Our Faith Proclaimed in the Psalms

OPENING VOLUNTARY: Prelude on an Old Scottish Psalm Tune (NEW LONDON)

Sir George Dyson (1883-1964)

Welcome

INVOCATION

Introduction to Psalm Festival

FIRST PETITION: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

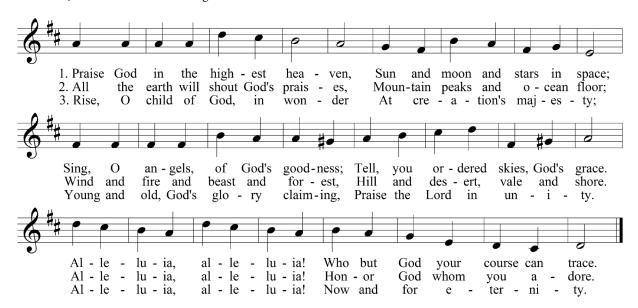
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PSALM 148: "Praise God in the highest heaven"

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Music: Henry Francis Lyte, 1834, alt.

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SECOND PETITION: I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord.

MEDITATION

PSALM 95: "Come, ring out our joy to the Lord" setting by Joseph Gelineau (1920-2008) After the choir sings the refrain, the congregation is invited to sing the refrain, then repeat as indicated during the psalm.



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Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the rock who saves us. Let us come before him, giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord. (*Refrain*) Come in, let us bow and bend low; let us kneel before the God who made us for he is our God and we the people who belong to his pasture, the flock that is led by his hand. (*Refrain*)

O that today you would listen to his voice!
"Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work." (*Refrain*)

THIRD PETITION: He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

MEDITATION

PSALM 98

Anonymous Early American

O sing a new song to the Lord For wonders He has done; His right hand and His holy arm The victory have won.

The great salvation wrought by Him Jehovah has made known. His justice in the nations' sight He openly has shown.

He mindful of His grace and truth To Israel's house has been. The great salvation of our God All ends of earth have seen.

Because He comes, He surely comes, The judge of earth to be! With justice He will judge the world, All men with equity.

FOURTH PETITION: He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried.

MEDITATION

PSALM 22: "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" Plainsong

After the choir sings the refrain, the congregation is invited to sing the refrain, then repeat as indicated during the psalm.



Words: King James Version Music: Plainsong

My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? Why art thou so far from helping me, and from the words of my roaring?

O my God, I cry in the day time, but thou hearest not; and in the night season, and am not silent. But thou art holy, O thou that inhabitest the praises of Israel!

Our fathers trusted in thee: they trusted, and thou didst deliver them.

They cried unto thee, and were delivered: they trusted in thee, and were not confounded. (*Refrain*)

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FIFTH PETITION: He descended into hell. On the third day He rose again.

MEDITATION

PSALM 42: "Like as the hart"

Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

Like as the hart desireth the water-brooks, so longeth my soul after thee, O God. My soul is athirst for God – yea, even for the living God. When shall I come to appear before the presence of God? My tears have been my meat day and night, while they daily say unto me: Where, where is now thy God?

SIXTH PETITION: He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

MEDITATION

PSALM 46: "He is God"

Wayne Robinson, 2005

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble, He's our refuge and strength, for we know that He is God. Though the earth be removed I will not fear, 'cause He's there. The waters may roar, but I will not fear, 'cause He's there. Be still and know that He is God. For we know that He is God.

SEVENTH PETITION: He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

MEDITATION

PSALM 50: "The Almighty One, God the Lord, speaks" setting by Hal H. Hopson, 2008 After the choir sings the refrain, the congregation is invited to sing the refrain, then repeat as indicated during the psalm.



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The Almighty One, God the Lord, speaks and calls to the whole earth from east to west. No longer does God keep silent, God shines from Zion, the city that is beautiful beyond compare. Before the Lord is a raging fire and a furious storm. All earth and heaven are summoned as witnesses. God says:

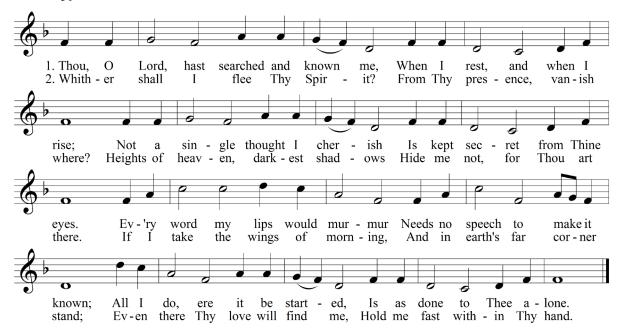
"Gather before me, my people who made covenant with me by sacrifice. I, your judge, indict you, Israel. You despise my guidance, you reject my commands. You become the friend of every thief you see. You are quick to speak evil. O Israel, why do you not keep your promises to me! Instead of sacrifice, give thanks; when you are in trouble, call on me and I will save you, then offer your praise." (*Refrain*)

EIGHTH PETITION: I believe in the Holy Spirit.

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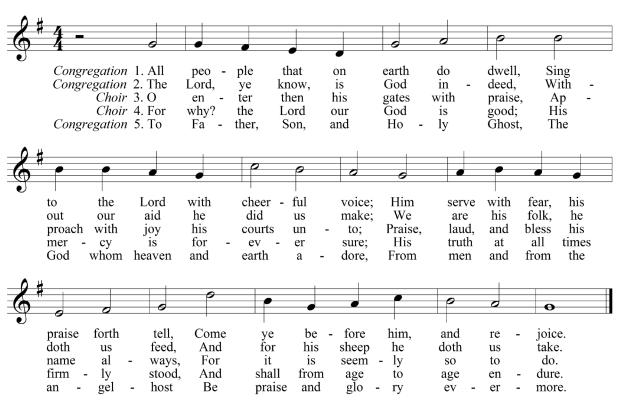


NINTH PETITION: I believe in the holy catholic church, the communion of saints.

MEDITATION

PSALM 100 (William Kethe - Daye's Psalter, 1560-1561)

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)



Words: William Kethe (Daye's Psalter, 1560-61)

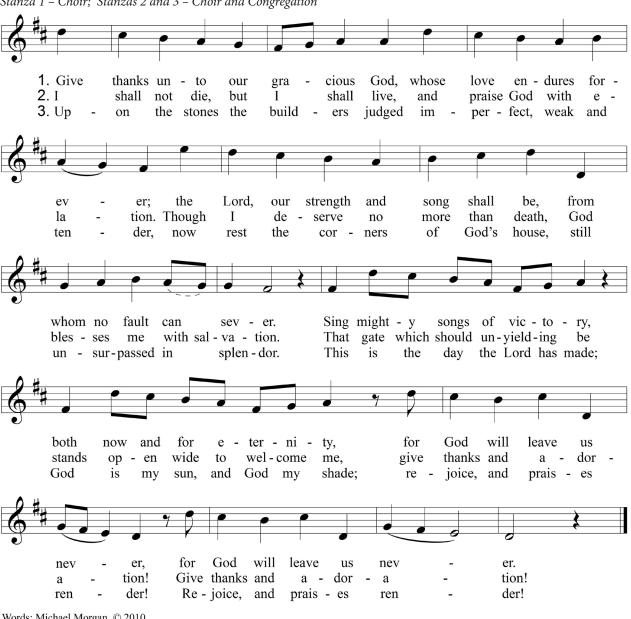
Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams; © 1953 Oxford University Press.

TENTH PETITION: I believe in the forgiveness of sins.

MEDITATION

ELEVENTH PETITION: I believe in the resurrection of the body.

MEDITATION



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TWELFTH PETITION: I believe in life everlasting.

MEDITATION

PSALM 150

César Franck (1822-1890)

Hallelujah!

O praise the Lord, praise God for his greatness, O praise the Lord in his mighty firmament, Praise ye him for his mighty works. Praise ye him with the sound of the trumpet:

Praise ye him with the lute and the harp.

Praise ye him with the timbrel.

Praise ye him with the dance,

Praise ye him with flute and instrument of strings.

Praise ye him with clash of loud cymbals.

Praise ve him with the loud clashing cymbals.

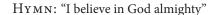
Let ev'ry thing that has breath praise him.

Hallelujah!

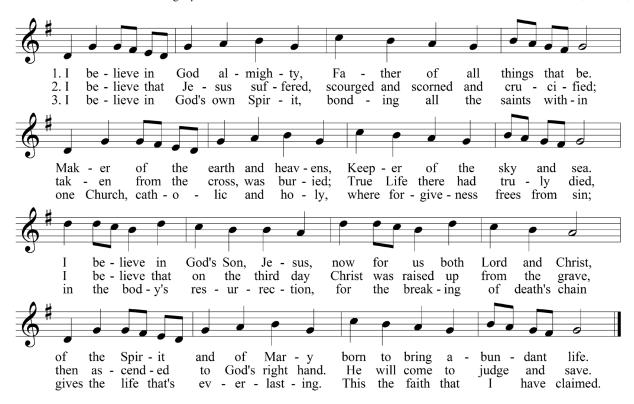
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CLOSING VOLUNTARY AND REFLECTION ON PSALM 90 Fugue in E-flat Major (ST. ANNE)

Johann Sebastian Bach

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