

Ezekiel 47: verses 9 and 12

⁹ Wherever the river goes, every living creature that swarms will live, and there will be very many fish once these waters reach there. It will become fresh, and everything will live where the river goes. ¹² On the banks, on both sides of the river, there will grow all kinds of trees for food. Their leaves will not wither nor their fruit fail, but they will bear fresh fruit every month, because the water for them flows from the sanctuary. Their fruit will be for food and their leaves for healing.”

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

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 65: 5-13

We will now speak Psalm 65 antiphonally with the pulpit side of the congregation performing the odd verses, and the piano side performing the bolded even verses.

⁵ By awesome deeds you answer us with deliverance,
O God of our salvation;
you are the hope of all the ends of the earth
and of the farthest seas.

⁶ **By your strength you established the mountains;
you are girded with might.**

⁷ You silence the roaring of the seas,
the roaring of their waves,
the tumult of the peoples.

⁸ **Those who live at earth's farthest bounds are awed by your signs;
you make the gateways of the morning and the evening shout for joy.**

⁹ You visit the earth and water it;
you greatly enrich it;
the river of God is full of water;
you provide the people with grain,
for so you have prepared it.

¹⁰ **You water its furrows abundantly,
settling its ridges,
softening it with showers,
and blessing its growth.**

¹¹ You crown the year with your bounty;
your wagon tracks overflow with richness.

¹² **The pastures of the wilderness overflow;
the hills gird themselves with joy;**

¹³ the meadows clothe themselves with flocks;
the valleys deck themselves with grain;
they shout and sing together for joy.

Second Reading: Revelations 22: 1-7

¹ Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ² through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month, and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. ³ Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; ⁴ they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵ And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

⁶ And he said to me, "These words are trustworthy and true, for the Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, has sent his angel to show his servants what must soon take place."

⁷ "See, I am coming soon! Blessed is the one who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book."

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

C: Thanks be to God.

The holy gospel according to **John 7: 37-39**

C: Glory to you, O God.

³⁷ On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing there, he cried out, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, ³⁸ and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, 'Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water.' " ³⁹ Now he said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were to receive, for as yet there was no Spirit because Jesus was not yet glorified.

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, source of life" and responding "Your mercy is great."

A brief silence.

God of every generation, we give thanks for all who have sought to renew and transform your holy church. Inspire us to follow their example in our own day. Hear us, O God, source of life **Your mercy is great.**

God of every creature, bless and protect the earth and all those who dwell within it. We give thanks for those who have helped us to see your Spirit in creation. Hear us, O God, source of life **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, source of life **Your mercy is great.**

God of every comfort, you made us in your own image. Grant healing and relief to all who are sick or suffering, especially Jose, Ann, Joan, Terri, Martha, Tim, Roxie, 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, source of life **Your mercy is great.**

God of every truth, you draw us nearer to you through your holy word. We give thanks for teachers of the faith. Fill their hearts with your Spirit, that they inspire others with your truth. Hear us, O God, source of life **Your mercy is great.**

God of every soul, you are the one who calls us home. We give thanks for all the saints who have been restored to perfect unity with you. Hear us, O God, source of life **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.**