

From Martin Luther's Preface to the Psalms

The book of Psalms could well be called a "little Bible" since it contains, set out in the briefest and most beautiful form, all that is to be found in the whole Bible. The Psalms are unique when we compare them with the multitude of other books which continually babble about the saints and their doings, but seldom or never quote their words. It tastes good and sweet to read the Psalms, for they give a faithful record of what the saints of old did and said: how they communed with God and prayed to Him in the old days, and how such men still commune with Him and pray to Him ...

What the Book of Psalms gives us in richest measure is the fullness of certainty as to what believers felt in their hearts, and what was the sound of the words which they used in addressing God and their fellow-men ...

It is therefore easy to understand why the Book of Psalms is the favorite book of all the saints. For every man on every occasion can find in it Psalms which fit his needs, as if they had been set there just for his sake ... (and) when some such a word has come home and is felt to answer his need, he receives assurance that he is in the company of the Bible's saints, and that all that has happened to saints in Scripture is happening to him, because all of them join in singing a little song with him, since he can use their words to talk with God as they did."

"When I first read Ps 31:1's words, 'deliver me in your righteousness,' I felt deep hostility towards the words, 'God's righteousness.' I knew only that 'the righteousness of God' meant a harsh judgment. Was God to save me by judging me harshly? If so, I was lost forever." (Luther)

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LORD'S DAY MORNING WORSHIP

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GOD GATHERS HIS PEOPLE

Welcome

Announcements

Prelude & Silent Reflection

Salutation & Call to Worship

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

* Opening Hymn

Praise to the Lord, The Almighty
53 Trinity Hymnal (verses 1-3 & 5)

- 1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near, join me in glad adoration.
- 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been granted in what he ordaineth?
- 3 Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee!
Surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee;
ponder anew what the Almighty will do, if with his love he befriend thee.
- 5 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his people again; gladly fore'er we adore him. **

* Invocation & Lord's Prayer

God's Law

Psalm 31:1-13
(p. 545, pew Bible)

Confession of Sin (unison)

Psalm 139:23-24

Search me, O God, and know my heart!
Try me and know my thoughts!
And see if there be any grievous way in me,
and lead me in the way everlasting!

Assurance of Pardon

Romans 1:16-17
(p. 1116, pew Bible)

* Hymn

Be Still My Soul
689 *Trinity Hymnal* (verses 1-3)

1 Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side;
bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;
leave to your God to order and provide;
in ev'ry change he faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul: your best, your heav'nly Friend
through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

2 Be still, my soul: your God will undertake
to guide the future as he has the past.
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake;
all now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know
his voice who ruled them while he dwelt below.

3 Be still, my soul: when dearest friends depart,
and all is darkened in the vale of tears,
then shall you better know his love, his heart,
who comes to soothe your sorrow and your fears.
Be still, my soul: your Jesus can repay
from his own fullness all he takes away. **

Profession of Faith of Abigail Bair

We Petition God

Congregational Prayer

Offering & Prayer of Dedication

Offertory Hymn

Fairest Lord Jesus
170 *Trinity Hymnal* (verses 1,4)

1 Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature, Son of God and Son of Man!
Thee will I cherish, thee will I honor, thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

4 Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations! Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and for evermore be thine.

* *Gloria Patri*

#735 *Trinity Hymnal*

GOD SPEAKS HIS WORD TO HIS PEOPLE

Prayer

Scriptures

John 6:45
(p 1060, pew Bible)
John 7:14-19
(p 1061, pew Bible)

Sermon

God Teaching Through God In Flesh (John 1:18)

Prayer of Application

* Closing Hymn

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less
521 *Trinity Hymnal* (all verses)

1 My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain: On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
all other ground is sinking sand;
all other ground is sinking sand.

2 When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace;
in every high and stormy gale my anchor holds within the veil. **[Refrain]**

3 His oath, his covenant, his blood support me in the whelming flood;
when all around my soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay. **[Refrain]**

4 When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found;
dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne.
[Refrain]**

* Benediction

* *Doxology*

#731 *Trinity Hymnal*

* Please stand if able

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