



Sing a New Song: *Praying the Psalms*

Homer United Methodist Church

Sing a New Song (Psalm 96)

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Centering

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Opening Prayer¹ (Psalm 96)

Response:

Sing to the Lord a new song!

Sing to the Lord all the earth!

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised!

Opening Song

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (Psalm 103)

Ola Mullikin

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1 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,
now to his temple draw near;
join me in glad adoration!

3 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 forever adore him.

2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things
so wondrously reigning
bears thee on eagle's wings,
e'er in his keeping maintaining.
God's care enfolds all,
whose true good he upholds.
Hast thou not known his sustaining?

Prayer for Illumination² (Psalm 19)

Pastor Lisa

¹ Adapted from Rev. I. Scott McCarthy and posted on the *Starters for Sunday* website from the Church of Scotland.

² posted on Rev. Richard Fairchild's Kir-shalom website. <http://www.rockies.net/>

Scripture

Psalm 96

Pastor Lisa

This is the New Revised Standard Version. Psalm 96.

Praise to God Who Comes in Judgement

O sing to the Lord a new song;
sing to the Lord, all the earth.
Sing to the Lord, bless his name;
tell of his salvation from day to day.
Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous works among all the peoples.
For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised;
he is to be revered above all gods.
For all the gods of the peoples are idols,
but the Lord made the heavens.
Honor and majesty are before him;
strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;
bring an offering, and come into his courts.
Worship the Lord in holy splendor;
tremble before him, all the earth.

Say among the nations, 'The Lord is king!
The world is firmly established; it shall never be moved.
He will judge the peoples with equity.'
Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice;
let the sea roar, and all that fills it;
let the field exult, and everything in it.
Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy
before the Lord; for he is coming,
for he is coming to judge the earth.
He will judge the world with righteousness,
and the peoples with his truth.

Hymn of Preparation

As the Deer (Psalm 42)

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As the deer pants for the water,
so my soul longs after you.
You alone are my heart's desire,
and I long to worship you.

You alone are my strength, my shield;
to you alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire,
and I long to worship you.

Song of Response*Shout to the Lord (Psalms 47, 92, 96, 98)*

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Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us sing
power and majesty, praise to the King.
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar
at the sound of your name.
I sing for joy at the work of your hands,
forever I'll love you, forever I'll stand.
Nothing compares to the promise I have in you.

Prayers of the People³ (Psalm 96)

Response:

Great are you, and greatly to be praised!**The Lord's Prayer**

**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. Amen.**

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Closing Prayer and Benediction⁴*We Will Not Keep Silent (Psalm 96)*

We are people who must sing you,
for the sake of our very lives.
You are a God who must be sung by us,
for the sake of your majesty and honor.

³ written by Kansas Bob, and posted on **Daily Prayer**. <http://praying.kansasbob.com/2010/11/praying-psalm-96.html>

⁴ from Walter Brueggemann, in his Psalm class on January 20, 1999. Posted on the Gladly Listening blog.

And so we thank you,
for lyrics that push us past our reasons,
for melodies that break open our givens,
for cadences that locate us home, beyond all our safe places,
for tones and tunes that open our lives beyond control
and our futures beyond despair.

We thank you for the long parade of mothers and fathers
who have sung you deep and true;

We thank you for the good company of artists, poets, musicians,
cantors, and instruments that sing for us and with us, toward you.

We are witnesses to your mercy and splendor;
We will not keep silent... ever again. **Amen.**

Go forth to sing God every day. Amen.

Closing Song

The Trees of the Field (Psalm 96)

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You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace;
the mountains and the hills will break forth before you;
there'll be shouts of joy, and all the trees of the field
will clap, will clap their hands.

And all the trees of the field will clap their hands,
The trees of the field will clap their hands,
The trees of the field will clap their hands
While you go out with joy.