

Responsive Psalm 103

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me,
bless his holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and do not forget all his benefits—
who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases,
who redeems your life from the Pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,
who satisfies you with good as long as you live
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

The LORD works vindication
and justice for all who are oppressed.

He made known his ways to Moses,
his acts to the people of Israel.

**The Lord is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

**He will not always accuse,
nor will he keep his anger for ever.**

He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.

**For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love towards those who
fear him;**

**as far as the east is from the west,
so far he removes our transgressions from us.**

As a father has compassion for his children,
so the Lord has compassion for those who fear
him.

**For he knows how we were made;
he remembers that we are dust.**

As for mortals, their days are like grass;
they flourish like a flower of the field;
for the wind passes over it, and it is gone,
and its place knows it no more.

**But the steadfast love of the Lord is from everlast-
ing to everlasting
on those who fear him,
and his righteousness to children's children,
to those who keep his covenant
and remember to do his commandments.**

The Lord has established his throne in the
heavens,

and his kingdom rules over all.
**Bless the Lord, O you his angels,
you mighty ones who do his bidding,
obedient to his spoken word.**

Bless the Lord, all his hosts,
his ministers that do his will.

**Bless the LORD, all his works,
in all places of his dominion.**

Bless the LORD, O my soul.

Psalm Metrical Version Psalm 103, from the Scottish Psalter 1650

O thou my soul, bless God the Lord;
and all that in me is
Be stirred up his holy name
to magnify and bless.

Bless, O my soul, the Lord thy God,
and not forgetful be
Of all his gracious benefits
he hath bestow'd on thee.

All thine iniquities who doth
most graciously forgive:
Who thy diseases all and pains
doth heal, and thee relieve.

Who doth redeem thy life, that thou
to death may'st not go down;
Who thee with loving-kindness doth
and tender mercies crown:

Who with abundance of good things
doth satisfy thy mouth;
So that, ev'n as the eagle's age,
renewed is thy youth.

Scripture Readings

Isaiah 63:7-9

I will recount the gracious deeds of the Lord,
the praiseworthy acts of the Lord,
because of all that the Lord has done for us,
and the great favour to the house of Israel
that he has shown them according to his mercy,
according to the abundance of his steadfast
love.

For he said, 'Surely they are my people,
children who will not deal falsely';
and he became their saviour
in all their distress.
It was no messenger or angel
but his presence that saved them;
in his love and in his pity he redeemed them;
he lifted them up and carried them all the days
of old.

Romans 8:31-39

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, 'For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.' No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayers

Honour and praise be unto you, O Lord our God,
for all your tender mercies again bestowed upon
us throughout another week.
Continual thanks be unto you for creating us in
your own likeness; for redeeming us by the pre-
cious blood of your dear Son when we were lost;
and for sanctifying us with the Holy Spirit.

For your help and succour in our necessities, your
protection in many dangers of body and soul;
your comfort in our sorrows, and for sparing us in
life, and giving us so large a time to repent. For
all the benefits, O most merciful Father, that we
have received of your goodness alone, we thank
you; and we beseech you to grant us always your
Holy Spirit, that we may grow in grace, in stead-
fast faith, and perseverance in all good works,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*A Book of Reformed Prayers
John Knox (c.1514-1572)*

O sweet and loving God
When I stay asleep too long,
Oblivious to all your many blessings,
Then, please, wake me up,
And sing to me your joyful song.
It is a song without noise or notes.
It is a song of love beyond words,
Of faith beyond the power of human telling.
I can hear it in my soul,
When you waken me to your presence.
Mechthild of Magdeburg (1210-80)

You wake us to delight in your praises; for you
made us for yourself, and our heart is restless un-
til it reposes in you.
Augustine (354-430)

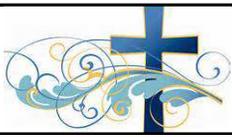
God, wake me up this morning,
even if I might not like it.

Jim Cotter

Ushering Schedule

Today— *Joan Barr-Knox, Shirley & Rhonda Aitken,
Ian Leach*





CHURCH NEWS



Announcements

'Guest Organist'

We welcome Audrey Robinson back to the organ bench this morning, after a year of studies in Scotland. Our Director of Music, John Hall, is enjoying a short end-of-summer break.'

The Days of September

Our monthly congregational newsletter will be distributed next Sunday. If you have any announcements about activities, events or opportunities that could be included, please forward them to the Minister by Tuesday.'

Refresh Team

We are looking for more volunteers for painting. If anyone is interested and able please contact Dennis Tysick at 613-541-0103 or tysick@kos.net.

Food Bank Donations needed!!

Our food bank is running dry and the demand is on, please bring any food items you might have to donate .

Postcards of St Andrew's with 5 different scenes are available in St Andrew's hall for purchase. Check them out!!

Kitchen Team

An invitation is extended to one or more people to form a kitchen team to begin on Sept. 1st. This team would replace the present kitchen convenors. A list of the responsibilities is posted on the kitchen bulletin board. If you are interested in this ministry please speak to Helen and Donna.

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Mission Moments

God is at work in Edmonton's inner city

Presbyterians
Sharing helps
Edmonton
Urban Native
Ministry



support First Nation people in Edmonton's inner city. Local congregations host a weekly Sunday worship service, followed by a fellowship meal. Weekly Tae Kwon Do classes and an annual vacation Bible school provide healthy activities for children and youth. Four days a week the ministry's drop-in centre offers hot meals, a food and clothing bank, the use of computers, a phone/fax service and bus tickets. With help, support and prayer, Harold was able to find sobriety and stability in his life and is now one of most helpful volunteers at the centre. With his history of addiction, he can relate to people at the drop-in centre and is a trusted friend. "This is evidence of God's work," says the Rev. Sungill Tim Choi, the ministry's director.

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