

HYMN: 153 *“God is Love, Let Heav’n Adore Him”*

A PRAYER BEFORE READING THE SCRIPTURES

Until we can see ourselves in the words we read and the stories we hear, it is easy to remark on the rest of the world. May the light of these words fall strongly upon each of us, that we can find the truth. Amen.

HYMN: 564 *“O God of Bethel, by Whose Hand”*

BIBLE READING -

Genesis 28:10-22 (pages 27-28)

Romans 8:12-25 (pages 1118-1119)

SERMON: *“Jacob’s Ladder - Encounter with God”*

HYMN: 569 *“Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer”*

OFFERING - *Help us who have received so freely from you to give as freely in our turn, and so have the pleasure of giving as well as the happiness of receiving.*

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Everything in heaven and earth comes from You, Lord. We give You only what is Yours. Accept our offerings, bless and use them for the spread of Your Kingdom. May You be praised forever and ever. Amen.

COMMISSION AND BLESSING

The LORD watches over you – the Lord is your shade at your right hand; the sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night.

The LORD will keep you from all harm – He will watch over your life;

The LORD will watch over your coming and going now and forever.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all. Now and forever.

Amen. Amen. Amen.

HYMN: 776(ii) *“The Lord Bless You and Keep You”*

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Encounter with God

ORDER OF SERVICE

Pentecost 7

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CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord is in God's holy temple. Let the people proclaim God's glory.

Praise God's holy name.

Jehovah, Our God, is with us – make God's name known.

To God belongs the glory. Praise God's holy name.

PRAYER

Now, O God, as we enter into Your presence, we desire Your spirit and Your power to rest on us today. May we as Your people be unified in our desire to please You. May we be drawn together by the ties that bind us together. Amen.

HYMN: 111 “*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*”

INVOCATION

O God, we gather together in this place seeking to know You. We gather together as a community of Your people to know Your will and way. Grant us the comfort and power of Your presence. Accept us as we are, where we are, and lead us where You would have us go to do what You would have us do. In the name and the Spirit of the risen Christ we pray.

A SONG OF CREATION

Glorify the Lord, all you works of the Lord,
sing praise and highly exalt God for ever.

In the firmament of God's power, glorify the Lord,
sing praise and highly exalt God for ever.

*Glorify the Lord, you angels and all powers of the Lord,
O heavens and all waters above heavens.
Sun and moon and stars of the sky, glorify the Lord,
sing praise and highly exalt God for ever.*

Glorify the Lord, every shower of rain and fall of dew,
all winds and fire and heat.

Winter and summer, glorify the Lord,
sing praise and highly exalt God for ever.

*Glorify the Lord, O nights and days,
O shining light and enfolding dark.
Storm clouds and thunderbolts, glorify the Lord,
sing praise and highly exalt God for ever.*

Let the earth glorify the Lord.

Glorify the Lord, O mountains and hills,
and all that grows upon the earth,
sing praise and highly exalt God for ever.

*Glorify the Lord, O springs of water, seas and streams,
O whales and all that move in the waters.
All birds of the air, glorify the Lord,
sing praise and highly exalt God for ever.*

Glorify the Lord, O beasts of the wild,
and all you flocks and herds.

O men and women everywhere, glorify the Lord,
sing praise and highly exalt God for ever.

*Let the people of God glorify the Lord,
sing praise and highly exalt God for ever.
Glorify the Lord, O priests and servants of the Lord,
sing praise and highly exalt God for ever.*

*Let us glorify the Lord: Father, Son and Holy Spirit;
sing praise and highly exalt God for ever.
In the firmament of God's power, glorify the Lord,
sing praise and highly exalt God for ever.*

HYMN: 155 “*O Lord My God, When I in Awesome Wonder*”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, we enter into Your presence with the desire and need for redemption. We are mindful of our sins of commission and omission. We are mindful of our failure to show our love to You and to follow Your command to love others as we love ourselves. Forgive us, O God, for all of the things in our lives that separate us from you. Restore our souls. Lead us toward You and your way. Remind us of the ultimate act of forgiveness by one who was without flaw. Amen.

PSALTER READING

Psalms 139:1-24

(Pages 618-619)

TIME TO PRAY

In silence please offer your prayers to the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus.

THE LORD'S PRAYER