

Sunday, October 25, 2020

Greeting: God is good **all the time**. All the time **God is good**.

Question of the Day:

How old was Moses when he died? a) 107 b) 120 c) 132 d) 140

Hymn “Cry Out to Jesus”

Call to Worship

Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations.

In you, we come home – to rest, to wrestle, to love, to be loved.

We dwell in you.

Before the mountains were born, before you delivered the whole world,
from everlasting past to everlasting future, you are God.

In you, we are home – we dream, we flourish, we fade, we rejoice.

We dwell in you.

Prayer of Invocation

God, before the earth was formed, long before there were people on this planet, you were fashioning life in its myriad forms. Out of the billions of years you have been creating, our lives have come to this moment of meeting. We are in awe before you, and are amazed that you care about us. By your Holy Spirit, show us how we fit into your plans. Amen.

Deuteronomy 34:1-12 *The Message*

Moses climbed from the Plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, the peak of Pisgah facing Jericho. GOD showed him all the land from Gilead to Dan, all Naphtali, Ephraim, and Manasseh; all Judah reaching to the Mediterranean Sea; the Negev and the plains which encircle Jericho, City of Palms, as far south as Zoar.

Then and there GOD said to him, “This is the land I promised to your ancestors, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob with the words ‘I will give it to your descendants.’ I’ve let you see it with your own eyes. There it is. But you’re not going to go in.”

Moses died there in the land of Moab, Moses the servant of GOD, just as GOD said. God buried him in the valley in the land of Moab opposite Beth Peor. No one knows his burial site to this very day.

Moses was 120 years old when he died. His eyesight was sharp; he still walked with a spring in his step. The People of Israel wept for Moses in the Plains of Moab thirty days. Then the days of weeping and mourning for Moses came to an end.

Joshua son of Nun was filled with the spirit of wisdom because Moses had laid his hands on him. The People of Israel listened to him and did the same as when GOD had commanded Moses.

No prophet has risen since in Israel like Moses, whom GOD knew face-to-face. Never since has there been anything like the signs and miracle-wonders that GOD sent him to do in Egypt, to Pharaoh, to all his servants, and to all his land – nothing to compare with that all-powerful hand of his and all the great and terrible things Moses did as every eye in Israel watched.

Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17 *NRSV*

Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

Before the mountains were brought forth,

or ever you had formed the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

You turn us back to dust, and say, "Turn back, you mortals."
For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past,
or like a watch in the night.
You sweep them away; they are like a dream, like grass that is renewed in the morning;
in the morning it flourishes and is renewed; in the evening it fades and withers. . . .
Turn, O LORD! How long? Have compassion on your servants!
Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,
so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.
Make us glad as many days as you have afflicted us,
and as many years as we have seen evil.
Let your work be manifest to your servants, and your glorious power to their children.
Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us,
and prosper for us the work of our hands – O prosper the work of our hands!

Response: *The Word of God, for the people of God! Thanks be to God!*

Time of Prayer

How Is It With Your Soul?

Intercessory Prayer

Holy God, you have provided all we have needed. You have walked alongside us as we have journeyed through wilderness and valley and climbed to the heights of the mountain.

We have glimpsed the promised land, here, but not yet.

**We lift up those who live in the shadow of disappointment,
having seen the promise but not the realization.**

**We lift up those who live in the no-longer-but-not-yet,
having left an arduous past for a future yet unknown.**

**We lift up those who live with the weight of responsibility,
having carried the burden of another person's pain.**

**We lift up those who live in the obscurity of loneliness,
having survived a torment that cannot be explained.**

**Lay your hand upon us, empowering God, that we may be the church for all who need you,
through Christ who sustains us. (*Time of silent prayer.*)**

Let us join with Jesus in praying:

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Answer to the Question of the Day

Time of Offering *Thank you to everyone for your faithful generosity.*

Offering Prayer

Creator God, may our generosity reflect the amazing abundance you entrust to our care. As we find joy in giving, may others be inspired to give their best, and may all of us realize your peace, dwelling within and among us as we serve in Christ's name. Amen.

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Blessing

May the Lord bless us **and lay loving hands upon us,**

that we may be strengthened **to continue to walk in the faith**
that others have passed on to us, **to move ahead into the promised land.**
Amen. **And Amen.**

Hymn “Love the Lord”

Announcements

Read For Next Week: Joshua 3:7—4:9; Psalm 107:1-9, 33-37; Revelation 7:9-17

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