

O Lord, we have passed through your fire; like precious metal made pure, you've proved us, perfected us, and made us holy. *Psalm 66:10*



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PSALMS (BOOKS TWO AND THREE)

Worship in a traditional order drawing from the Psalms, Books Two (42-72) and Three (73-89).

Opening Hymn

Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices

LSB 811



1 Oh, that I had a thou - sand voic - es To praise my
2 O all you pow'rs that He im - plant - ed, A - rise, keep
3 You for - est leaves so green and ten - der That dance for
4 All crea - tures that have breath and mo - tion, That throng the
5 Cre - a - tor, hum - bly I im - plore You To lis - ten



God with thou - sand tongues! My heart, which in the Lord re -
si - lence now no more; Put forth the strength that God has
joy in sum - mer air, You mead - ow grass - es, bright and
earth, the sea, the sky, Come, share with me my heart's de -
to my earth - ly song Un - til that day when I a -



joic - es, Would then pro - claim in grate - ful songs To all, wher -
grant - ed! Your no - blest work is to a - dore. O soul and
slen - der, You flow'rs so fra - grant and so fair, You live to
vo - tion, Help me to sing God's prais - es high. My ut - most
dore You, To - geth - er with the an - gel throng And learn with



ev - er I might be, What great things God has done for me.
bod - y, join to raise With heart - felt joy our Mak - er's praise.
show God's praise a - lone. Join me to make His glo - ry known.
pow'rs can nev - er quite De - clare the won - ders of His might.
choirs of heav'n to sing E - ter - nal an - thems to my King.

Invocation (based on Psalms 48:1,14,8a,9-10)

P: Yahweh is great and certainly worthy of praise.

C: For God, our God, is our defender forever.

P: We heard about God's mighty deeds, and within His presence:

C: we reflect on your loyal love, O God.

P: The praise You receive as far away as the ends of the earth
is worthy of your reputation, O God.

C: For God, our God, is our defender forever.

P: Selah. . .let now us pause in His presence. . . .

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

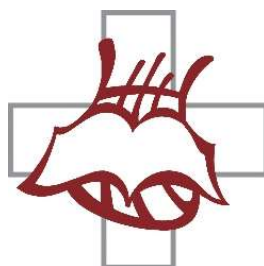
C: Amen.

"Yahweh" is the personal Name of God the Father in Hebrew, often translated simply as "LORD".

Song-Psalm of Praise (Connect to Psalm 48) O Worship the King

LSB 804 sts. 1, 5

1 O wor - ship the King, all - glo - rious a - bove.
5 Frail chil - dren of dust and fee - ble as frail,
O grate - ful - ly sing His pow'r and His love;
In Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail.
Our shield and de - fend - er, the An - cient of Days,
Thy mer - cies, how ten - der, how firm to the end,
Pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor and gird - ed with praise.
Our mak - er, de - fend - er, re - deem - er, and friend!



Confession of Sins (based on Psalm 42:1-2,5,8,11)

P: As a deer longs for streams of water,

C: *so I long for you, O God!*

I thirst for God, for the living God.

When will I be able to go and appear in God's presence?

P: Why are you discouraged in your soul? Why are you upset?

Wait for God!

C: *But I know my sinfulness.*

I feel as if I am separated from God's presence.

P: Why are you discouraged in your soul? Why are you upset?

Wait for God!

C: *But I am overwhelmed by my sinfulness.*

When will I be able to go and appear in God's presence?

P: By day the LORD decrees His loyal love, through the Gospel of His Son, Jesus Christ, and by night He gives you a song, a prayer to the God of your life.

C: *Through the cross and resurrection,*

I will again give thanks to my God for His saving intervention.

Father, reveal Your light and Your faithfulness.

They will lead me; they will escort me back to Your holy presence.

Then I will go to the altar of God, who gives me great joy.

P: Wait for God and His salvation.

C: *Then I will again give thanks to my God for His saving intervention.*

P: Selah. . . We pause in His presence,

C: *remembering our sins and our need for the Lord's forgiveness.*

(silent meditation)

Absolution (Declaration of Forgiveness) (based on Psalm 49:7,9,15)

P: Certainly no one can redeem another person from their sin;

no one can pay God an adequate ransom price

so that they might continue to live forever and not experience death.

But God Himself will rescue your life from the power of the grave;

Jesus Christ took on flesh, paid the price with His own life,

so that you will continue to live forever even after death.

Certainly He will pull you to safety, rescuing you from your sin.

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 (Inspired by Psalm 47) *I Love to Tell the Story*

Verse



The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of six staves of music with lyrics underneath. The first staff is marked 'Verse' and contains the first two lines of the song. The second staff continues the verse. The third staff is marked '13' and contains the next two lines. The fourth staff is marked '19' and contains the final line of the verse. The fifth staff is marked '25' and contains the first line of the 'Refrain'. The sixth staff is marked '31' and contains the second line of the 'Refrain'. The music features a mix of quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, with some rests and ties.

I love to tell the sto - ry, of un - seen things a - bove,
I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best

7
of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.
seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it like the rest.

13
I love to tell the sto - ry be - cause I know 'tis true;
And when in scenes of glo - ry I sing the new, new song,

19
it sat - is - fies my long - ings as no - thing else can do.
'twill be the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

25 *Refrain*
I love to tell the sto - ry, 'twill be my theme in glo - ry,

31
to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

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This Week's Psalm

Psalm 66 (Passion Translation)

¹ Everyone everywhere, lift up your joyful shout to God!

² Sing your songs tuned to his glory!

Tell the world how wonderful he is.

³ For he's the awe-inspiring God, great and glorious in power!

We've never seen anything like him!

Mighty in miracles, you cause your enemies to tremble.

No wonder they all surrender and bow before you!

⁴ All the earth will bow down to worship;

all the earth will sing your glories forever!

Pause in his presence

⁵ Everyone will say, "Come and see the incredible things God has done;

it will take your breath away!

He multiplies miracles for his people!"

⁶ He made a highway going right through the Red Sea

as the Hebrews passed through on dry ground,

exploding with joyous excitement over the miracles of God.

⁷ In his great and mighty power he rules forever,

watching over every movement of every nation.

So beware, rebel lands; he knows how to humble you!

Pause in his presence

⁸ Praise God, all you peoples.

Praise him everywhere and let everyone know you love him!

⁹ There's no doubt about it; God holds our lives safely in his hands.

He's the one who keeps us faithfully following him.

¹⁰ O Lord, we have passed through your fire;

like precious metal made pure,

you've proved us, perfected us, and made us holy.

¹¹ You've captured us, ensnared us in your net.

Then, like prisoners, you *placed chains around our necks.*

¹² You've allowed our enemies to prevail against us.

We've passed through fire and flood,

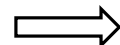
yet in the end you always bring us out better than we were before,

saturated with your goodness.

¹³ I come before your presence with my sacrifice.

I'll give you all that I've promised, everything I have.

¹⁴ When I was overcome in my anguish,



I promised to give you my sacrifice.

Here it is! All that I said I would offer you is yours.

¹⁵ The best I have to bring, I'll throw it all into the fire
as the fragrance of my sacrifice ascends unto you.

Pause in his presence

¹⁶ All you lovers of God who want to please him,
come and listen, and I'll tell you what he did for me.

¹⁷ I cried aloud to him with all my heart and he answered me!
Now my mouth overflows with the highest praise.

¹⁸ Yet if I had closed my eyes to my sin,
the Lord God would have closed his ears to my prayer.

¹⁹ But praises rise to God,
for he paid attention to my prayer and answered my cry to him!

²⁰ I will forever praise this God who didn't close his heart when I prayed
and never said no when I asked him for help.

He never once refused to show me his tender love.

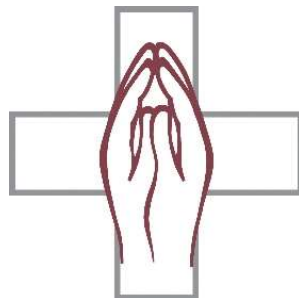
L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: ***Thanks be to God.***

Collect (Psalm Prayer of the Day)

P: Let us pray. We praise You, O God, with joyful hearts; for Your providence has provided for us, Your power has delivered us and Your loving arms hold us in life. Accept our praises, receive our prayers and continue to touch our souls with Your grace, that we may ever receive Your blessings and come to Your everlasting glory. 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.***



Song of the Day

Shout to the Lord

My Je - sus, my Sav-iour, Lord, there is none _ like _ You; _ All of my days
_ I want to praise _ the won-ders of Your might - y love. _
My com - fort, my shel - ter, tow - er of ref - uge and strength;
_ Let ev - 'ry breath, _ all that I am, _ nev - er cease to wor - ship
CHORUS
You. _ Shout to the Lord, _ all the earth, _ let us sing. _
Pow - er and maj - es - ty, praise _ to the King. _ Moun-tains bow down _ and the seas _
_ will roar _ at the sound _ of Your name. _
I sing for joy _ at the work _ of Your hands, _ for - ev - er I'll love _ You, for - ev -
_ er I'll stand, _ noth - ing com - pares _ to the prom -
_ ise I have _ in You. _ **Repeat Chorus.**

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Psalm Song

Psalm 66

Psalm Project Africa (Kamapala, Uganda)

**Confession of Faith (Based on the Apostles' Creed & Psalms 78:3-4, 77:11-14, 79:9,13)
(spoken in unison)**

We believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

What we have heard and learned—

the things our ancestors have told us—

we will not hide from our descendants.

We will tell the next generation about the LORD's praiseworthy acts,

about His strength and the amazing things He has done.

And we believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord.

We will remember the works of the LORD.

Yes, we will remember the amazing things You did long ago.

We will think about all that You have done; we will reflect upon Your deeds.

O God, Your deeds are extraordinary.

What god can compare to our great God?

Who can compare to Your Son, Jesus, who took on our flesh to save us?

You are the God who does amazing things;

You have revealed Your strength among the nations.

We believe in the Holy Spirit.

Help us, O God, the One who delivers us.

For the sake of Your glorious reputation, rescue us.

May we, Your people, be the sheep of Your pasture,

and we will continually thank You.

We will tell the next generations about Your praiseworthy acts. 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 74)

Voices Raised to You We Offer

LSB 795, sts. 1-2

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



1 Voic - es raised to You we of - fer; Tune them, God, for
2 All cre - a - tion joins to praise You; Earth and sky Your



songs of praise. Hearts and hands we bring in trib - ute
works dis - play. Art and mu - sic, gifts You lend us,



For Your gifts through all our days. Al - le - lu - ia!
We re - turn to You to - day. Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! Tri - une God, to You we sing!
Al - le - lu - ia! God, Cre - a - tor, source of life!

Prayers of the Church (Based on Psalms 68:4,19-20; 45:6-7a,17; 68:5-6a,9-10)

P: Sing to God! Sing praises to His name.

Exalt the One who rides on the clouds.

C: For Yahweh is His name.

Rejoice before Him.

P: The Lord deserves praise.

Day after day He carries our burden, the God who delivers us.

Selah. . .pause in His presence.

(we offer our silent thanks to God)

Our God is a God who delivers;

C: Yahweh, the Lord-Over-All-Things, can rescue from death.

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

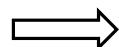
As the psalm declares: Your throne, O God, is permanent.

The scepter of Your kingdom is a scepter of justice.

C: You love justice and hate evil.

P: We will proclaim Your greatness through the coming years,

C: then the nations will praise You forever.



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

As the psalm declares: God is a father to the fatherless
and an advocate for widows.

C: God rules from His holy dwelling place.

P: God settles in their own homes those who have been deserted;

C: He frees prisoners and grants them prosperity.

P: O God, You cause abundant showers to fall on Your chosen people.

When they are tired, You sustain them, for You live among them.

C: You sustain the oppressed with Your good blessings, O God.

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

As the psalm declares: The Lord deserves praise.

Day after day He carries our burden, the God who delivers us.

Sing to God! Sing praises to His name. Exalt the One who rides on the clouds.

C: For Yahweh is His name.

Rejoice before Him. 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.

Introduction of a New Song (based on Psalm 48)

Recording (Henry Heffner)

1.

Within Your temple, Lord,
We on Your mercies dwell;
As is Your name adored,
So let Your praise excel:
Your praises sound through every land,
And right Your scepter shall command
Your scepter shall command

2.

Let Zion's mount rejoice,
Let Judah's daughters praise
The Lord with cheerful voice,
For judgment He displays;
Go round the walls on Zion's mount,
Go round her splendors to recount
Her splendors to recount.

3.

The walls of Zion tell,
Her palaces survey,
Mark all her towers well,
And to your children say:
"Our God forever shall abide,
And He 'till death, will be our guide
'Till death, will be our guide."

Benediction (Blessing) (based on Psalm 46:1-3,10-11)

P: God is your strong refuge; he is truly your helper in times of trouble.

For this reason we do not fear when the earth shakes,
and the mountains tumble into the depths of the sea,
when its waves crash and foam, and the mountains shake before the surging sea.
God says to you, "Stop your striving and recognize that I am God.

I will be exalted over the nations! I will be exalted over the earth!"

The LORD of Heaven's Armies is on your side! The God of Jacob is your stronghold
in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn

How Firm a Foundation

LSB 728 sts. 1, 4-5



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,
4 "When through fi - ery tri - als your path - way will lie,
5 "Through - out all their life - time My peo - ple will prove



Is laid for your faith in His ex - cel - lent Word!
My grace, all - suf - fi - cient, will be your sup - ply.
My sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;



What more can He say than to you He has said
The flames will not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign
And then, when gray hairs will their tem - ples a - dorn,



Who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?
Your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine.
Like lambs they will still in My bos - om be borne."

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