

Songs

Give thanks to the Lord, Our God and King; His love endures forever: For He is good, He is above all things: His love endures forever. Sing praise... Sing praise...

With a mighty hand And an outstretched arm; His love endures forever. For the life That's been reborn: His love endures forever. Sing praise... Sing praise... Sing praise... Sing praise...

Forever God is faithful, Forever God is strong. Forever God is with us, Forever... Forever...

From the rising to The setting sun; His love endures forever. And by the grace of God, We will carry on; His love endures forever. Sing praise... Sing praise... Sing praise... Sing praise... Forever God is faithful, Forever God is strong. Forever God is with us, Forever... Forever...

I will enter His gates with thanksgiving in my heart, I will enter His courts with praise! I will say this is the day that the Lord has made, I will rejoice for He has made me glad. He has made me glad! He has made me glad! I will rejoice for He has made me glad. He has made me glad, He has made me glad. I will rejoice for He has made me glad.

- Next Communion: April 7th

 Next Potluck: April 14th

 Annual Business Meeting: March 17th

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Prayer Spotlight

Don & Gaylene Manning; La Pine, OR La Pine Community Church; Central West Coast District

La Pine is in central Oregon, south of Bend and 60 miles north of Crater Lake National Park. La Pine is primarily a bedroom and retirement community, and it is rapidly growing.





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PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Praise for six new church members.
- Pray for our Good News Club to continue to reach children for Jesus.
- Pray for our Easter breakfast and worship service to reach the unsaved.
- Pray for our twin grandsons, born in December.

Psalm 136

And Various Other Scripture Passages

Give Thanks!

They brought the ark of God and set it inside the tent that David had pitched for it, and they presented burnt offerings and fellowship offerings before God. After David had finished sacrificing the burnt offerings and fellowship offerings, he blessed the people in the name of the Lord. Then he gave a loaf of bread, a cake of dates and a cake of raisins to each Israelite man and woman.

He appointed some of the Levites to minister before the ark of the Lord, to extol, thank, and praise the Lord, the God of Israel: Asaph was the chief, and next to him in rank were Zechariah, then Jaaziel, Shemiramoth, Jehiel, Mattithiah, Eliab, Benaiah, Obed-Edom and Jeiel. They were to play the lyres and harps, Asaph was to sound the cymbals, and Benaiah and Jahaziel the priests were to blow the trumpets regularly before the ark of the covenant of God.

That day David first appointed Asaph and his associates to give praise to the Lord in this manner:

Give praise to the Lord, proclaim his name; make known among the nations what he has done.

Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts.

Glory in his holy name;

let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

Look to the Lord and his strength; seek his face always.

- Remember the wonders he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he pronounced,
- you his servants, the descendants of Israel, his chosen ones, the children of Jacob.
- He is the Lord our God; his judgments are in all the earth.

- He remembers his covenant forever, the promise he made, for a thousand generations,
- the covenant he made with Abraham, the oath he swore to Isaac.
- He confirmed it to Jacob as a decree, to Israel as an everlasting covenant:
- "To you I will give the land of Canaan as the portion you will inherit."

When they were but few in number, few indeed, and strangers in it, they wandered from nation to nation, from one kingdom to another. He allowed no one to oppress them; for their sake he rebuked kings: "Do not touch my anointed ones; do my prophets no harm."

- Sing to the Lord, all the earth; proclaim his salvation day after day.
- Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples.
- For great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; he is to be feared above all gods.
- For all the gods of the nations are idols, but the Lord made the heavens.

- Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and joy are in his dwelling place.
- Ascribe to the Lord, all you families of nations, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
- Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; bring an offering and come before him.
- Worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness.
- Tremble before him, all the earth!

The world is firmly established; it cannot be moved.

Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad; let them say among the nations, "The Lord reigns!"

Let the sea resound, and all that is in it; let the fields be jubilant, and everything in them!

Let the trees of the forest sing,
let them sing for joy before the Lord,
for he comes to judge the earth.
Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his love endures forever.

- Cry out, "Save us, God our Savior; gather us and deliver us from the nations, that we may give thanks to your holy name, and glory in your praise."
- Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting.
- Then all the people said "Amen" and "Praise the Lord."

David left Asaph and his associates before the ark of the covenant of the Lord to minister there regularly, according to each day's requirements.

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

Give thanks to the God of gods.

Give thanks to the Lord of lords:

to him who alone does great wonders,
His love endures forever.

who by his understanding made the heavens,
His love endures forever.

who spread out the earth upon the waters,
His love endures forever.

who made the great lights— His love endures forever.

the sun to govern the day, His love endures forever. the moon and stars to govern the night;

to him who struck down the firstborn of Egypt His love endures forever.

and brought Israel out from among them
His love endures forever.

with a mighty hand and outstretched arm;
His love endures forever.

to him who divided the Red Sea asunder His love endures forever.

and brought Israel through the midst of it,
His love endures forever.

but swept Pharaoh and his army into the Red Sea; His love endures forever.

to him who led his people through the wilderness; His love endures forever.

to him who struck down great kings,
His love endures forever.

and killed mighty kings— His love endures forever.

Sihon king of the Amorites His love endures forever. and Og king of Bashan— His love endures forever.

and gave their land as an inheritance,
His love endures forever.

an inheritance to his servant Israel.

He remembered us in our low estate His love endures forever.

and freed us from our enemies.

He gives food to every creature.

Give thanks to the God of heaven.

After this, the Moabites and Ammonites with some of the Meunites came to wage war against Jehoshaphat.

Some people came and told Jehoshaphat, "A vast army is coming against you from Edom, from the other side of the Dead Sea. It is already in Hazezon Tamar" (that is, En Gedi).

Alarmed, Jehoshaphat resolved to inquire of the Lord, and he proclaimed a fast for all Judah. The people of Judah came together to seek help from the Lord; indeed, they came from every town in Judah to seek him.

Then Jehoshaphat stood up in the assembly of Judah and Jerusalem at the temple of the Lord in the front of the new courtyard and said: "Lord, the God of our ancestors, are you not the God who is in heaven? You rule over all the kingdoms of the nations. Power and might are in your hand, and no one can withstand you.

Our God, did you not drive out the inhabitants of this land before your people Israel and give it forever to the descendants of Abraham your friend? They have lived in it and have built in it a sanctuary for your Name, saying, 'If calamity comes upon us, whether the sword of judgment, or plague or famine, we will stand in your presence before this temple that bears your Name and will cry

out to you in our distress, and you will hear us and save us.'

"But now here are men from Ammon, Moab and Mount Seir, whose territory you would not allow Israel to invade when they came from Egypt; so they turned away from them and did not destroy them. See how they are repaying us by coming to drive us out of the possession you gave us as an inheritance.

Our God, will you not judge them? For we have no power to face this vast army that is attacking us. We do not know what to do, but our eyes are on you."

All the men of Judah, with their wives and children and little ones, stood there before the Lord.

Then the Spirit of the Lord came on Jahaziel son of Zechariah, the son of Benaiah, the son of Jeiel, the son of Mattaniah, a Levite and descendant of Asaph, as he stood in the assembly.

He said: "Listen, King Jehoshaphat and all who live in Judah and Jerusalem! This is what the Lord says to you:

'Do not be afraid or discouraged because of this vast army. For the battle is not yours, but God's. Tomorrow march down against them. They will be climbing up by the Pass of Ziz, and you will find them at the end of the gorge in the Desert of Jeruel. You will not have to fight this battle. Take up your positions; stand firm and see the deliverance the Lord will give you, Judah and Jerusalem.

Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged. Go out to face them tomorrow, and the Lord will be with you."

Jehoshaphat bowed down with his face to the ground, and all the people of Judah and Jerusalem fell down in worship before the Lord. Then some Levites from the Kohathites and Korahites stood up and praised the Lord, the God of Israel, with a very loud voice.

Early in the morning they left for the Desert of Tekoa. As they set out, Jehoshaphat stood and said, "Listen to me, Judah and people of Jerusalem! Have faith in the Lord your God and you will be upheld; have faith in his prophets and you will be successful."

After consulting the people, Jehoshaphat appointed men to sing to the Lord and to praise him for the splendor of his holiness as they went out at the head of the army, saying:

"Give thanks to the Lord, for his love endures forever."

As they began to sing and praise, the Lord set ambushes against the men of Ammon and Moab and Mount Seir who were invading Judah, and they were defeated. The Ammonites and Moabites rose up against the men from Mount Seir to destroy and annihilate them. After they finished slaughtering the men from Seir, they helped to destroy one another.

When the men of Judah came to the place that overlooks the desert and looked toward the vast army, they saw only dead bodies lying on the ground; no one had escaped. So Jehoshaphat and his men went to carry off their plunder, and they found among them a great amount of equipment and clothing and also articles of value—more than they could take away.

There was so much plunder that it took three days to collect it. On the fourth day they assembled in the Valley of Berakah, where they praised the Lord. This is why it is called the Valley of Berakah to this day.

Then, led by Jehoshaphat, all the men of Judah and Jerusalem returned joyfully to Jerusalem, for the Lord had given them cause to rejoice over their enemies. They entered Jerusalem and went to the temple of the Lord with harps and lyres and trumpets.

The fear of God came on all the surrounding kingdoms when they heard how the Lord had fought against the enemies of Israel. And the kingdom of Jehoshaphat was at peace, for his God had given him rest on every side.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 (NIV)

Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

Ephesians 3:20-21 (NIV)

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.