

The Psalmody

Psalm 48

- 1 Great is the Lord and highly to be praised, *
in the city of our God.
- 2 God's holy mountain is fair and lifted high, *
the joy of all the earth.
- 3 On Mount Zion, the divine dwelling place, *
stands the city of the great king.
- 4 In her palaces God has shown themself *
to be a sure refuge.
- 5 For behold, the kings of the earth assembled *
and swept forward together.
- 6 They saw, and were dumbfounded; *
dismayed, they fled in terror.
- 7 Trembling seized them there;
they writhed like a woman in labour, *
as when the east wind shatters the ships of Tarshish.
- 8 As we had heard, so have we seen
in the city of the Lord of hosts, the city of our God: *
God has established her for ever.
- 9 We have waited on your loving-kindness, O God, *
in the midst of your temple.
- 10 As with your name, O God,
so your praise reaches to the ends of the earth; *
your right hand is full of justice.
- 11 Let Mount Zion rejoice and the daughters of Judah be glad, *
because of your judgements, O Lord.
- 12 Walk about Zion and go round about her;
count all her towers; *
consider well her bulwarks; pass through her citadels,
- 13 That you may tell those who come after
that such is our God for ever and ever. *
It is God that shall be our guide for evermore.

Glory to God, Creator, Word, Spirit

As it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be forever. Amen .

Scripture Reading

Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest.' *Matthew 9.35-end*

The Response

I bow my knees before the Father

From whom every family takes its name.

May we be strengthened in our inner being

With power through the Holy Spirit.

May Christ dwell in our hearts by faith

As we are being rooted and grounded in love.

May we know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge

And be filled with all the fullness of God.

The Prayers

THE KYRIES may be used as responses to intercession

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

The Collect

God of power and compassion,
in Christ you reveal your will to heal and to save.
Open our ears to your redeeming word
and move our hearts by the strength of your love,
so that our every word and work
may proclaim Jesus as Messiah,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God for ever and ever.

Opening Prayers (1997) alt.

Rejoicing in the presence of God here among us,
let us pray in faith and trust:

**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.
Save us from the time of trial,
And deliver us from evil.
For the Kingdom, the power and the Glory are yours,
Now and forever.
Amen**

The Blessing

May Christ dwell in our hearts by faith. Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.