

Emmanuel Presbyterian Church
Evening Prayer, August 30-31, 2021

Please contact the Church Office (office@epcwl.org / 503-636-7000) if you need Zoom login credentials for this service. Thank you.

Take a moment of silence to prepare for prayer.

Opening Sentences:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father
and from the Lord Jesus Christ. Philippians 1:2

Confession:

Dear friends in Christ, here in the presence of Almighty God,
let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts
confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by God's
infinite goodness and mercy.

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and
forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your
ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our
Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power
of the Holy Spirit keep you in
eternal life. **Amen.**

The Invitatory

O God, make speed to save us.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

O gracious light,
pure brightness of the ever-living Father in heaven,

O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!

Now as we come to the setting of the sun,
and our eyes behold the vesper light,
we sing your praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices,
O Son of God, O Giver of Life,
and to be glorified through all the worlds.

Psalms (Scroll to the end of this document for the words/music.)

Monday: [Psalm 106](#) Hymn # 60 “Your Endless Love, Your Mighty Acts”

Tuesday: [Psalm 107](#) Hymn # 653 “Give Thanks to God”

Sung Gloria

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now and shall be forever more.**

Amen.

Affirmation of Faith From the Heidelberg Confession of 1562, an attempt to reconcile the thoughts of the German Lutheran Reformation with the Swiss Calvinist Reformation.

Q. What is your only comfort in life and in death?

A. That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can

fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

Prayers

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Intercession and Thanksgivings

For whom and for what do the people of God pray?

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.
 Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil,
 For thine is the kingdom and the glory forever. Amen**

Suffrage

Show us your mercy, O Lord;
And grant us your salvation.
 Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
Let your people sing with joy.
 Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
For only in you can we live in safety.

Lord, keep this nation under your care;
And guide us in the way of justice and truth.
 Let your way be known upon earth;
Your saving health among all nations.
 Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

Create in us clean hearts, O God;

And sustain us by your Holy Spirit.

Collect

Lord Jesus, stay with us, for evening is at hand and the day is past; be our companion in the way, kindle our hearts, and awaken hope, that we may know you as you are revealed in Scripture and the breaking of bread. Grant this for the sake of your love. *Amen.*

Petition

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake. *Amen.*

Benediction

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore.

Amen. 2 Corinthians 13:14

GOD'S COVENANT WITH ISRAEL

Your Endless Love, Your Mighty Acts 60

(Psalm 106)

1 Your end - less love, your might - y acts sur -
 2 Our reb - el fore - bears rare - ly grasped your
 3 Be - fore a gold - en calf they bowed— an
 4 But when they spurned the prom - ised land, you
 5 Yet those whom once you sold in wrath, in

pass what words can tell; Lord, may the joys your
 mer - cy or your might; we need your mer - cy,
 i - dol in your place!— un - til, by Mo - ses'
 made your an - ger plain: they wan - dered long on
 mer - cy you re - stored; may we, like them, be

peo - ple know be mine to share as well.
 just like them: we, too, do wrong not right.
 faith - ful prayer, you drew them back to grace.
 des - ert paths, and served the Baals a - gain.
 gath - ered in to thank and praise you, Lord.

The good news of this paraphrase of Psalm 106 is that God does not give up on us when we are disobedient. As the history of God's dealings with Israel demonstrates, divine mercy always outlasts human rebellion and waywardness. Though we rebel and stray, God's love is steadfast.

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 MUSIC: Jeremiah Clarke, 1707
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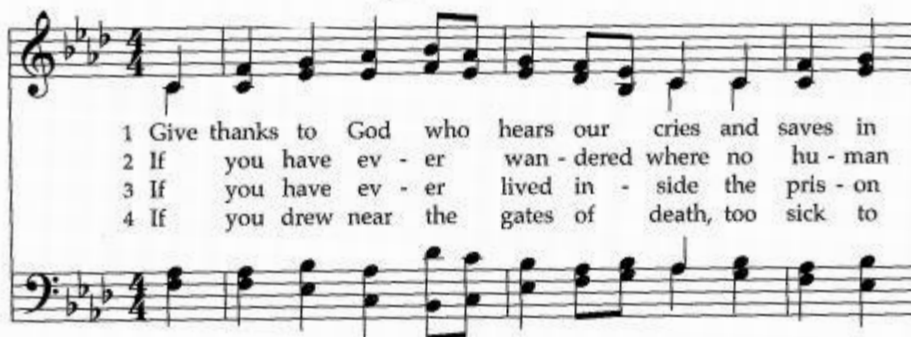
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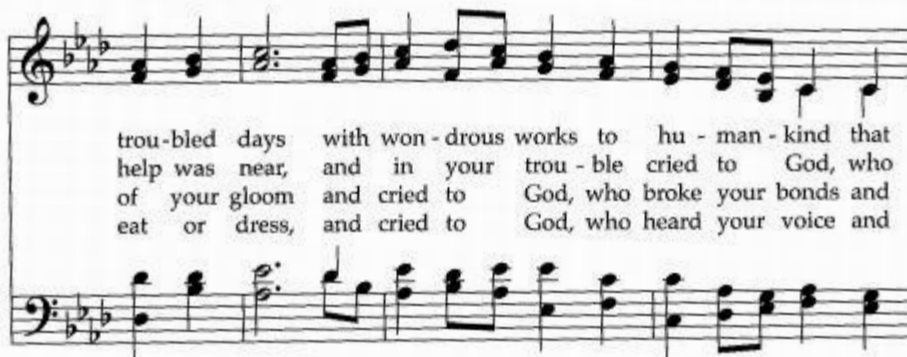
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Give Thanks to God Who Hears Our Cries

(Psalm 107)



1 Give thanks to God who hears our cries and saves in
2 If you have ev - er wan - dered where no hu - man
3 If you have ev - er lived in - side the pris - on
4 If you drew near the gates of death, too sick to



trou - bled days with won - drous works to hu - man - kind that
help was near, and in your trou - ble cried to God, who
of your gloom and cried to God, who broke your bonds and
eat or dress, and cried to God, who heard your voice and



call for high - est praise. Let all who know God's
res - cued you from fear, then thank the God of
raised you from your tomb, then praise the One who
healed all your dis - tress, then sing with sounds of

The singing of psalm paraphrases is the most long-standing musical practice in Reformed tradition, dating from John Calvin's own congregation in Geneva in the 16th century. This recent paraphrase of Psalm 107 illustrates the interpretive flexibility that is a hallmark of the form.

TEXT: Ruth Duck, 2007

MUSIC: Wyeth's *Repository of Sacred Music, Part Second*, 1813; harm. Richard Proulx, 1975

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MORNING SONG

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(alternate harmonization, 374)

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sav - ing love sing grate - ful songs al - ways.
 stead - fast love who dries your ev - ery tear.
 sets you free, who makes dry plac - es bloom.
 ho - ly joy; God's won - drous works pro - fess.

5 If you have felt your courage fail
 before a violent sea
 and cried to God, who stilled the storm,
 and made the wild wind flee,
 then in the congregation praise
 the One who heard your plea.

6 So praise the One whose love is great,
 whose kindness is well-known.
 Consider well the healing hand
 and help you have been shown,
 and tell the world what God has done.
 Praise God and God alone!