

Sept 13, 2020

**Prelude**

**Blessings**

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## **Welcome and Announcements**

### **Call to Worship**

God calls us by name  
into the presence of holiness  
as God's holy people.

We answer this call  
by the grace of God  
through the power of the Holy Spirit  
in the name of God's own Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Come, let us worship God.

## **Song GtG #270 O Lord, You Are My God and King**



# O Lord, You Are My God and King 270

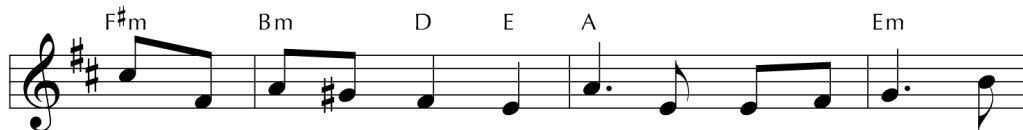
(Psalm 145)



1 O Lord, you are my God and King, and I will  
2 How rich in grace are you, O Lord, full of com -  
3 Your works will give you thanks, O Lord; your saints your



ev - er bless your name; I will ex - tol you ev - ery day, and  
pas - sion, mer - ci - ful, your an - ger al - ways slow to rise; your  
might - y acts will show, till all the peo - ples of the earth your



ev - er - more your praise pro - claim. You, Lord, are great - ly  
stead - fast love you show to all, for you are good in  
king - dom, pow - er, glo - ry know. E - ter - nal is your



to be praised; your great - ness is be - yond our thought; all  
all your ways; your crea - tures know your con - stant care. To  
king - dom, Lord, for - ev - er strong, for - ev - er sure; while



gen - er - a - tions shall tell forth the might - y won - ders you have wrought.  
all your works your love ex - tends; all souls your ten - der mer - cies share.  
gen - er - a - tions rise and die, your high do - min - ion will en - dure.

*Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.*

Although this paraphrase of Psalm 145 is abbreviated (the original psalm has a verse for each letter of the Hebrew alphabet), it maintains the tone of praise that characterizes the final six psalms. In fact, the whole book takes its Hebrew name, *Tehillim* (praises), from them.



## **Prayer of Adoration and Confession**

Lord, as the days get shorter and the seasons change from summer to fall we remember that everything changes, all the time.

You made it that way and know that it is good.

Why is it we shy away from change? What are we afraid of?

Change is constant, the earth rotates around the sun, life begins and ends every moment. Life is a gift, each child precious, unique, each one loved and adored.

Forgive us when we waste the gift of life, for those times we waste in front of the TV or on social media. Life is made for sharing, for talking and caring for each other.

Forgive us when we misuse the gift of life, for those times when we are rude or cruel. Life is made for loving each other and finding ways to reconcile to each other.

Remind us of how precious each one of us is, of how important it is to treat each other as we want to be treated.

Guide us through the changes that come our way, and help us to find ways to cope with them.

May we strive to offer ourselves for our siblings, sacrificing our wants and desires to help bring in your kingdom here and now. Amen.

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## **Assurance of Pardon**

**Worship Connection**     *Dedication of 3rd Class Bibles*

**Offertory "Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart"**  
**arr. by Wagner**

## **Prayer of the Day**

**Scripture**

**Genesis 21:1-3; 22:1-14**

**Sermon**

**"Sacrifice"**

- What is God asking me to return? Why?
- What might be the outcome?

**Song #49 The God of Abraham Praise**



# 49 The God of Abraham Praise

1 The God of A-braham praise, who reigns en-throned a - bove,  
2 Your spir - it still flows free, high surg - ing where it will.  
3 Your good - ly land we seek, with peace and plen - ty blest,  
4 You have e - ter - nal life im - plant - ed in the soul;

the An - cient of E - ter - nal Days, the God of love!  
In proph-et's word you spoke of old and you speak still.  
a land of sa - cred lib - er - ty and Sab - bath rest.  
your love shall be our strength and stay, while a - ges roll.

The Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven con-fessed,  
Es - tab-lished is your law, and change-less it shall stand,  
There milk and hon - ey flow, and oil and wine a - bound,  
We praise you, liv - ing God! We praise your ho - ly name:

we bow be - fore your ho - ly name, for - ev - er blest.  
deep writ up - on the hu - man heart by your strong hand.  
and trees of life for - ev - er grow with mer - cy crowned.  
the first, the last, be - yond all thought, and still the same!

Shaped by its traditional Jewish tune, this selection of English stanzas conveys the essence of the *Yigdal*, a canticle based on a medieval Hebrew statement of faith about the nature of God and often used in synagogue worship, alternately chanted by cantor and congregation.

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## **Charge and Benediction**

**Postlude      The God of Abraham Praise**  
**arr. Gordon Young (organ)**