

First Reading: Deuteronomy 8:7-18

⁷ For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, ⁸ a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive oil and honey, ⁹ a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper. ¹⁰ You shall eat your fill and bless the Lord your God for the good land that he has given you.

¹¹ “Take care that you do not forget the Lord your God by failing to keep his commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes that I am commanding you today. ¹² When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them ¹³ and when your herds and flocks have multiplied and your silver and gold is multiplied and all that you have is multiplied, ¹⁴ then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, ¹⁵ who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid wasteland with poisonous ^[a] snakes and scorpions. He made water flow for you from flint rock. ¹⁶ He fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you and in the end to do you good. ¹⁷ Do not say to yourself, ‘My power and the might of my own hand have gotten me this wealth.’ ¹⁸ But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today.

L: May the church hear what the Spirit is saying.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 65

We will now speak Psalm 65 responsively with the congregation performing the bolded text.

¹ You are to be praised, O ^l God, in Zion;
to you shall vows ^l be fulfilled.

² **To you, the one ^l who answers prayer,**
to you all ^l flesh shall come.

³ Our sins are strong- ^l er than we are,
but you blot out ^l our transgressions.

⁴ **Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your ^l courts to dwell there!**
They will be satisfied by the beauty of your house, by the holiness ^l of your temple.

⁵ Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness, O God of ^l our salvation,
O hope of all the ends of the earth and of the oceans ^l far away.

⁶ **You make firm the mountains ^l by your power;**
you are girded a- ^l bout with might.

⁷ You still the roaring ^l of the seas,
the roaring of their waves, and the clamor ^l of the peoples.

⁸ **Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your ^l marvelous signs;**
you make the dawn and the dusk to ^l sing for joy.

⁹ You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous; the river of God is ^l full of water.

You prepare the grain, for so you provide ¹ for the earth.

¹⁰ **You drench the furrows and smooth ¹ out the ridges;
with heavy rain you soften the ground and ¹ bless its increase.**

¹¹ You crown the year ¹ with your goodness,
and your paths over- ¹ flow with plenty.

¹² **May the fields of the wilderness be ¹ rich for grazing,
and the hills be ¹ clothed with joy.**

¹³ May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the valleys cloak them- ¹ selves with grain;
let them shout for ¹ joy and sing.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 9:6-15

⁶ The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. ⁷ Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not regretfully or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸ And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. ⁹ As it is written,

“He scatters abroad; he gives to the poor;
his righteousness endures forever.”

¹⁰ He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. ¹¹ You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us, ¹² for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. ¹³ Through the testing of this ministry you ^[d] glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your partnership with them and with all others, ¹⁴ while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. ¹⁵ Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

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The holy gospel according to **Luke 17:11-19**

C: Glory to you, O God.

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. ¹² As he entered a village, ten men with a skin disease approached him. Keeping their distance, ¹³ they called out, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!” ¹⁴ When he saw them, he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were made clean. ¹⁵ Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. ¹⁶ He prostrated himself at Jesus’s feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷ Then Jesus asked, “Were not ten made clean? So where are the other nine?” ¹⁸ Did none of them return to give glory to God except this foreigner?” ¹⁹ Then he said to him, “Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.”

P: The Gospel of Christ.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Prayers of the People

L: Seeking the Spirit of God who makes all things new, we pray for the church and the world, saying “Hear us, O God” and responding “Your mercy is great.”

A brief silence.

Holy God, we remember your promise of unity on your holy mountain. Empower the World Council of Churches and all those working across religious difference, that the world may know your undivided love. Hear us, O God, source of life **Your mercy is great.**

We remember your promise of green pastures and quiet waters. Preserve all places of natural beauty and restore our relationship with the land. Hear us, O God, **Your mercy is great.**

God of every tribe and nation, restore peace to the world’s conflict zones and shelter those who live within them. We pray especially for the safety of displaced people and refugees. We thank you for bringing Abdulaziz, Meryem, Ayse and Hasan safely to Canada to be reunited with their extended family here. Inspire us to support them and all newcomers in their transition from refugees to new Canadians, and help us to pave the way for their successful settlement in our community. Hear us, O God, **Your mercy is great.**

We remember your promise to wipe away every tear. Heal and console all who are sick or suffering, especially Jose, Ann, Joan, Terri, Martha, Tim, Roxie, Chris, Alfred, Terry, Eleanor, Abdulaziz, Meryem, Aysa, Hasan, Alma, Gayle, Sylvia, George, Harold, Ted, Byron, and all for whom we pray at this time silently or aloud. Hear us, O God, **Your mercy is great.**

We remember your promise to swallow up death forever. We give thanks for those who have gone before us. Hear us, O God, **Your mercy is great.**

Trusting in your boundless grace, O God, we lift up these spoken prayers and those in our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**