

The background of the entire image is a landscape of mountains at sunrise. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a warm, golden glow. Overlaid on this scene are several musical notes and a staff. A large, thin, golden oval encircles the main title. Two musical notes are positioned at the top left and top right of the oval. At the bottom of the image, there is a semi-transparent dark oval containing the text 'A SERMON SERIES ON PSALMS'.

SONGS OF
ASCENT

A SERMON SERIES ON PSALMS

8:30 a.m. ~ Sunday, July 28th

PRELUDE

“O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

arr. Mark Hayes & Marvin Gaspard

Piano/Organ Duet

WELCOME & RELATIONSHIPS of PEACE

OPENING HYMN “O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

OPENING LITURGY

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: I lift up my eyes to the hills.

C: **From where does my help come?**

P: My help comes from the Lord,

C: **who made heaven and earth.**

P: He will not let your foot be moved;

C: **He who keeps you will not slumber.**

P: The Lord is your keeper;

C: **The Lord is your shade on your right hand.**

P: The sun shall not strike you by day,

C: **Nor the moon by night.**

P: The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.

C: **The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore.**

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, asking Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord! O Lord, hear my voice!

C: **Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy!**

P: If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand?

C: **But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared.**

P: I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I hope;

C: My soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning.

P: For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with him is plentiful redemption.

C: And he will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

Moment of Silent Confession

P: Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Therefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: O most gracious God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God, and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

C: Amen.

P: To you I lift up my eyes,

C: O you who are enthroned in the heavens!

P: Behold, as the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master, as the eyes of a maidservant to the hand of her mistress,

C: So our eyes look to the Lord our God, till he has mercy upon us.

P: Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

C: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

RESPONSE “O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 128 [ESV]

R: Blessed is everyone who fears the Lord,

C: who walks in his ways!

R: You shall eat the fruit of the labor of your hands;

C: you shall be blessed, and it shall be well with you.

R: Your wife will be like a fruitful vine within your house;

C: your children will be like olive shoots around your table.

R: Behold, thus shall the man be blessed who fears the Lord.

C: The Lord bless you from Zion!

R: May you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life!

C: May you see your children's children! Peace be upon Israel!

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

RESPONSE "Whoever Fears the Lord (Psalm 128)"

HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 5:1-12 [ESV]

Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

"Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. "Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

R: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ!

STATEMENT of FAITH *The Apostles' Creed*

HYMN "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

P: Always and everywhere praise and thanks are due to You, almighty God, through Jesus Christ, our great High Priest, by whose perfect obedience and all-sufficient sacrifice we are bold to stand in Your presence, now and in the day of judgment. Therefore, with those who bear Your name on earth and those who praise Your name on high, we join in the everlasting hymn:

SANCTUS

WORDS of INSTITUTION

THE PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

AGNUS DEI

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Piano

arr. Kyle Pederson

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POSTLUDE

“O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

Piano

arr. Hayes



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