

Anticipation – Sunday

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Psalm 96

1 Sing to the Lord a new song;*
sing to the Lord, all the whole earth.

2 **Sing to the Lord and bless his name;***
proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.

3 Declare his glory among the nations*
and his wonders among all peoples.

4 **For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised;***
he is more to be feared than all gods.

- 5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols;*
but it is the Lord who made the heavens.
- 6 **Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence!***
Oh, the power and the splendour of his sanctuary!
- 7 Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples;*
ascribe to the Lord honour and power.
- 8 **Ascribe to the Lord the honour due his name,***
bring offerings and come into his courts.
- 9 Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;*
let the whole earth tremble before him.
- 10 **Tell it out among the nations: ‘The Lord is king!***
he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved;
he will judge the peoples with equity.’
- 11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;
let the sea thunder and all that is in it;*
let the field be joyful and all that is therein.
- 12 **Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy**
before the Lord when he comes,*
when he comes to judge the earth.
- 13 He will judge the world with righteousness*
and the peoples with his truth.

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We worship you, God of glory, in the beauty of holiness, and we joyfully proclaim your just and righteous rule, established for all, through your Son Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

Lord God almighty, come and dispel the darkness from our hearts, that in the radiance of your brightness we may know you, the only unfading light, glorious in all eternity. Amen.

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- 1 In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge;*
let me never be ashamed.
- 2 **In your righteousness, deliver me and set me free;*
incline your ear to me and save me.**
- 3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe;*
you are my crag and my stronghold.
- 4 **Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked,*
from the clutches of the evildoer and the oppressor.**

- 5 For you are my hope, O Lord God,*
my confidence since I was young.
- 6 I have been sustained by you ever since I was born;
from my mother's womb you have been my strength;*
my praise shall be always of you.**
- 7 I have become a portent to many;*
but you are my refuge and my strength.
- 8 Let my mouth be full of your praise*
and your glory all the day long.**
- 9 Do not cast me off in my old age;*
forsake me not when my strength fails.
- 10 For my enemies are talking against me,*
and those who lie in wait for my life take counsel together.**
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because there is none who will save.'
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- 13 Let those who set themselves against me
be put to shame and be disgraced;*
let those who seek to do me evil be covered with scorn and reproach.
- 14 But I shall always wait in patience,*
and shall praise you more and more.**
- 15 My mouth shall recount your mighty acts
and saving deeds all day long;*
though I cannot know the number of them.
- 16 I will begin with the mighty works of the Lord God;*
I will recall your righteousness, yours alone.**
- 17 O God, you have taught me since I was young,*
and to this day I tell of your wonderful works.

- 18 And now that I am old and gray-headed, O God, do not forsake me,*
till I make known your strength to this generation
and your power to all who are to come.**
- 19 Your righteousness, O God, reaches to the heavens;*
you have done great things; who is like you, O God?
- 20 You have showed me great troubles and adversities,*
but you will restore my life
and bring me up again from the deep places of the earth.**
- 21 You strengthen me more and more;*
you enfold and comfort me.
- 22 Therefore I will praise you upon the lyre for your
faithfulness, O my God;*
I will sing to you with the harp, O Holy One of Israel.**
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- 3 Though the earth and all its inhabitants are quaking,*
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- 6 For judgement is neither from the east nor from the west,*
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shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
- 2 **In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh,***
stir up your strength and come to help us.
- 3 Restore us, O God of hosts;*
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- 4 **O Lord God of hosts,***
how long will you be angered despite the prayers of your people?

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- 10 The mountains were covered by its shadow*
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- 11 You stretched out its tendrils to the Sea*
and its branches to the River.
- 12 Why have you broken down its wall,*
so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?**
- 13 The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it,*
and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.
- 14 Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven;
behold and tend this vine;*
preserve what your right hand has planted.**
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- 3 You have withdrawn all your fury*
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- 5 Will you be displeased with us for ever?*
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- 6 Will you not give us life again,*
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that his glory may dwell in our land.
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- 6 I have become like a vulture in the wilderness,*
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I am like a sparrow, lonely on a house-top.
- 8 My enemies revile me all day long,*
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- 9 for I have eaten ashes for bread*
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and his praise in Jerusalem;
- 22 When the peoples are gathered together,*
and the kingdoms also, to serve the Lord.**
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your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Do not bring us to the time of trial,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

Lord God, we see your righteous rule in all your works, and we join our voices with the song of your whole creation in praising you, in and through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

Lord God almighty, come and dispel the darkness from our hearts, that in the radiance of your brightness we may know you, the only unfading light, glorious in all eternity. Amen.

Let us bless the Lord:

Thanks be to God!

The God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing:
through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.