

**A morning service during the Covid-19 restrictions  
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost - August 23, 2020**

**#29 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty**

**Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation;  
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation:  
all ye who hear, brothers and sisters draw near, praise him in glad adoration.**



**Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,  
shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth:  
hast thou not seen how thy entreaties have been granted in what he ordaineth?**

**Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;  
surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee:  
ponder anew what the Almighty can do if with his love he befriend thee.**

**Praise to the Lord, who, when tempests their warfare are waging,  
who, when the elements madly around thee are raging,  
biddeth them cease, turneth their fury to peace, whirlwinds and waters assuaging.**

**Praise to the Lord, who when darkness of sin in abounding,  
who, when the godless to triumph, all virtue confounding,  
sheddeth his light, chaseth the horrors of night, saints with his mercy surrounding.**

**Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!  
All that hath life and breath come now with praises before him!  
Let the Amen sound from his people again: gladly for aye we adore him.**

Joachim Neander 1650-1680 translated by Catherine Winkworth 1827-1878. Based on Psalm 103 and 150

The Lord is in his holy temple: O come, let us worship.

**Venite** Psalm 95.1-7

Come, let us sing to the Lord; \*  
let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.  
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \*  
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.  
For the Lord is a great God, \*  
and a great king above all gods.  
In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \*  
and the heights of the hills are his also.  
The sea is his for he made it, \*  
and his hands have moulded the dry land.  
Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \*  
and kneel before the Lord our maker.  
For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. \*  
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen.**

**The Psalm for the day Psalm 124**

**The Readings for the day:** Exodus 1:8 - 2:10, Romans 12:1-8, Matthew 16:13-20

**A reflection on the readings (see attached - written by the Ven. Glen Miller)**

## #21 Lo, God is here

Lo, God is here! Let us adore and own how awesome is this place;  
let all within us feel his power and silent bow before his face;  
who know his power, his grace who prove, serve him with awe, with reverence love.



Lo, God is here! Him day and night united choirs of angels sing;  
to him, enthroned above all height, heaven's host their noblest praises bring;  
d disdain not, Lord, our meaner song, who praise thee with a stammering tongue.

Being of beings, may our praise thy courts with grateful fragrance fill;  
still may we stand before thy face, still hear and do thy sovereign will;  
to thee may all our thoughts arise, ceaseless, accepted sacrifice.

Gerhard Tersteegen 1696-1769 translated by John Wesley 1703-1791

### Hear, O Israel

**Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one.**

**Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul,  
with all your mind, and with all your strength.**

**This is the first and the great commandment, the second is like it:**

**Love your neighbour as you love yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.**

### Prayers (see litany below)

**Please remember Karen, Geri, Doe, Thelma, the Anzil household, nursing homes, those coping with treatments and scheduled surgeries, the people of Lebanon, plans to re-open our worship services in September, parents who are concerned about school opening.**

### The Collect for the day

**Almighty God, we are taught by your word that all our doings without love are worth nothing. Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all virtue; through Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

### The Lord's Prayer

#### #139 How Firm a Foundation

**How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in his excellent word!  
What more can he say than to you he hath said, to you who to Jesus for refuge have fled?**

**'Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dismayed! For I am thy God and will still give thee aid;  
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand, upheld by my righteous omnipotent hand.'**

**'When through the deep waters I call thee to go, the rivers of woe shall not thee overflow;  
for I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless, and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.'**

**'When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie, my grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply:  
the flame shall not hurt thee; I only design thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.**

**'The soul that on Jesus shall lean for repose I will not - I will not desert to his foes  
that soul, thou all hell should endeavour to shake, I'll never - no never - no never forsake.**

R. Keen c.1787



**Dismissal**

*Then may be said or sung,*

**Officiant** Let us bless the Lord. **People** Thanks be to God!

**Litany #1**

(In peace let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord have mercy")

For peace from on high and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy.

For our bishops, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy.

For Elizabeth our Queen, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy.

For this city and for every city and community, and for those who live in them in faith, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy.

For good weather, and for abundant harvests for all to share, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy.

For those who travel by land, water, or air, for the sick and the suffering (insert names), for prisoners and captives, and for their safety, health, and salvation, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy.

For our deliverance from all affliction, strife, and need, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy.

For the absolution and remission of our sins and offences, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died (insert names), let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy.

Remembering all the saints, we commit ourselves, one another, and our whole life to Christ our God, To you, O God.

**Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications to you, and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together you will hear their requests. Fulfil now our desires and petitions, as may be best for us, granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come eternal life; for you, Father, are good and loving, and we glorify you through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, in the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.**

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