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The Psalms as an Entryway to the Scriptures

PSALMFEST 2013
Friday, April 12 | 8 p.m.
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PRELUDE
Union University Singers
“Come and Sing!” (Psalms 47 and 66) – Dan Musselman

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS
Ray VanNeste

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Psalm 34
Congregation

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Psalm 51
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Psalm 25:6-7
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Psalm 4
“O Righteous God, Hear When I Call” – Bush/CLEANSING FOUNTAIN
Psalm 32
Responsive Reading

PROCLAMATION OF GOD’S WORK
CREATING THE UNIVERSE
Psalm 8
Union University Singers
“The Majesty and Glory” – Tom Fettke
Psalm 19
“The Stars Declare His Glory” – Dudley-Smith/DEERFIELD

FORMING HIS PEOPLE
Psalm 2
Dramatic Reading
Psalm 90
“Oh God, Our Help in Ages Past” – Watts/ST. ANNE

SENDING HIS SON
Psalm 23
Proclamation
“The King of Love My Shepherd Is” – arr. Dan Forrest

PROVIDING REDEMPTION
Psalm 22
Congregation
“What Wondrous Love Is This”

ASSURING HIS TRIUMPH
Psalm 98
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“Joy to the World!” – Watts/ANTIOCH

RESPONSE OF GOD’S PEOPLE
Psalm 67
Congregation
Psalm 100
“All People That on Earth Do Dwell” – OLD 100th

“to do this [sing the Psalms] beautifully is the heart’s desire and joy”
– Athanasius –
Psalm 34 | A Responsorial Setting 34A

Refrain
C
Em
F
Am
G2
Cmaj7

Taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Refrain

1 I will bless the LORD at all times; the praise of God shall ever be in my mouth.

2 I will glory in the LORD; let the lowly hear and rejoice.

3 Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD; let us exalt God's name together.

4 I sought the LORD, who answered me and delivered me from all my terrors.

5 Look upon the LORD and be radiant, and let not your faces be ashamed.

6 I called in my affliction, and the LORD heard me and saved me from all my troubles.

7 The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear the LORD and delivers them.

8 Taste and see that the LORD is good; happy are they who take refuge in God!

9 Fear the LORD, you saints of the LORD, for those who fear the LORD lack nothing.

10 The lions are in want and suffer hunger, but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good.

11 Come, children, and listen to me; I will teach you reverence for the LORD.

12 Who among you takes pleasure in life and desires long life to enjoy prosperity?

13 Keep your tongue from evil and your lips from lying words.

14 Turn from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it.

15 The eyes of the LORD are upon the righteous, and God's ears are open to their cry.

16 The face of the LORD is against those who do evil, to erase the remembrance of them from the earth.

17 The righteous cry, and the LORD hears them, and delivers them from all their troubles.

18 The LORD is near to the brokenhearted and saves those whose spirits are crushed.

19 Many are the troubles of the righteous, but the LORD delivers them from every one.

20 God will keep safe all their bones; not one of them shall be broken.

21 Evil will bring death to the wicked and those who hate the righteous will be punished.

22 O LORD, you redeem the life of your servants and those who put their trust in you will not be punished.

Tone
C
Am7
F
G

Lectionary: vv. 1-10, 22 All Saints' Day (A); vv. 1-8 Ordinary Time after Pentecost (B); vv. 1-8 (19-22) Ordinary Time after Pentecost (B); vv. 9-14 Ordinary Time after Pentecost (B); vv. 15-22 Ordinary Time after Pentecost (B).

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Create in Me a Clean Heart

Create in me a clean heart, O God,

and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from your presence, O Lord,

and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of your salvation,

and renew a right spirit within me.

Words: anonymous, P.D.
Music: anonymous; arr. Sharon Bradimore (b. 1954) © 2001 Faith Alive Christian Resources
Psalm 4

“O Righteous God, Hear When I Call” – Randall Bush
To CLEANSING FOUNTAIN ("There Is a Fountain")

O Righteous God, hear when I call,
Relieve my soul’s distress
In mercy, on Thine ears let fall
The prayer my lips confess.
How long will those around me turn
My glory into shame?
How long for falsehoods will they yearn
False deities proclaim?

Know fully that the Lord has claimed
The godly for Himself.
He hears them when they call His name
And gives them needed help.
So in your anger do not sin,
But silently reflect.
Search hard your heart and have toward Him
A posture of respect.

As sacrifices true and right
Your hearts now offer up.
Trust in the Lord both day and night
To fill your empty cup.
To fill it full with greater joy
Than grain or wine can give,
That peaceful rest you may enjoy
And safely you may live.

Psalm 32

Of David. A Maskil.

1 Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, *
   whose sin is covered.
2 Happy are those to whom the LORD imputes no iniquity, *
   and in whose spirit there is no deceit.
3 While I kept silence, my body wasted away *
   through my groaning all day long.
4 For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; *
   my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. Selah
5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity; *
   I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,”
   and you forgave the guilt of my sin. Selah
6 Therefore let all who are faithful offer prayer to you; *
   at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters shall not reach them.
7 You are a hiding place for me; *
   you preserve me from trouble;
   you surround me with glad cries of deliverance. Selah
8 I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go; *
   I will counsel you with my eye upon you.
9 Do not be like a horse or a mule, without understanding, *
   whose temper must be curbed with bit and bridle,
   else it will not stay near you.
10 Many are the torments of the wicked, *
   but steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the LORD.
11 Be glad in the LORD and rejoice, O righteous, *
   and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.

God of grace,
when we keep silence in guilt or suffering, your saving love can free our hearts to sing.
Help us each day to confess our sin, receive your grace,
forget one another, and live in peace.
We pray in the name of the Prince of Peace, Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Psalm 32, a testimony of gratitude for God’s forgiveness, is the second of the traditional seven penitential psalms. Of these, it is one of the psalms that focuses most intently on the psalmist’s own sinfulness and God’s abundant mercy. It concludes with a turn from testimony to moral injunction, teaching fellow worshipers to trust and rejoice in God (vv. 8-11) and exemplifying how the life of faith moves from guilt to grace and ultimately gratitude. Use in Worship: in conjunction with the confession of sin and assurance of God’s pardon.
Psalm 2 | A Dramatized Reading

The wise cantor:

1 Why do the peoples of the world rage about like madmen?
   Why in the world do the different nations keep on thinking up stupid schemes?

2 Earth kings get together "for a consultation"—important rulers hold conferences all together against the Lord God and against God’s anointed one (mashiach). These earthly rulers say:

   “Let us smash the chains of this God that holds us down!
   Let us throw off the reins of God’s ‘anointed one’!”

Another liturgist, perhaps a priest:

4 The One who sits enthroned in heaven begins to laugh, my Lord mimics their foolish bluster;

5 and then God turns to them in holy anger, stops the upstarts short with God’s fierce outrage:

   “It was I! It is I who have set up my anointed king on Zion, my set-apart mountain.”

Princely ruler taking official part in the liturgy:

7 Yes, I will recite the decisive appointment by the Lord God.
   God said to me:

   “You are my son. Today is the day I have born you.
   You who only judge on the earth, hadn’t you better get the point?

8 Ask it of me and I will give you peoples of the world for your heritage;
   the most distant nations of the earth will be yours to tend.

9 You may have to break them with a rod of iron.
   You may have to smash them for remodeling as a sculpting potter reshapes her clay dish—”

[The congregation stands]

Wise cantor again:

10 So now, you small-time little rulers, you had better wise up!
   You who only judge on the earth, hadn’t you better get the point?

11 Serve the Lord God with an attentive awe—
   Take joy in your task only with trembling—
   Give homage to this adopted son of God too—
   lest he also get worked up, and you oblate any way for you to walk,
   for God’s anger can flash up like lightning. . . .

Congregated chorus:

12 Blessed are all those who have run to take shelter with the anointed one.
   Blessed are all those who have run to take shelter with the anointed one.
   Blessed are all those who have run to take shelter with the anointed one.

Teach us to number our days,
that we may gain a heart of wisdom.

Relent, Lord! How long will it be?
Have compassion on your servants.

Satisfy us in the morning with your unfailing love,
that we may sing for joy and be glad all our days.

Make us glad for as many days as you have afflicted us,
for as many years as we have seen trouble.

May you deeds be shown to your servants,
your splendor to their children.

May the favor of the Lord our God rest on us;
establish the work of our hands for us—
yes, establish the work of our hands.

Sing stanzas 1-3
We are consumed by your anger
and terrified by your indignation.

You have set our iniquities before you,
our secret sins in the light of your presence.

If we only knew the power of your anger!
Your wrath is as great as the fear that is your due.
Psalm 22:1-11, 22-29
A Scripted Reading

Psalm reading may begin with WONDROUS LOVE refrain played on an instrument or hummed by the congregation.

Voice 1:
1 My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?
   Why are you so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning?
2 O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer;
   and by night, but find no rest.

Voice 2:
3 Yet you are holy,
   enthroned on the praises of Israel.
4 In you our ancestors trusted;
   they trusted, and you delivered them.
5 To you they cried, and were saved;
   in you they trusted, and were not put to shame.

All Sing
What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul?
What wondrous love is this, O my soul?

Voice 1:
6 But I am a worm, and not human;
   scorned by others, and despised by the people.
7 All who see me mock at me;
   they make mouths at me, they shake their heads;
8 “Commit your cause to the LORD; let him deliver—
   let him rescue the one in whom he delights!”

All Sing
When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,
When I was sinking down, sinking down . . .

Voice 2:
9 Yet it was you who took me from the womb;
   you kept me safe on my mother's breast.
10 On you I was cast from my birth,
   and since my mother bore me you have been my God.
11 Do not be far from me, for trouble is near
   and there is no one to help.

All Sing
To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing.
To God and to the Lamb, I will sing.

Voice 1:
22 I will tell of your name to my brothers and sisters;
   in the midst of the congregation I will praise you:
23 You who fear the LORD, praise him!
   All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him;
   stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!

Voice 2:
24 For he did not despise or abhor the affliction of the afflicted;
   he did not hide his face from me, but heard when I cried to him.
25 From you comes my praise in the great congregation;
   my vows I will pay before those who fear him.
26 The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the LORD.
   May your hearts live forever!

Voice 1 and 2 together:
27 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD;
   and all the families of the nations shall worship before him.
28 For dominion belongs to the LORD,
   and he rules over the nations.
29 To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down;
   before him shall bow all who go down to the dust,
   and I shall live for him.

All Sing
And when from death I’m free, I’ll sing on, I’ll sing on!
And when from death I’m free, I’ll sing on!

Optional Accompaniment

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Psalm 67 | A Responsorial Setting

Refrain

Let the peoples praise you, O God, let all the peoples praise you.

1 May God be merciful to us and bless us;
   may the light of God’s face shine upon us.

2 Let your way be known upon earth,
   your saving health among all nations.

3 Let the peoples praise you, O God;
   let all the peoples praise you.

4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
   for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations on earth.

5 Let the peoples praise you, O God;
   let all the peoples praise you.

6 The earth has brought forth its increase;
God, our God, has blessed us.

7 May God give us blessing,
   and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe.

Tone

Lectionary: Eastertide (C); Ordinary Time after Pentecost (A).
When chanting the psalm text, the refrain may substitute for v. 3 and v. 5.

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Psalm 100

“All People That on Earth Do Dwell” – William Kethe
To OLD 100th

All people that on earth do dwell,
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
Him serve with mirth, His praise forthtell;
Come ye before Him and rejoice.

The Lord, ye know, is God indeed,
Without our aid He did us make;
We are His folk, He doth us feed,
And for His sheep He doth us take.

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.

Praise God, from whom all blessing flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.