

WELCOME TO ASCENSION

SAVE YOUR PEOPLE, OH GOD, AND BLESS YOUR INHERITANCE

“NOTHING EMBITTERS A PERSON MORE THAN SUFFERING. BUT WHEN IT IS CONSECRATED TO GOD, IT BECOMES HOLY”
THOMAS MERTON

Sun. Aug 24 **11th SUNDAY after Pentecost**

1 Cor 9:2-12 Mt 18:23-35 Tone 2

11:00 Divine Liturgy For Our Parishioners by Fr. Alex
After – Hospitality – Security Team Meeting

Tue. Aug 26 8:30 Liturgy For + June Mathews by Ann Kelly

5:00pm - Moleben to the Theotokos (Subdeacon Adithia Kusno)

5:15 - Adult Bible study

Wed. Aug 27 8:30 Liturgy For + Christine Janke by Aurelia & Huey Anderson

After - Moleben to the Theotokos

Thu. Aug 28 8:30 Liturgy For Peace in the Whole World by Fr. Alex

6:00pm – **ROSARY**- Prayer For Peace in Our Country & for Protection and Healing of all illnesses by Men’s Club

Sat. Aug 30 1:00pm Church Cleaning Hours

Sun. Aug 31 **12th SUNDAY after Pentecost**

1 Cor 15:1-11 Mt 19:16-26 Tone 3

11:00 Divine Liturgy For Our Parishioners & HGB Kevin Kelly by Ann Kelly
After – Hospitality – Security Team Meeting

ECF REGISTRATION AND NEWS

It’s the start of another school year with our Children’s Formation classes! Please fill out a registration card for *each family member* that is interested (even if you can only pop in every now and then!) and give them to Lisa Edwards by Sept 15. Also, If you are interested in helping teach our children this school year (even if it is 1 Sunday a month!) please speak to Lisa Edwards after Divine Liturgy or email her at LisaCVoice@yahoo.com for more details. We will have a Catechist meeting on Sept 7th at 1p - lunch will be provided. All training and education needed for the school year will be provided at this meeting, so please plan to attend. Our School Year will kick off on September 21st when we attend Divine Liturgy with our families and other ECF classmates - and for special blessings from Fr. Alex! We will have pizza and fun afterwards!! Thank you all for your help and blessed new school year to you!!!!

The **Automatic External Defibrillator (AED)** is fully operational and located on the wall above the fire extinguisher in St. Phillips Hall. Eight parishioners were certified on the use of the AED on Oct 8, 2023 and other parishioners have been certified in the past. Periodic updates will follow.
Dr. Michael Lechman

Today we still grapple with security, and we live in a time where we should all be sensitive to the threats and danger brought about by terrorism and incivility of our society. As the situation develops in the Middle East, there is a potential for spillover here in the States. We are tracking the situation closely, and will take steps as necessary to provide for the safety and security of the parish. With that said, we would welcome volunteers to help augment our security teams. In the mean time I ask all to help us as you can. If you see something amiss please say something to security. Father Alex...

Advisory Bord: Fr. Alex (Pastor)-Security; David Efimetz & Dr. Micheal Lechman-Trustees; Betty May Hertz-outreach; Michelle Massie- Property; Sb. Dicon Adithia Kusno-Facebook-Young Adult Education; Patricia Duttry-Book Keeper; Don Merkley, Website; Lee Alexander-Men’s Club President; Dr. Micheal Lechman-Adult Bible Study; Lisa Edwards-Children’s Christian Formation Director-Liturgical Committee; Ann Merkley-Bookstore Manager

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

Some of those who need special prayer are:

Frank Janke; Mary Grace Dorsey; Ben Pawers; Betty May Hertz; Emma Bernier; Lolly Vinson; William McGraw; Myron Kotyk; Darren and June Ann Hall; Aurora & Jaime Daquilanea; Ann, Lary, Mary Ann Drumtra & their Family; Elaine Hampton; Dr. Micheal & Linda Lechman; Orysia Stefaniv; Elisabeth Branden; Merly & Teresa Phillips; Mary Sullivan; Mary Saupp; Francis Fenderson; Gareth & Patricia Reeves; Abigail Johnson; Don Wilson & his Family; Johnny Morris; Hazel Reeres; Richard Bapst; Adzima & John Adzima; Michael Derkacz; Retha Williams; Michael & Michaela Bross; Halyna & Micheal; Caroline and Vince Spinella; Sharon & Steve Guethe; Christopher Berkery; Desiree & Brandon Hartlaub Thank you. Fr. Alex

Visitors, family and friends: Are you curious, do you have questions or inquirers about our church, icons, Divine Liturgy, or Byzantine Catholic traditions? Someone will be waiting to answer your questions after Divine Liturgy on Sunday mornings in the vicinity of the icon corner at the front of the sanctuary. Don’t be afraid to ask, there are no wrong questions.

Liturgy and Candle Requests: Often we want to remember someone and offer special prayers for the departure of a loved one, special occasion, birthday, anniversary, etc. with celebration of a Divine Liturgy or lighting of a candle in front of an icon. To request a liturgy or candle, please complete the form in the appropriate envelope which you will find in the rack on the wall as you enter Ascension church and place it in the Sunday offering basket. Thank you. Fr. Alex.

Young Adults, Children, Adult Bible Study Comity: Subdeacon Adithia Kusno, Dr. Michael Lechman, Lisa Edwards. **Special Event/Retreat Speakers Comity:** David Efimetz, Don Merkley, Dr. Mary Jean Sotack

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

Bible Study: the Book of Genesis

The next adult Bible study will be held on Tuesday August 26 from 5:15 to 6:30 PM.

The session will cover Genesis Chapters 42 & 43 Lesson 25 in the workbook:

Joseph's Brothers in Egypt.

Respectfully submitted, Dr. Michael Lechman

Please Join us on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday Evening Bible Study of Betta Hall at 5:15pm.

Happy August BIRTHDAYS

10th Frank Janke; 11th Adithia Kusno; 17 Sydney Marie Karlson; 21st Loretta Fetsko

6 Ways to Guard Your Heart from Manipulative People

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5. Pray Over the Situation

When we see people living in unhealthy ways, our hearts should first be grieved because we know they are not living in alignment with God's Word. When we see these struggles play out before us, our first response should be to pray for their hearts. We cannot bring repentance; only God has that power.

Philippians 4:6 says, "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God."

We don't have to be anxious when facing a situation that overwhelms or perplexes us. We can bring our concerns to God through prayer. He will be faithful to responding if we are willing to wait on him. His job is to turn hearts towards him. We must ask him to work on our hearts and the hearts of those around us so righteousness can prevail.

Parking Lot Replacement Fundraiser - Our parking lot is in a terrible state. There is one section in front of the church hall that is actually leeching dirt from the subsurface during heavy rains. At best that area is a tripping hazard; at worst, continued erosion will one day create a terrible sinkhole. Other sections of the parking lot are so weak that leaf blowers will actually blow away rotten asphalt. We've done sealing repairs twice over the last few years, but that no longer remains a viable option. We need a new parking lot.

The Plan..... Estimates are being gathered, but the simple fact is we do not have the amount of money required to contract the job out. As those numbers come together, we will make it known, but the cost could be in excess of \$75K-\$100K. In the interim, the parish plans to install a professional asphalt repair in the area in front of the hall, where the subsoil is leeching through. The cost of the repair is something the parish can afford now, while buying us needed time..... In that time Ascension will be conducting a fund raiser to install the new parking lot. Details will be announced soon. Father Alex.

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God bless America!!!

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

Help support our church



FINANCIALS, August 17, 2025

Monthly Dues –325.00; Offertory –766.00; Candles -19.00; Fuel –25.00; Holyday 100.00; In –1,235.05; Out- 8,014.30

Candles for August

Sanctuary Lamp...+ Drago Margan by Peter Margan

Tetrapod... + Steven Margan by Peter Margan

Theotokos & Child... For Family by Oksana Makowiec

John Baptist... For Our Parishioners

St Nicholas... For Nicholas Yacknich by Evelyn Yackanich

Protection Theotokos... For Our Parishioners

Christ Teacher... + Katharina Margan by Peter Margan

Church Cleaning: We have a very dedicated team at Ascension who cleans God's house weekly generally on Saturdays. However, sometimes schedules run thin and so we are in need of a few more helping hands. Please find it in your heart to help us with this very important ministry for only one hour a week. Thanks to all of you for your hard work and time. Betty Mae Hertz

SPECIAL ORDERS WELCOMED.

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 and local honey. Special orders welcomed.

Our Daily Bread – Conditioning Part 2: Of Truth, Wisdom and Grounding Values

In Part 1,... *“We condition ourselves for all sorts of things. Some condition themselves for sport, or to stay healthy. Others condition themselves to learn a trade or earn a degree. Still others condition themselves for vanity, pride, or immoral behavior.... We condition ourselves for the life we want to live.”*

Part 2...The more society drifts from truth, and conditions itself to accept deception, the harder it becomes to distinguish truth from deception. Speaking truth then becomes dangerous, and wisdom is replaced by perversion.

Despite our technology, and our advanced education system, despite the numerous historical examples of failed societies that lost their way, we are in no better shape to hold onto the truth today than we were two thousand years ago. Why is that?

Our society in general has not been raised to recognize the responsibilities and difficulties in holding onto the truth. We want the truth, but have not conditioned ourselves with the values that are required to hold it for long, especially in crisis. As truth slips away, so too wisdom, for practiced truth leads to wisdom. Dad, you said conditioning and values?

The conditioning begins early in life, when we develop the moral and spiritual grounding values necessary to hold firm to the truth and develop wisdom. In our society though, the tools needed to accomplish this, including self-reliance, energy, and purpose, have been replaced with dependency, indifference, laziness. We do not seek to condition ourselves to hold onto truth. We seek to be entertained.

A morally and spiritually weak society gradually succumbs to fear, propaganda and a growing need to belong, to be part of the group that we will call the herd. That society easily becomes absorbed by false narratives, manipulative ideologies and immoral thought; especially when pushed on us by media narratives, liberal ideology, cultural pressure and so on. On the whole, we are a society that is increasingly conditioned to react as part of a herd, not to reflect.

Why is it so easy to manipulate people? When we are not sufficiently grounded with basic moral and spiritual values, values that become our compass in life, we are easily led astray and confused. We naturally seek the comfort of the herd. Within the herd we feel safe, we feel vindicated. It is easy to be in the herd. Not much in the way of critical thinking and self-awareness is necessary, just go along, get along. We do not have to listen to those speaking inconvenient truths. We do not have to develop our moral and spiritual compass.

But herd instinct is driven primarily by group think and fear. It is easily panicked and led astray. Individuals in a herd lose their sense of critical thinking and reasoning. Instead of thinking rationally, individuals turn to emotion and irrational action. They become ever so easy to manipulate. When this occurs, it becomes a simple matter to control them. They call this mass psychosis. Think the early days of the French Revolution, and the violent rise of the Jacobins. Make no mistake though it happens in America also, very recently as a matter of fact.

Questioning the narrative becomes dangerous, isolation and marginalization of those who do become the norm. Those who disagree with the majority, those who question group think, are tested greatly. They face ridicule, isolation and judgment. Those who dare to think independently will likely

reach a point where they realize no one is interested in the truth, then likely choose some self-impose isolation. In a sense they transcend above the herd preferring to walk alone; and you cannot control a person who, certain of the truth, no longer fears rejection and persecution.

A society that represses or reshapes the truth does not become peaceful, it becomes hostile. Logic and reasoning draw the mockery of the crowd and the ire of those in charge. Censorship is prevalent, because a false narrative, an illusion or perversion, is always threatened by truth. History bears this out. We go through these periods for a time, then the weight of the hypocrisy and lies causes it to collapse; sometimes very violently. Think post-revolutionary France, post-World War II Germany, the collapse of the Soviet Union.

But we are so intelligent? Intelligence without proper grounding, without wisdom, is like a ship without a compass. The ship itself is capable and strong but has absolutely no idea where it is, or how to come into a safe port to avoid a storm. Information is everywhere, but people lack wisdom and discernment, that is achieved by being well grounded both morally and spiritually.

There is another aspect to this. One I won't go into now, but perhaps soon. We are in the midst of an artificial intelligence revolution. Highly intelligent machines that are being positioned to interact with us, to “guide us”, “help us”. Machines that may soon possess a form of conscience and feeling, and all that goes with that; and, as far as I can tell, no moral or spiritual grounding.

So then, anchor your mind to something different from group think, public opinion, catchy slogans and set narratives, no matter who is pushing them. Condition yourself to think independently. Seek facts, control emotions and practice discipline. Develop a respectful but critical eye, and learn to question everything. Keep sharp the principles of your moral and spiritual grounding, principles you were raised with, and cherish truth wherever it leads.... For truth inevitably leads to that which is of God.

Love Dad

Men's Club. Thanks to those who worked the Breakfast sandwiches today. It is still a very popular parish function. The next function will be at the September Potluck on September 7th, The menu will be smoked chicken!

Carpathian Kitchen.. Pierogies remain on sale after Sunday Liturgy.

SAVE A DATE ANNOUNCEMENTS!!!

The Men's Club's annual Octoberfest is scheduled for 11 October....Plans are already underway and tickets go on sale soon. All proceeds go to help with much needed parish projects.

Parish Craft Show. In conjunction with the annual parish craft show scheduled for 25 October, the Carpathian Kitchen will once again offer its products ready to eat. This year we will expand the menu to include kielbasa sandwiches along with the pierogi and piroshki. All proceeds from sales goes to support the parish Circle of Hope charitable outreach program.

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

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.

Psalms 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.

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

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

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

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.