



Welcome to our Morning Service

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Psalm 48

Welcome: Michael Byrne

Psalm 117

- ¹ Praise the LORD, all you nations;
extol him, all you peoples.
² For great is his love towards us,
and the faithfulness of the LORD endures for ever.

Praise the LORD.

Song:

1. Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not;
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

*Great is Thy faithfulness!
Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided,
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

2. Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Great is Thy faithfulness!...

3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Great is Thy faithfulness!...

Reading: Psalm 48

A song. A psalm of the Sons of Korah.

¹ Great is the LORD, and most worthy of praise,
in the city of our God, his holy mountain.

² Beautiful in its loftiness,
the joy of the whole earth,
like the heights of Zaphon is Mount Zion,
the city of the Great King.

³ God is in her citadels;
he has shown himself to be her fortress.

⁴ When the kings joined forces,
when they advanced together,

⁵ they saw her and were astounded;
they fled in terror.

⁶ Trembling seized them there,
pain like that of a woman in labour.

⁷ You destroyed them like ships of Tarshish
shattered by an east wind.

⁸ As we have heard,
so we have seen
in the city of the LORD Almighty,
in the city of our God:

God makes her secure
forever.

⁹ Within your temple, O God,
we meditate on your unfailing love.

¹⁰ Like your name, O God,
your praise reaches to the ends of the earth;
your right hand is filled with righteousness.

¹¹ Mount Zion rejoices,
the villages of Judah are glad
because of your judgments.

¹² Walk about Zion, go around her,
count her towers,

¹³ consider well her ramparts,
view her citadels,

that you may tell of them
to the next generation.

¹⁴ For this God is our God for ever and ever;
he will be our guide even to the end.

Talk: David Horrocks

Prayers:

Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day He rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.

Confession

Most merciful God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned
in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
In your mercy
forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be;
that we may act justly,
love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God.
Amen

Prayer of General Thanksgiving

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we give you our humble and wholehearted thanks
for all your goodness and loving kindness to us and to all people.
We praise you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ,
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And give us, we pray, such a sense of all your mercies
that our hearts may be truly thankful,
and that we might bring you praise, not only with our lips but in our lives,
by giving up ourselves to your service, and by walking before you all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honour and glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Song:

Glorious things of You are spoken,
Zion, city of our God!
He whose word cannot be broken
Formed you for His own abode.
On the Rock of Ages founded,
What can shake your sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded,
You may smile at all your foes.

See! The streams of living waters,
Springing from eternal love,
Well supply your sons and daughters,
And all fear of want remove;
Who can faint, while such a river
Ever flows their thirst to fade?
Grace which, like the Lord, the Giver,
Never fails from age to age.

Blessed inhabitants of Zion,
Washed in the Redeemer's blood!
Jesus, whom their souls rely on,
Makes them priests and kings to God.
Ne'er again will be a barrier,
All the guilt and stain are gone,
Free to walk beside the Saviour,
In the glory of the Lord.

Saviour, since of Zion's city
I, through grace, a member am,
Let the world condemn or pity,
I will glory in Your name.
Fading is the worldly pleasure,
All its weak pretence and show,
Solid joys and lasting treasure
None but those of Zion know.

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Next Week

We continue our series in the Psalms.
Michael Byrne will be preaching on Psalm 49



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