

O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Song of Orientation

“God’s Word Is Upright”

Hymn 40

Psalm 33

Music: Juan Luis Garcia, 1979

Text: Juan Luis Garcia, 1979; trans. Mary Louise Bringle, 2011

God’s word is upright and true and faithful.

God’s deeds are marvelous works of wonder.

Righteousness, justice, and honor sit at God’s right hand in glory.

And from divine loving-kindness all the earth is filled with mercy.

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*Sprung from a word of God’s speaking, skies open, vast beyond measure;
borne on the wind of God’s breathing, stars light the heavens in splendor.*

*Gathering the seas in a storehouse, God confines the raging waters,
pooling their deeps into wellsprings, carving streams through mountain gorges.*

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*Let all the earth and its peoples bow down before God in wonder,
trembling to see works of power, building and breaking asunder.*

*Foiling the plans of the wicked, God casts down the might of nations,
only the plans of the Holy standing firm through generations*

Confession & Assurance of Forgiveness - A Psalm of Disorientation

Psalm 86:1-13, 15

Incline your ear, O Lord, and answer me, for I am poor and needy. Preserve my life, for I am devoted to you; save your servant who trusts in you. You are my God; be gracious to me, O Lord, for to you do I cry all day long. Gladden the soul of your servant, for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

Assurance of Forgiveness -

For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love to all who call on you.

Confession -

Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer; listen to my cry of supplication. In the day of my trouble I call on you, for you will answer me.

Silence for Personal Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness-

There is none like you among the gods, O Lord, nor are there any works like yours. All the nations you have made shall come and bow down before you, O Lord, and shall glorify your name. For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God.

Confession -

Teach me your way, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth; give me an undivided heart to revere your name. I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart, and I will glorify your name forever.

Assurance of Forgiveness -

For great is your steadfast love toward me; you have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol. You, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.

Response

“All People That on Earth Do Dwell”
Psalm 100 - A Psalm of New Orientation

Hymn 385

Music: Attr. Louis Bourgeois, 1551

Text: William Kethe, 1560

O enter then his gates with praise; approach with joy his courts unto; praise, laud, and bless his name always, for it is seemly so to do.

For why? The Lord our God is good; his mercy is forever sure; his truth at all times firmly stood, and shall from age to age endure.

About the Psalms

Psalms of Orientation & Disorientation

Psalm Reading**Psalm 13 – Disorientation**

Lisa Gage

How long, O Lord? Will you forget me forever?
How long will you hide your face from me?
How long must I bear pain in my soul,
and have sorrow in my heart all day long?
How long shall my enemy be exalted over me?
Consider and answer me, O Lord my God!
Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep the sleep of death,
and my enemy will say, "I have prevailed";
my foes will rejoice because I am shaken.
But I trusted in your steadfast love;
my heart shall rejoice in your salvation.
I will sing to the Lord, because he has dealt bountifully with me.

Song of Disorientation***"By the Babylonian Rivers"***

Hymn 72

Psalm 137

Music: Latvian melody; harm. Geoffrey Laycock, 1971

Text: Ewald Bash, 1964

*By the Babylonian rivers we sat down in grief and wept,
hung our harps upon the willow, mourned for Zion when we slept.*

*There our captors in derision did require of us a song;
so we sat with staring vision, and the days were hard and long.*

*How shall we sing the Lord's song in a strange and bitter land;
can our voices veil the sorrow? Lord God, hold your holy band.*

About the Psalms**Psalms of New Orientation****Psalm Reading****Psalm 126 - New Orientation**

Lisa Gage

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream.
Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy;
then it was said among the nations, "The Lord has done great things for them."
The Lord has done great things for us, and we rejoiced.
Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like the watercourses in the Negeb.
May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy.

Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing,
shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.

**Song of New Orientation “Praise My Soul, the God of Heaven” Hymn 619
Psalm 103**

Music: John Gross, 1869

Text: Henry Francis Lyte, 1834; adapt. Ecumenical Women’s Center, 1974

*Praise, my soul, the God of heaven; glad of heart your carols raise;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, who, like me, should sing God’s praise?
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the Maker all your days!*

*Like a loving parent caring, God knows well our feeble frame,
gladly all our burdens bearing, still to countless years the same.
Alleluia! Alleluia! All within me, praise God’s name!*

*Angels, teach us adoration; you behold God face to face.
Sun and moon and all creation, dwellers all in time and space:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace!*

Service of Installation and Ordination of Youth Officers

About the Psalms

Summary

Charge and Blessing

Postlude

“Joy to the World”

Introduction by Walter L. Pelz, Harmonization by John Ferguson