

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 Apr 12 Thomas Sunday

Acts 5:12-20 Jn 20:19-31 Festal Tone

11:00 Divine Liturgy For All Our Parishioners + Richard Falke by Hanh Falke

After – Mirovanja - Hospitality - Put Luck

1:00 – 3:00 Young Adults spiritual studies

Tue Apr 14 THERE IS NO MORNING SERVICE

5:00PM to 6:30PM BIBLE STUDY

Wed Apr 15 THERE IS NO MORNING SERVICE

Thu Apr 16 THERE IS NO MORNING SERVICE

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

Sat Apr 18 1:00pm Church Cleaning Hours

Sun Apr 19 Sunday of the Ointment - Bearers

Acts 6:1-7 Mk 15:43-16:8 Festal Tone

11:00 Divine Liturgy For All Our Parishioners and HGB Andrey & Julianna by Fr. Alex

After –Hospitality-Put Luck

Don't be afraid! I am the First and Last. I am the living one. I died,
but look – I am alive forever and ever! - Revelation 1:17b-18a

Thank you all again for PRAYERS, such a thoughtful gift and thinking of
me this Easter. God bless you ALL. Fr. Alex

Happy April Birthdays

2nd William Fetsko; 3rd Adriana Shockley; 22nd Aurora DaQuilanea;

Ascension prayer list - Kindly remember in your prayers our parishioners and friends who struggle with sickness, pain, hardship, or any special need:

Frank Janke; Mary Grace Dorsey; Betty May Hertz; Emma Bernier; Lolly Vinson; Myron Kotyk; Darren and June Ann Hall; Aurora & Jaime Daquilanea; Lary & Mary Ann Drumtra & their Family; Elaine Hampton; Dr. Micheal & Linda Lechman; Elisabeth Branden; Merly & Teresa Phillips; Mary Sullivan; Michael & Michaela Bross; Peter & Lisa Margan; Wayne Smith & his Family: If you would like to add your name or name of a loved one to this list, please contact Fr. Alex. Thank you.

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.

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

Bible Study

The next evening Bible study will be held on Tuesday April 14 from 5:00 to 6:30 PM. The session will cover Chapters 11 thru 15:21 in Exodus - Session Five in the workbook - "Passover and Liberation". For questions, please text 757-880-5093.
Respectfully submitted, Dr. Michael Lechman

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.

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.

Enjoy Hospitality after Sunday Liturgy? Please give prayerful consideration to joining Committee. Interested, **SEE Chris Noonan** after liturgy in the Parish Hall.

Easter is all about the source of our hope as Christians: Jesus as the world's Savior who offers eternal life. But even though Easter is a sacred holiday, the people around us often celebrate it as a secular holiday. We can't assume that people will understand how Easter relates to our faith just because they celebrate some Easter traditions like Easter egg hunts.

Easter is a wonderful season to share our hope in Jesus. But we need to do so in ways that feel natural and meaningful. Here are five easy ways to share your faith in the days leading up to Easter.

One of the most powerful ways to share your faith is by telling your story. People may debate theology but can't argue with your personal experience of how [Jesus](#) has changed your life. A testimony is relatable because it highlights how your life has changed for the better since you began a relationship with Jesus. When sharing, focus on your life before you started a relationship with [Jesus](#), how you encountered him, and how your life has changed since. Keep it simple and heartfelt. You don't have to have a dramatic event as part of your testimony. Sometimes, the best testimonies come from everyday people who have experienced the deep peace and joy of knowing Jesus. If you're unsure how to start, pray and ask God to guide you. You can say something like: "I used to struggle with fear and [anxiety](#), but when I started trusting Jesus, I found a peace I never knew was possible." Personal stories like these resonate with people, especially those who are facing similar struggles.

It's also helpful to tailor your testimony to your audience. If you're talking with someone who's skeptical, focus on the practical ways faith has impacted your life, like finding purpose, healing from pain, or finding help from God in difficult times. If you're talking to someone who is searching for hope, Jesus' complete and unconditional love. Most importantly, share your testimony with love and humility. As [1 Peter 3:15](#) encourages you: "But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect." The goal isn't to prove you're better than anyone but to highlight how God's grace is available to everyone. Be open to questions; when people want to know more, point them to what the Bible says about it or invite them to explore more with you.

[Easter](#) is one of the most attended church services of the year, making it a significant opportunity to invite people who may not regularly attend church. Many people are open to attending during this season because of tradition, curiosity, or a sense of searching for something more in their lives. Your invitation can be why someone encounters [Jesus](#) and starts a relationship with him.

When inviting people, be warm and genuine. You don't need to pressure them. A casual and friendly approach, like: "My church is having a great [Easter](#) service. Would you like to come with me?" can open the door to a meaningful conversation. If they hesitate, reassure them that they're welcome just as they are. Let them know there's no need for fancy clothes or prior church experience and that you can meet and sit with them there. The experience of worshipping with a friend can make attending church for the first time (or after a long time) feel much more comfortable.

Share service times and details with them by sending a link to your church's website or social media so they can check it out beforehand. Some people feel more comfortable knowing what to expect before entering the doors. If they decline, respect their decision but keep the door open. Just knowing they were invited can plant a seed for the future. [Hebrews 10:25](#) urges: "Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another – and all the more as you see the Day approaching." Church isn't just about attending a service; it's about coming together as a community to grow in faith and encourage one another. By inviting someone, you're not just asking them to go to an event – you're inviting them into a space where they can [experience God's love](#) with you. If they agree to go, follow up with them afterward and ask what they think. If they loved it or had questions, you can continue the conversation about faith.

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**



April 5, 2026

Monthly Dues –170.00; Offertory – 2, 980.00; Candles - 0.00; ECL – 0.00; Holyday
Easter – 890. 00; Flowers-Easter-0.00;
In – 4,040.00; Out- 3, 427.76

Candles for February

Sanctuary Lamp... For Fr. John Ridgell by Peter & Lisa Margan
Tetrapod... For + Drago & Katarina Margan by Peter Margan
Theotokos & Child... For Merrill & Helen Le Blanc & Peter by Lisa Margan
John Baptist... For Debra Gilray by Peter & Lisa Margan
St Nicholas... For Margan Family by Peter Margan
Protection Theotokos... For + Steven Margan by Peter & Lisa Margan
Christ Teacher... For HGB Le Blanc & Culjak Familys by Lisa Margan

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.

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.

To Be a Saint – The Watches – Walking with Our Lord to Calvary - Part Two

This is the second and final letter in this meditation of the watches. The first letter came out on Palm Sunday going into Passion week. The second one should be timed for Good Friday and Holy Saturday. Some will get it on Easter Sunday.

In the previous letter we covered the time from the Last Supper, to the agony in the Garden of Gethsemane and the arrest of Jesus, to the judgement of the Sanhedrin. We will pick up the timeline now with the beginning of the fifth watch.

Fifth Watch (6AM- 9AM) - This watch marks the start of the day, making it an ideal time to declare blessings and commit the day to God. It reflects the psalmist's dedication to morning prayer in Psalm 5:3. In this watch pay particular attention to Psalm 2:2, and Isa. 53:7.

Jesus, betrayed and scorned by His own people, is handed over to worldly powers, "the Kings of the earth". He appears before Pilot and is accused of sedition, Lk 23:2. Since He was a Galilean, Pilot sends Jesus to Herod Antipas who has jurisdiction in Galilee, and was in Jerusalem for the Passover. Lk 23:7. Hoping to see miracles and signs performed by Christ, Herod saw none; meanwhile the Chief Priests and Scribes stood by making accusations against our Lord. Humbly our Lord remained silent, Isa. 53:7. He did not put on the show that Herod wanted and was treated with contempt. Herod ultimately sends Jesus back to Pilot. On His second appearance before Pilot, a final choice was given the Jews; the Savior or the man called Barabbas. Urged on again by the Chief Priests and Scribes the crowd chose Barabbas, and thus we see the Old Testament come to life again. "He is to cast lots for the two goats—one lot for the LORD and the other for the scapegoat. Aaron shall bring the goat whose lot falls to the LORD and sacrifice it as a sin offering. But the goat chosen by lot as the scapegoat shall be presented alive before the LORD to make atonement by sending it into the wilderness as a scapegoat." Lv.16:8-10.

Sixth Watch (9AM-Noon) The sun rises high in the sky. This time represents the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, as seen on the Day of Pentecost, Acts 2:15-17. It's a time to celebrate God's promises and ask for spiritual empowerment.

With the choice made, Pilot washes his hands, Mt. 27:24. Jesus is scourged, crowned with thorns and forced to carry a cross through the streets of Jerusalem to Golgotha. In addition to the Gospel texts, see Isa. 53:5. He encounters His Mother Mary, still with her son, enduring His suffering as a mother can. Veronica wipes His face. Simon of Cyrene helps carry the Cross Mk. 15:21. Women of Jerusalem weep, Lk 23:28.

Seventh Watch (Noon-3pm) The sun waxes high in the sky. This watch is associated with the suffering and crucifixion of Jesus Christ. It's a time to reflect on His sacrifice and intercede for mercy and sustaining grace.

Our Lord is crucified between two thieves, Lk. 23:33. Father forgive them for they know not what they do, Lk. 23:34. They cast lots for His clothes. He looks upon His mother who is still with Him. Beside her stood John; "Woman behold your son.", Jn. 19:26-27. "My God, why have You forsaken Me?", Mt. 27:46. "I thirst.", Jn. 19:28. "It is finished.", Jn. 19:30. "Father, into Your hands I commend My spirit.", Lk. 23:46. Read now the words of King David's prophesy in Psalm 22:1-18, which accurately foretells a Roman crucifixion approximately one thousand years prior.

Eight Watch (3pm-6pm) The final watch symbolizes closure and preparation for the coming night. Called the great hour of Mercy; "At three o'clock, implore My mercy, especially for sinners; and, if only for a brief moment, immerse yourself in My Passion, particularly in My abandonment at the moment of agony. This is the hour of great mercy for the whole world." From the diaries of Saint Faustina.

Final cry and yielding of His spirit, Mk. 15:37. Miraculous signs: Darkness over the land, Mt. 27:45. Temple veil torn, Mk. 15:38. Earthquake and saints rising, Mt. 27:51-53. The Centurions confession: "Truly this was the Son of God.", Mk. 15:39.

To observe Jewish Sabbath tradition, Jesus' body is taken down from the Cross by Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus, Jn. 19:38-39. The Virgin Mary receives her dead Son. Although not mentioned in the Gospel texts, this has come down to us through tradition. Mary teaches us to embrace pain with faith and hope. Her acceptance at Nazareth echoes her acceptance at Calvary, and shows us we should trust God even in the darkest moments. Thus the Body of Jesus is taken for burial, anointed with myrrh and aloes, wrapped in a clean shroud, Jn. 19:40. The body of Jesus is placed in a new tomb, Mt. 27:60.

Sacred silence: Thus Good Friday ends. Twenty-Four Hours in Eight watches. Salvation is now at hand.

Yours in Christ
Brother Joseph

Men's Club - Each week during the summer several members get together to mow grass and do other work around the church. If you would like to get involved with that see Lee after Liturgy. The club will be resuming its grill activities in May, and also has a breakfast sandwich sale scheduled soon. Next Meeting will be May 19th.

Carpathian Kitchen - Our Kolachi sale was a big success. We made 31 loaves and as of this writing only have 4 left. We also have bagged 6 dozen of beef/pork Piroshki and they are available for purchase until we run out. This limited run features a new style yeast breadng.

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

Ascension Young Adults Fellowship on Sunday after Potluck 1pm to 3pm: April 12 Sunday of Saint Thomas, and May 3 Sunday of Saint Photini of Samaria. In Christ, Adithia Kusno

Advisory Bord: Fr. Alex (Pastor)-Security; Don Merkley & Michelle Massie - Trustees; David Efimytz – Fundraising; Dr. Micheal Lechman-Investment & Adult Bible Study; 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; Lisa Edwards-Children's Christian Formation Director-Liturgical Committee; Ann Merkley-Bookstore Manager-Security.

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.

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.