

Leader: Peace on each one who comes in need,
All: ***Peace on each one who comes in joy.***

Leader: Peace on each one who offers prayers,
All: ***Peace on each one who offers song.***

Leader: Peace of the Maker, Peace of the Son,
All: ***Peace of the Spirit, the triune one.***

Psalm 47

O sing praises to God, sing praises.

1 Clap your hands together, all you peoples; •
O sing to God with shouts of joy.

2 For the Lord Most High is to be feared; •
he is the great King over all the earth.

3 He subdued the peoples under us •
and the nations under our feet.

4 He has chosen our heritage for us, •
the pride of Jacob, whom he loves.

O sing praises to God, sing praises.

5 God has gone up with a merry noise, •
the Lord with the sound of the trumpet.

6 O sing praises to God, sing praises; •
sing praises to our King, sing praises.

7 For God is the King of all the earth; •
sing praises with all your skill.

O sing praises to God, sing praises.

8 God reigns over the nations; •
God has taken his seat upon his holy throne.

9 The nobles of the peoples are gathered together •
with the people of the God of Abraham.

10 For the powers of the earth belong to God •
and he is very highly exalted.

O sing praises to God, sing praises.

Prayer

Leader: O God, for your love for us, warm and brooding, which has brought us to birth and opened our eyes to the wonder and beauty of creation,

All: ***We give you thanks.***

Leader: For your love for us, wild and freeing, which has awakened us to the energy of creation: to the sap that flows, the blood that pulses, the heart that sings,

All: ***We give you thanks.***

Leader: For your love for us, compassionate and patient, which has carried us through our pain, wept beside us in our sin, and waited with us in our confusion,

All: ***We give you thanks.***

Leader: For your love for us, strong and challenging, which has called us to risk for you, asked for the best in us, and shown us how to serve,

All: ***We give you thanks.***

Leader: O God we come to celebrate that your Holy Spirit is present deep within us, and at the heart of all life. Forgive us when we forget your gift of love made known to us in Jesus, and draw us into your presence.

Reading: John 10:31-42

The Jews took up stones again to stone him. Jesus replied, 'I have shown you many good works from the Father. For which of these are you going to stone me?' The Jews answered, 'It is not for a good work that we are going to stone you, but for blasphemy, because you, though only a human being, are making yourself God.' Jesus answered, 'Is it not written in your law, "I said, you are gods"? If those to whom the word of God came were called "gods"—and the scripture cannot be annulled— can you say that the one whom the Father has sanctified and sent into the world is blaspheming because I said, "I am God's Son"? If I am not doing the works of my Father, then do not believe me. But if I do them, even though you do not believe me, believe the works, so that you may know and understand that the Father is in me and I am in the Father.' Then they tried to arrest him again, but he escaped from their hands.

He went away again across the Jordan to the place where John had been baptizing earlier, and he remained there. Many came to him, and they were saying, 'John performed no sign, but everything that John said about this man was true.' And many believed in him there.

Prayer

Leader: We bring to God someone whom we have met or remembered today and for whom we want to pray _____
Holy One, *We ask your blessing.*

Leader: We bring to God someone who is hurting tonight and needs our prayer _____
Holy One, *We ask your blessing.*

Leader: We bring to God a troubled situation in our world tonight _____
Holy One, *We ask your blessing.*

Leader: We bring to God, silently, someone whom we find hard to like or forgive or trust
Holy One, *We ask your blessing.*

Leader: We bring ourselves to God that we might grow in generosity of spirit,
clarity of mind, and warmth of affection. Holy One, ***We ask your blessing.***

1. Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven;
To His feet thy tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
Evermore His praises sing:
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise the everlasting King.

2. Praise Him for His grace and favor
To his people in distress;
Praise Him still the same as ever,
Slow to chide, and swift to bless.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Glorious in His faithfulness.

3. Fatherlike He tends and spares us,
Well our feeble frame He knows;
In His hands He gently bears us,
Rescues us from all our foes.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Widely yet His mercy flows.

4. Angels, help us to adore Him,
Ye behold Him face to face;
Sun and moon, bow down before Him;
Dwellers all in time and space,
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise with us the God of grace.

Closing responses

Leader: O Trinity of Love, You have been with us at the world's beginning,

All: ***Be with us till the world's end.***

Leader: You have been with us at our life's shaping,
All: ***Be with us at our life's end.***

Leader: You have been with us at the sun's rising
All: ***Be with us till the day's end. Amen.***

All: ***Lord, make us instruments of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let us sow love.
Where there is injury, pardon.
Where there is doubt, faith.
Where there is despair, hope.
Where there is sadness, joy.***

***O Divine Master.
grant that we may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,***

***to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
it is in dying that we are born again
to everlasting life. Amen.***

Leader: And now may the God of hope bring you such joy and peace in believing that you overflow with hope in the power of the Holy Spirit.

All: ***Amen.***



