glorious to all.
- ⁴ Listen to my testimony: I cried to God in my distress
and he answered me. He freed me from all my fears!
- ⁵ Gaze upon him, join your life with his, and joy will come.
Your faces will glisten with glory. You'll never wear that shame-face again.
- ⁶ When I had nothing, desperate and defeated,
I cried out to the Lord and he heard me,
bringing his miracle-deliverance when I needed it most.
- ⁷ The angel of the Lord stooped down to listen as I prayed,
encircling me, empowering me, and showing me how to escape.
He will do this for everyone who fears God.
- ⁸ Drink deeply of the pleasures of this God.
Experience for yourself the joyous mercies he gives
to all who turn to hide themselves in him.
- ⁹ Worship in awe and wonder, all you who've been made holy!
For all who fear him will feast with plenty.
- ¹⁰ Even the strong and the wealthy grow weak and hungry,
but those who passionately pursue the Lord will never lack any good thing.
- ¹¹ Come, children of God, and listen to me.
I'll share the lesson I've learned of fearing the Lord.
- ¹²⁻¹³ Do you want to live a long, good life, enjoying the beauty that fills each day?
Then never speak a lie or allow wicked words to come from your mouth.
- ¹⁴ Keep turning your back on every sin, and make "peace" your life motto.
Practice being at peace with everyone.
- ¹⁵ The Lord sees all we do; he watches over his friends day and night.
His godly ones receive the answers they seek whenever they cry out to him.
- ¹⁶ But the Lord has made up his mind to oppose evildoers
and to wipe out even the memory of them from the face of the earth.
- ¹⁷ Yet when holy lovers of God cry out to him with all their hearts,
the Lord will hear them and come to rescue them from all their troubles.
- ¹⁸ The Lord is close to all whose hearts are crushed by pain,
and he is always ready to restore the repentant one.

¹⁹ Even when bad things happen to the good and godly ones,
the Lord will save them and not let them be defeated by what they face.

²⁰ God will be your bodyguard to protect you when trouble is near.
Not one bone will be broken.

²¹ But the wicked [slowly destroy their own lives].
For they hate and persecute the lovers of God.
Make no mistake about it, God will hold them guilty and punish them;
they will pay the penalty!

²² But the Lord has paid for the freedom of his servants,
and he will freely pardon those who love him.
He will declare them free and innocent when they turn to hide themselves in him.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Collect (Prayer of the Day)

P: Let us pray. Be with us, O God, and come to our aid when our spirits are troubled. Help us to trust that in the fullness of time Your grace will triumph and that the time of our tribulation will come to an end. Assure us that even though we face affliction, we will never be without your everlasting love. In the Name of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Psalm Song

Psalm 34

Richard Jeffes

Children's Message

Sermon

Psalm 34

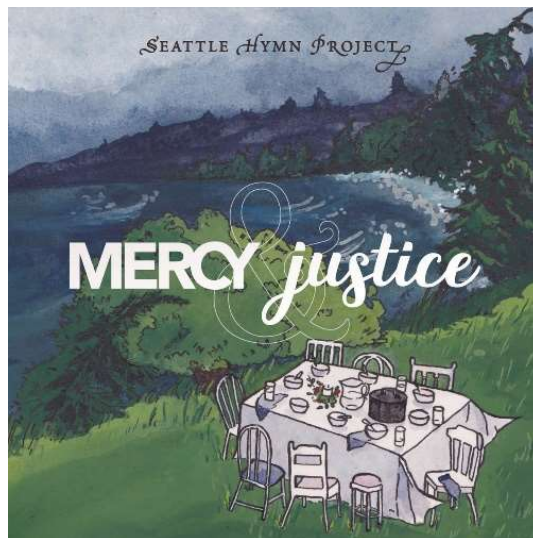


Lord we pray - bring mercy
Comfort those who are weak

I sought the Lord, he answered me
Delivered me from all my fears
Those who look to him become radiant
Their faces will not be ashamed

The poor cried out, the Lord heard them
And saved them from despair and grief
The angel of our Lord encamps around
Those who fear him and rescues them

When the righteous cry out for help
The Lord delivers them from death
The Lord is near to those with broken hearts
And saves the crushed in spirit



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**Confession of Faith (Based on Psalm 23, the Apostles' Creed & the Catechism)
(spoken in unison)**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.
I believe the LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures.
He leads me beside still waters.
All this he does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy,
without any merit or worthiness in me.

And I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord.
He restores my soul.
He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil, for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
Jesus has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person,
purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil.



I believe in the Holy Spirit.

I believe He prepares a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

He anoints my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth,

and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead,

and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. Amen.

Offering & Prayer Requests

In addition to the prayer requests already received, Pastor will pause here to see if there are additional requests. Prayers can be thanksgivings, joy, requests for yourself, or requests for others.

Offertory (Based on Psalm 30) O God of Bethel, by Whose Hand

tune: LSB 526

(we join in singing as the offerings are brought forward to the altar)



1.O God of Be - thel, by whose hand thy peo - ple still are
2.Our vows, our prayers we now pre - sent be - fore thy throne of
3.Through each per - plex - ing path of life our wand'-ring - foot - steps
5 4.O spread thy cov - ering wings a - round till all our won - derings



fed, who through this wea - ry pil - gri-mage hast all our fath - ers led.
grace; God of our fa - thers, be the God of their suc - ceed - ing race.
guide; give us each day our dai - ly bread, and rai - ment fit pro - vide.
cease, and at our Fath - er's love a - bode our souls ar - rive in peace.



Prayers of the Church (Based on Psalm 33:1-5,8,13-15,18-22)

P: You godly ones, shout for joy because of the Lord!

It is appropriate for the ones-made-righteous in Jesus to offer him praise.

C: Give thanks to the Lord with songs and words;

Sing to him a new song.

Pray as you shout out your praises to him.

P: (...Pastor offers thanksgivings. . .)

As the psalm declares: For the Lord's decrees are just, and everything he does is fair.

He promotes equity & justice; the Lord's faithfulness extends throughout the earth.

C: Let the whole earth fear the Lord.

Let all who live in the world stand in awe of him.

P: (...Pastor prays for the world and the nation. . .)

As the psalm declares: The Lord watches from heaven; he sees all people.

From the place where he lives he looks carefully at all the earth's inhabitants.

He is the one who forms every human heart, and takes note of all their actions.

C: Look, the Lord takes notice of his loyal followers,

those who wait for him to demonstrate his faithfulness

by saving their lives from death and sustaining them during times of famine.

P: (...Pastor prays for specific needs. . .)

As the psalm declares: We wait for the Lord; he is our deliverer and shield.

C: For our hearts rejoice in him, for we trust in his holy name.

May we experience your faithfulness, O Lord, for we wait for you. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

All: 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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Benediction (Blessing) (based on Psalm 40:1-4a)

P: You waited patiently for the Lord;

and he turned toward you and heard your cry for help.

He lifted you out of the watery pit, out of the slimy mud.

May he place your feet on a rock and give you secure footing.

He has given you reason to sing a new song, praising our God.

C: May many see what God has done,

so that they might swear allegiance to him and trust in the Lord.

P: How blessed are you who trust in the Lord, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

Closing Song

Psalm 30

Video (Poor Bishop Hooper)

I will exalt you, Lord, my God
for you alone have brought me up
you haven't made my enemies
to triumph over me

thank you that your anger lasts only a moment
thank you your anger lasts only a moment moment moment

when I cried you healed all my sickness
and brought me from the pit of death
you spared me from my rightful place
so sing all you of faith

thank you that your anger lasts only a moment
thank you your anger lasts only a moment moment moment

thank you that your anger lasts only a moment
thank you that your anger lasts only a moment
thank you that your anger lasts only a moment
thank you your anger lasts only a moment moment moment

his favor lasts a lifetime
though weeping we spend the night
there'll be joy in the morning (4x)

you turned my mourning on into dancing
you stole my clothes of ash
and you robed me in gladness
you set me standing upon a mountain
so I will sing your praise sing your praise sing your praises forever (3x)

Announcements

UPCOMING WORSHIP SCHEDULE

THURSDAY , JUNE 8

IN-PERSON WORSHIP (IN SANCTUARY) – 6:30PM

SUNDAY, JUNE 11

IN-PERSON WORSHIP (IN SANCTUARY) – 9AM

THURSDAY , JUNE 15

IN-PERSON WORSHIP (IN SANCTUARY) – 6:30PM

SUNDAY, JUNE 18

IN-PERSON WORSHIP (IN SANCTUARY) – 9AM

THURSDAY , JUNE 22

IN-PERSON WORSHIP (IN SANCTUARY) – 6:30PM

SUNDAY, JUNE 25

IN-PERSON WORSHIP (IN SANCTUARY) – 9AM

THURSDAY , JUNE 29

IN-PERSON WORSHIP (IN SANCTUARY) – 6:30PM

SUNDAY, JULY 2

IN-PERSON WORSHIP (IN SANCTUARY) – 9AM

THURSDAY , JULY 6

IN-PERSON WORSHIP (IN SANCTUARY) – 6:30PM

SUNDAY, JULY 9

IN-PERSON WORSHIP (IN SANCTUARY) – 9AM

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