

## WELCOME TO ASCENSION

Save Your people, Oh God, and bless your inheritance

Please keep social distance

**Sun June 26**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

**After – Hospitality**

Rom 5:1-10 Mt 6:22-34 Tone 2

**11:00**

**Divine Liturgy For All Our Parishioners and HGB Texanne Sotack  
by Dr. Maryjean Sotack**

**Tue June 28**

**8: 30am For Our Parishioners and HGB Edwards & Lisa  
Matthew by Fr. Alex**

**Wed June 29**

**PETER AND PAUL PREEMINENT APOSTLES**

**8:30am For Our Parishioners and For USA and Ukraine by**

**Alex**

**Moleben to the Theotokos** -Special Intention

**Thu June 30**

**8:30am For Our Parishioners and HGB Patricia Duttry by  
Fr. Alex**

**After - Bible Study**

**6:00pm - ROSARY - Prayer for Protection and Healing** of the coronavirus and all  
serious illnesses by Men's Club

**Sun July 3**

**4<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost ( Mirovania )**

**After – Hospitality – Pot Luck**

Rom 6:18-23 Mt 8:5-13 Tone 3

**11:00**

**Divine Liturgy For All Our Parishioners and HGB Arlene Hertz by  
Betty Mae Hertz**

## Happy JUNE BIRTHDAYS

1st Melissa Karlson; 9th Ann Merkley; 9th Matthew Montgomery; 11th Patty Duttry;  
12th Anna & Sofia Carden; 14th Lisa Montgomery; 23rd Marc Picconi; 25th Mary  
Olson; 27th Keith Shockley; 28th Michael Lechman

**All Are WELCOME, PLEASE ATTEND:**

On Wednesday, after Liturgy, Moleben to the Theotokos. On Thursday, after Liturgy, Bible Study, reflecting on Sunday's Gospel Reading

### **Prayer to Guardian Angel**

Angel

of God, my guardian dear, to whom His love commits me here: ever this day be at my side, to light and guard, to rule and guide. Amen

**We have several faithful from Ascension who are in need of special prayer.**

Some of those who need special prayer are:

Ann Harmeyer, Frank and Chris Janke, Mary Grace Dorsey, Ben Pawers, Betta Labanish, Betty May Hertz, Emma Bernier, Lolly Vinson, June McGraw, Darren and June Hall, Thank you. Fr. Alex

### **Adult Bible Study**

Bible Study is held on the first and third Tuesdays. The next Bible study will be on **Tuesday July 19** from 5:15 to 6:30 PM. The subject will be .....Please join us for great food and a wonderful conversation-based journey through Scripture! See Dr. Michael Lechman and Michael Bracelin for questions.

**Parish Activities:** All activities should be recorded on the main calendar 2022 in the office. Please write in the activity you are responsible for and let Fr. Alex know the details so he can include it in the bulletin

Tonight, Go to sleep with a prayer. Pray about everything, talk to God. Just let it out, all the good, all the bad. He's always listening, prayer does change things. Even if you think God isn't listening, let me tell you He always is. He's

always working on something for you. Breathe and ask for forgiveness and also forgive others. Remember, tomorrow is a new day. Start fresh and clean.

Many unique items come into the shop weekly. We have a great selection of special-occasion gifts and religious items unique to the Williamsburg area, including a wide selection of spiritual books, music, icons and devotional and inspirational articles plus hand-made soaps, local honey and HOME MADE PIROHY.

The next Pierogi pinching event will be on Saturday, June 11 starting at 9:00am. Please come and bring a dish for a potluck afterward.

*Special orders welcomed.*

### *FINANCIALS, June 19, 2022*

Monthly Dues – 50.00; Offertory –711.00; Candles-28.00; Special Gifts–150.00; In –939.00; Out – 87.35

## *2021 – 2022 Bishop's Appeal Monthly Update*

*June*

*Goal - \$6,800 : WE DID IT !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!*

**Richard D. Hine**, age 25, passed away suddenly on 19 June 2022. He suffered seizures. Richard is grandson of deceased Joseph Chismar -- Mary Ann Drumtra's brother. Deepest sympathy and

condolences to Mary Ann Drumtra on the passing of her brother's grandson.

Betty Mae  
Outreach

**God bless America!!!**

**We will still collect donations for the Ukrainian Humanitarian Cause. You may place your generous gift in the basket with the Ukrainian Flag. You will find it at the Icon Screen. Thank you for your gift of hope! Fr. Alex**

**\*\* KITCHEN MAINTENANCE \*\***

**HOSPITALITY-** Scheduled person is responsible for setting up and cleaning up coffee and cakes according to the instructions in the coffee cabinet.

**POT LUCK LUNCHESES**

It is **NOT** the responsibility of Hospitality to clean up after Pot Luck.

**EVERYONE** is responsible and expected to share in the cleanup!!

Remember to take your dishes/utensils home after pot luck. You can wash them in the kitchen or at home. Items left in the kitchen **will be** donated to Goodwill!

**FOOD AND/OR UTENSILS SHOULD NEVER BE LEFT UNATTENDED IN THE KITCHEN!**

**ALL COUNTERTOPS MUST BE WIPED CLEAN.**

**Candles for June :**

Sanctuary...For Our Parishioners

Tetrapod... BRS + Bill Kelly by Ann Kelly  
Theotokos & Child... HGB Madeline Noonan by Chris Noonan  
John Baptist... BRS + Jon Duttry by Patty Duttry  
St Nicholas... For Our Parishioners  
Protection Theotokos... For Our Families  
Christ Teacher... For Our Families

## Zechariah and Elizabeth

As we celebrate the feast day of Saint John the Baptist, we will no doubt read and hear the stories of the man Jesus called the greatest of all prophets. Let us take time in this letter then to meditate on some of the events leading to the prophet's birth. For in this prelude to John's birth we will find a greater understanding of the workings of God. Let us turn our Bibles then to the first chapter in the Gospel of Luke and consider the parents of Saint John, Zechariah and Elizabeth.

The prayer: Zechariah was a temple priest, and Elizabeth was a kins woman to the Blessed Virgin Mary. Both were just and pleasing in the sight of the Lord. Elizabeth was thought to be barren, and they were both advanced in years, yet both wanted a son. They prayed to God that their marriage would be blessed with a child.

The Fruit. How many times have I seen the impossible made possible by the hand of God? Why therefore should I be hesitant to put my problems and desires before the Lord? All things are possible with God.

John's Birth foretold: While Zechariah was fulfilling his term as a temple priest it was announced to him by the Angel Gabriel that Elizabeth would bear a son. Zechariah was hesitant to believe what was foretold. Gabriel then said he would be unable to speak until the prophesy was fulfilled, Lk. 1:18-20. Reading further it appears that Zechariah also lost his hearing, Lk.1:62. Why this pronouncement on a good man? Simply put, Zechariah did not believe Gabriel's words. As Gabriel stands in the presence of God, the pronouncement and its effects were made immediate. Some biblical scholars say that Zechariah was given this particular affliction of muteness because he offended the Lord with his words. That may also explain why he apparently lost his hearing, because he failed to believe what he heard from Gabriel. Rabbinical scholars also

have commented that these afflictions, would have disqualified Zechariah from Temple service as he would have been unable to intone the ritual services. This dismissal from Temple service would have been another source of affliction to Zechariah.

The Fruit. How many times have I offended the Lord by my words of doubt, suspicion or reluctance? Do I ask the Lord for proof? How many times have I failed to hear the word of God through scripture preferring instead to cling to my own wisdom and understanding? Let me therefore be quick to hear and serve the Lord with all my senses. Let my answer to the Lord be like Mary's to the Angel Gabriel; "Let it be done to me according to thy word."

The Visitation: In one of the more beautiful passages in the Gospel of Luke we read of the Blessed Virgin Mary's visitation to her kins-woman Elizabeth. Mary was carrying the Christ-child and Elizabeth was carrying John the Baptist. Elizabeth, who by this time had heard from her husband Zechariah the words spoken by Gabriel as to the greatness of her own son John, did not presume to even mention it to Mary. Here we read that upon entering the home of Elizabeth, John leaped for joy in the womb of Elizabeth, and at that moment Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, explaining in a loud voice to Mary, "Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Lk 1:41-42. Through the Holy Spirit Elizabeth knew that Mary was carrying the Lord and Savior so long promised. This sudden inspiration raised Elizabeth far beyond her own joy and thought, to a new level of recognition. Similarly, after the naming of John, Zechariah recovered from his muteness and was filled with the Holy Spirit, proclaiming that his son John would be the prophet of the Most High, and would go before his Lord to prepare His ways, Lk 1:76. Such is the power of the Holy Spirit to enlighten us.

The Fruit. The power of the Holy Spirit is the direct power of God Almighty. Of all the blessings that are ours, there is none greater than the blessing of the Holy Spirit. It has the effect to raise us up to a new level of consciousness. The Holy Spirit unifies us and enlightens us. Yet how often do I find myself tearing down what the Holy Spirit has built up, how often in my own self-absorption do I fall into the trap of impatience, anger, and yes even bitterness, all of which seek to tear down what was built in the Holy Spirit. So then let my impatience turn to patience, let my anger turn to love. Let my wisdom come from the Holy Spirit, and let me always walk in the path and guidance of the Holy Spirit as did Elizabeth and Zechariah.

Let our faith be strong in the Lord. Let not our tongues or any of our senses or actions offend

the Lord, and invite the Heavenly King Comforter, the Spirit of Truth to dwell within us always.

Yours in Christ

Brother Joseph

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## CARMEN EDWARDS OBITUARY

Beloved wife, mother, grandmother, aunt, and daughter, Carmen Angelika (Cassatt) Edwards journeyed to be with our Lord on June 20, 2022 after losing a valiant fight against glioblastoma brain cancer.

She was born in Mannheim, Germany on October 28, 1954, the daughter of SFC Ralph R. Cassatt, U.S. Army, and Anneliese Therese (Steinlein) Cassatt. Due to her father's military career with back-to-back tours in Europe, her early childhood was spent in Germany where she became very close to her grandmother, Emilie Steinlein, and enjoyed time on the family's country farm.

She attended preschool and kindergarten in the local German community and grew up speaking both English and German. At age 6, she came to the United States for the first time and became immersed in American culture, a big change from the German farm she spent so much time on. But she would return to Germany over the years due to her father's multiple Germany assignments, and graduated valedictorian in 1972 from Kaiserslautern American High School, part of the Department of Defense Overseas Schools network in Kaiserslautern, Germany.

She attended and graduated from The Pennsylvania State University, earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Pre-Med at the main campus in State College, Pennsylvania in 1976. She married her college sweetheart, Leonard R. Edwards, Jr., in May 1976 in El Paso, Texas where her parents had retired. She then spent the next several years working as a German and French translator for a family-owned stringed instrument replacement company in Ann Arbor, Michigan with global customers.

In 1979, when Leonard joined the United States Air Force, she then spent the next

twenty-eight years supporting his career and raising their two sons as the family traveled across the United States and Germany for various military assignments. The family spent eight years in Germany, where she worked as a teacher's aide in the American schools in Geilenkirchen and Landstuhl, Germany, where she could be close to the boys. She also enjoyed traveling and did many trips with her friends to most of the countries in western Europe.

When the family returned to the United States in 1992 with an assignment to Albuquerque, New Mexico, she continued to be the chief homemaker and caretaker of her sons. Then in 1994, she realized that as high school teenagers, the boys no longer needed so much caretaking, so she chose to pursue further study. She decided she didn't want to pursue training to become a doctor because of the time it would take, but she did want to have something to do in the medical field. She attended, and graduated from, the University of New Mexico School of Medicine Allied Health Sciences with a certification as a Diagnostic Medical Sonographer in 1995. As the family continued to move within the United States, she worked as an Ultrasonographer for the next twenty-six years in New Mexico, Oklahoma, Virginia, and Colorado. She retired in 2021 from Penrad Imaging in Colorado Springs, Colorado and was ready to travel when the COVID-19 pandemic shut down most of the world, and the brain cancer diagnosis changed the future.

She was preceded in death by her father, Ralph Cassatt.

She is survived by her husband of forty-six years, Leonard; sons, Christopher (Ruth Ewell) Edwards of Lafayette, Colorado, Matthew (Lisa Cifrulak) Edwards of Williamsburg, Virginia; mother, Anneliese Cassatt of El Paso, Texas; sister, Connie Cassatt of El Paso, Texas; and grandson, Benjamin of Lafayette, Colorado.

Visitation, 5:00PM-7:00PM, Rosary immediately following, Wednesday, June 29, 2022, St. Gabriel the Archangel Catholic Church, 8755 Scarborough Drive, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80920.

Mass of Christian Burial, 11:00AM, Thursday, June 30, 2022, St. Gabriel the Archangel Catholic Church.

Graveside Service, 1:00PM, Thursday, June 30, 2022, Pikes Peak National Cemetery, 10545 Drennan Road, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80925.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial contribution in Carmen's honor may be made to the Glioblastoma Foundation (<https://glioblastomafoundation.org/get-involved/donate>).

To send flowers to the family or plant a tree in memory of Carmen, please visit our floral store.



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To plant trees in memory, please visit the [Sympathy Store](#).

## *Nothing but a Number*

*Japanese mountain climber Yuichiro Miura reached the summit of Mount Everest at age 70. George Brunstad was also 70 when he swam the English Channel. Naval officer Grace Hopper became the first female rear admiral of the United States Navy when she was 79. Margaret Haggerty completed her quest to run a marathon on each of the seven continents when she was 84.*

*If stories like these teach us anything, it's that senior adults are capable of amazing things.*

*That was certainly true of Joshua. Even though he was probably nearing the century mark, God had a plan for him. Age didn't matter to God. Rather than telling Joshua to rest, retire or step aside for a younger replacement, God instructed him to get to work.*

*Perhaps we should take a cue from God in our attitude toward older adults. From an early age most of us were taught to respect our elders. However, too often we confuse politeness for respect. What's the difference? Politeness might include offering a hand to senior adults when they struggle with steps or making awkward small talk with aging relatives at family gatherings. Respect, however, would include realizing that with their years of challenges and experiences these adults are a rich, God-given resource.*

*In this age of politically correct labels, perhaps a better name for senior citizens is “ultra-experienced adults.” God entrusted Joshua with an important duty a quarter century after Joshua reached retirement age because of his vast military experience and knowledge.*

*Think of the older adults you know. How does God want to use them in your life? What experiences of theirs might benefit you? What life lessons have they learned that might keep you from making a bad decision? And what might you be able to learn from hearing their stories and asking for their advice?*

### *To Take Away*

- ♦ *How would you describe your attitude toward senior adults?*
- ♦ *Think of two or three seniors you know. What might getting to know them better add to your life?*
- ♦ *What steps can you take this week to build a mutually beneficial relationship with an older adult?*

### **Psalm 1**

**Blessed are they who hope in the Lord.**

Blessed the man who follows not  
the counsel of the wicked  
Nor walks in the way of sinners,  
nor sits in the company of the insolent,  
But delights in the law of the LORD  
and meditates on his law day and night.

**Blessed are they who hope in the Lord.**

He is like a tree  
planted near running water,  
That yields its fruit in due season,

and whose leaves never fade.  
Whatever he does, prospers.

**Blessed are they who hope in the Lord.**

Not so, the wicked, not so;  
they are like chaff which the wind drives away.  
For the LORD watches over the way of the just,  
but the way of the wicked vanishes.

**Blessed are they who hope in the Lord.**

## **Psalm 95**

**If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.**

Come, let us sing joyfully to the LORD;  
let us acclaim the Rock of our salvation.  
Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;  
let us joyfully sing psalms to him.

**If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.**

Come, let us bow down in worship;  
let us kneel before the LORD who made us.  
For he is our God,  
and we are the people he shepherds, the flock he guides.

**If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.**

Oh, that today you would hear his voice:  
“Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,  
as in the day of Messiah in the desert,  
Where your fathers tempted me;  
they tested me though they had seen my works.”

**If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.**

### **Psalm 23**

**Even though I walk in the dark valley I fear no evil; for you are at my side.**

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.  
In verdant pastures he gives me repose;  
Beside restful waters he leads me;  
he refreshes my soul.

**Even though I walk in the dark valley I fear no evil; for you are at my side.**

He guides me in right paths  
for his name's sake.  
Even though I walk in the dark valley  
I fear no evil; for you are at my side  
With your rod and your staff  
that give me courage.

**Even though I walk in the dark valley I fear no evil; for you are at my side.**

You spread the table before me  
in the sight of my foes;  
You anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.

**Even though I walk in the dark valley I fear no evil; for you are at my side.**

Only goodness and kindness follow me  
all the days of my life;  
And I shall dwell in the house of the LORD  
for years to come.

**Even though I walk in the dark valley I fear no evil; for you are at my side.**

### **Psalm 16**

**Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.**

Keep me, O God, for in you I take refuge;  
I say to the LORD, "My Lord are you."  
O LORD, my allotted portion and my cup,  
you it is who hold fast my lot.

**Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.**

I bless the LORD who counsels me;  
even in the night my heart exhorts me.  
I set the LORD ever before me;  
with him at my right hand I shall not be disturbed.

**Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.**

Therefore my heart is glad and my soul rejoices,  
my body, too, abides in confidence;  
Because you will not abandon my soul to the nether world,  
nor will you suffer your faithful one to undergo corruption.

**Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.**

You will show me the path to life,  
fullness of joys in your presence,  
the delights at your right hand forever.

**Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.**

## **Psalm 138**

**Your right hand saves me, O Lord.**

I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with all my heart,  
for you have heard the words of my mouth;  
in the presence of the angels I will sing your praise;  
I will worship at your holy temple,  
and give thanks to your name.

**Your right hand saves me, O Lord.**

Because of your kindness and your truth,  
you have made great above all things  
your name and your promise.  
When I called, you answered me;  
you built up strength within me.

**Your right hand saves me, O Lord.**

Your right hand saves me.  
The LORD will complete what he has done for me;  
your kindness, O LORD, endures forever;  
forsake not the work of your hands.

**Your right hand saves me, O Lord.**

## **Psalm 113**

**The Lord will give him a seat with the leaders of his people.**

Praise, you servants of the LORD,  
praise the name of the LORD.  
Blessed be the name of the LORD  
both now and forever.

**The Lord will give him a seat with the leaders of his people.**

From the rising to the setting of the sun  
is the name of the LORD to be praised.  
High above all nations is the LORD;  
above the heavens is his glory.

**The Lord will give him a seat with the leaders of his people.**

Who is like the LORD, our God, who is enthroned on high  
and looks upon the heavens and the earth below?

**The Lord will give him a seat with the leaders of his people.**

He raises up the lowly from the dust;  
from the dunghill he lifts up the poor  
To seat them with princes,  
with the princes of his own people.

**The Lord will give him a seat with the leaders of his people.**

## **Psalm 104**

**Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.**

Bless the LORD, O my soul!  
O LORD, my God, you are great indeed!  
How manifold are your works, O LORD!  
the earth is full of your creatures.

**Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.**

May the glory of the LORD endure forever;  
may the LORD be glad in his works!  
Pleasing to him be my theme;  
I will be glad in the LORD.

**Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.**

If you take away their breath, they perish  
and return to their dust.  
When you send forth your spirit, they are created,  
and you renew the face of the earth.

**Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.**

## **Psalm 11**

The LORD is in his holy temple;  
the LORD's throne is in heaven.  
His eyes behold,  
his searching glance is on mankind.

**The just will gaze on your face, O Lord.**

The LORD searches the just and the wicked;  
the lover of violence he hates.  
For the LORD is just, he loves just deeds;  
the upright shall see his face.

**The just will gaze on your face, O Lord.**

## **Psalm 103**



**The Lord has established his throne in heaven.**

Bless the LORD, O my soul;  
and all my being, bless his holy name.  
Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
and forget not all his benefits.

**The Lord has established his throne in heaven.**

For as the heavens are high above the earth,  
so surpassing is his kindness toward those who fear him.  
As far as the east is from the west,  
so far has he put our transgressions from us.

**The Lord has established his throne in heaven.**

The LORD has established his throne in heaven,  
and his kingdom rules over all.  
Bless the LORD, all you his angels,  
you mighty in strength, who do his bidding.

**The Lord has established his throne in heaven.**

## **Psalm 15**

**He who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord.**

He who walks blamelessly and does justice;  
who thinks the truth in his heart  
and slanders not with his tongue.

**He who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord.**

Who harms not his fellow man,  
nor takes up a reproach against his neighbor;  
By whom the reprobate is despised,  
while he honors those who fear the LORD.

**He who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord.**

Who lends not his money at usury  
and accepts no bribe against the innocent.  
He who does these things  
shall never be disturbed.

**He who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord.**

## **Exodus 15**

**Let us sing to the Lord; he has covered himself in glory.**

I will sing to the LORD, for he is gloriously triumphant;  
horse and chariot he has cast into the sea.  
My strength and my courage is the LORD,  
and he has been my savior.  
He is my God, I praise him;  
the God of my father, I extol him.

**Let us sing to the Lord; he has covered himself in glory.**

The LORD is a warrior,  
LORD is his name!

Pharaoh's chariots and army he hurled into the sea;  
the elite of his officers were submerged in the Red Sea.

**Let us sing to the Lord; he has covered himself in glory.**

The flood waters covered them,  
they sank into the depths like a stone.  
Your right hand, O LORD, magnificent in power,  
your right hand, O LORD, has shattered the enemy.

**Let us sing to the Lord; he has covered himself in glory.**

### **Psalm 69**

**Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.**

I am sunk in the abysmal swamp  
where there is no foothold;  
I have reached the watery depths;  
the flood overwhelms me.

**Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.**

But I pray to you, O LORD,  
for the time of your favor, O God!  
In your great kindness answer me  
with your constant help.

**Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.**

But I am afflicted and in pain;  
let your saving help, O God, protect me;  
I will praise the name of God in song,  
and I will glorify him with thanksgiving.

**Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.**

“See, you lowly ones, and be glad;  
you who seek God, may your hearts revive!  
For the LORD hears the poor,  
and his own who are in bonds he spurns not.”

**Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.**

## **Psalm 106**

**Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.**

Our fathers made a calf in Horeb  
and adored a molten image;  
They exchanged their glory  
for the image of a grass-eating bullock.

**Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.**

They forgot the God who had saved them,  
who had done great deeds in Egypt,  
Wondrous deeds in the land of Ham,  
terrible things at the Red Sea.

**Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.**

Then he spoke of exterminating them,  
but Moses, his chosen one,  
Withstood him in the breach  
to turn back his destructive wrath.

**Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.**

## **Psalm 99**

**Holy is the Lord our God.**

Extol the LORD, our God,  
and worship at his footstool;  
holy is he!

**Holy is the Lord our God.**

Moses and Aaron were among his priests,  
and Samuel, among those who called upon his name;  
they called upon the LORD, and he answered them.

**Holy is the Lord our God.**

From the pillar of cloud he spoke to them;  
they heard his decrees and the law he gave them.

**Holy is the Lord our God.**

Extol the LORD, our God,  
and worship at his holy mountain;  
for holy is the LORD, our God.

**Holy is the Lord our God.**

## **Psalm 95**

**If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.**

Come, let us sing joyfully to the LORD;  
let us acclaim the Rock of our salvation.  
Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;  
let us joyfully sing psalms to him.

**If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.**

Come, let us bow down in worship;  
let us kneel before the LORD who made us.  
For he is our God,  
and we are the people he shepherds, the flock he guides.

**If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.**

Oh, that today you would hear his voice:  
“Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,  
as in the day of Massah in the desert,  
Where your fathers tested me;  
they tested me though they had seen my works.”

**If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.**

## **Psalm 106**

**Remember us, O Lord, as you favor your people.**

We have sinned, we and our fathers;  
we have committed crimes; we have done wrong.  
Our fathers in Egypt  
considered not your wonders.

**Remember us, O Lord, as you favor your people.**

But soon they forgot his works;  
they waited not for his counsel.  
They gave way to craving in the desert  
and tempted God in the wilderness.

**Remember us, O Lord, as you favor your people.**

They forgot the God who had saved them,  
who had done great deeds in Egypt,  
Wondrous deeds in the land of Ham,  
terrible things at the Red Sea.

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Then he spoke of exterminating them,  
but Moses, his chosen one,  
Withstood him in the breach  
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## **Psalm 97**

**The Lord is king, the Most High over all the earth.**

The LORD is king; let the earth rejoice;  
let the many islands be glad.

Clouds and darkness are round about him,  
justice and judgment are the foundation of his throne.

**The Lord is king, the Most High over all the earth.**

The mountains melt like wax before the LORD,  
before the LORD of all the earth.  
The heavens proclaim his justice,  
and all peoples see his glory.

**The Lord is king, the Most High over all the earth.**

Because you, O LORD, are the Most High over all the earth,  
exalted far above all gods.

**The Lord is king, the Most High over all the earth.**

## **Psalm 85**

**The Lord speaks of peace to his people.**

I will hear what God proclaims;  
the LORD—for he proclaims peace  
To his people, and to his faithful ones,  
and to those who put in him their hope.

**The Lord speaks of peace to his people.**



Kindness and truth shall meet;  
justice and peace shall kiss.  
Truth shall spring out of the earth,  
and justice shall look down from heaven.

**The Lord speaks of peace to his people.**

The LORD himself will give his benefits;  
our land shall yield its increase.  
Justice shall walk before him,  
and salvation, along the way of his steps.

**The Lord speaks of peace to his people.**