

WELCOME TO ASCENSION

SAVE YOUR PEOPLE, OH GOD, AND BLESS YOUR INHERITANCE

PLEASE KEEP SOCIAL DISTANCE

SUN	JAN 22	SUNDAY OF ZACCEUS 1 Tim 4:9-15 Lk 19:1-10 Tone 8 11:00 Divine Liturgy For All Our Parishioners and + Dr. Charles Puglisi by Dr. Jeffrey Sotack & Hahn Falke After – Hospitality
Tue	Jan 24	8: 30am For Our Parishioners and HBG Nancy C. Cifrutak by Fr. Alex
Wed	Jan 25	8:30am For Our Parishioners and HGB Larry & Mary Ann Drumtra by Fr Alex MOLEBEN TO THE THEOTOKOS
Thu	Jan 26	8:30am For Our Parishioners and HGB David Alan by Fr. Alex After - Bible Study 6:00pm - ROSARY - Prayer for Protection and Healing of the coronavirus and all serious illnesses by Men's Club
Sat	Jan 28	9:00 Pierogi Production with potluck
SUN	JAN 29	SUNDAY OF PUBLICAN AND PHARISEE 2 Tim 3:10-15 Lk 18:10-14 Tone 1 11:00 TYPICA For HGB All Our Parishioners After – Hospitality

We have several faithful from Ascension who are in need of special prayer.

Some of those who need special prayer are:

Frank and Chris Janke, Mary Grace Dorsey, Ben Pawers, Betta Labanish, Betty May Hertz, Emma Bernier, Lolly Vinson, William McGraw, June McGraw, Darren and June Hall, Aurora & Jaime Daquilanea, Mary Ann Drumtra, Katharina and Steven Margan

Thank you. Fr. Alex

All Souls Saturdays

The Church always prays for the faithful departed. Certain Saturdays are set aside to commemorate the departed souls and they are called “All Souls Saturdays”: February 11, March 4, March 11, March 18, March and May 27. At Ascension, Divine Liturgy is celebrated on the Sunday immediately following these dates.

Liturgy is celebrated for all the deceased faithful – followed by a Panachida prayer service during which time, the names of the departed are read publicly. This venerable custom was transmitted to us by our ancestors as a part of our beautiful spiritual heritage.

Every year, parishioners are given the opportunity to update the names of their departed loved ones (Hramoty) with the request that they be included at the service for the deceased on the All Souls days. The Hramoty Book listing the names of the departed will be placed at the entrance to the church for adding family members to be remembered.

If your family does not have a page in the book, and you want to be included, please provide the names of the departed by using the card provided in your new book of Ascension envelopes, you will find a

January 8, 2023 envelope marked Harmony - All Souls Saturdays. Behind this envelope, you will find an All Souls “In Memory Of: card. Enter the names of your deceased loved ones on this card and enclose in envelope and place in Sunday offering basket.

Candles for December:

Sanctuary Lamp... + John Labanish by Betta Labanish

Tetrapod... For Our Parishioners

Theotokos & Child... For Our Parishioners

John Baptist... For Our Parishioners

St Nicholas... For Our Parishioners

Protection Theotokos... In Love & Gratitude by Jim & Gia Hoolan

Christ Teacher... For Our Parishioners

if any parishioners plan to visit Edmonton, Canada, please speak with Father Alex regarding picking up a needed item for faith formation.

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, local honey.

FINANCIALS, January 15 2023

Monthly Dues –0.00; Offertory –2,618.00; Candles-145.00; Wall Calendars-10.00; In – 2,773.00; Out –3586.59

The Williamsburg **House of Mercy feed and shelter your neighbors?** *This summer, Williamsburg House of Mercy gave food to 208 families in a single a day and has moved 25 households into stable housing. For more information on how to donate or our shopping list, please visit WilliamsburgHouseOfMercy.org. Will you help? Thank you for being the hands and feed of Christ to our community!*

Thank you. God Bless, Larissa

We will still collect donations for the Ukrainian Humanitarian Cause. You may place your generous gift in the basket with the Ukrainian Flag. You will find it at the Icon Screen. Thank you for your gift of hope! Fr. Alex

Our **Children's Formation program** has open enrollment. If you would like your child to learn about the faith and have space to have thoughtful conversations about God with peers, reach out to Sasha Kusno, 660-287-1003. Upcoming dates include: January 8, 15, 22, and 29.

IN THIS CHURCH, WE BELIEVE

IN THE HOLY SPIRIT; THE HOLY CATHOLIC CHURCH; THE COMMUNION OF SAITS; THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS; THE RESURRECTION OF THE BODY; AND LIFE EVERLASTING

Our next Pierogi Production run will be on **27-28 January** starting at 9am on both days. There will be a potluck on the 28th. Please try to come out on one of those days. Lee Alexander.

God bless America!!!

VIRGINIA MARCH FOR LIFE — Join your Ascension friends on Wednesday, Feb. 1 as we Rally for Life at the State Capitol at noon, and March for Life through Richmond at 1:00. How many people can you drive up? Do you need a ride? What ideas do you have for our participation? Contact David C. Alan chaim2000@att.net, (202) 215-6902. <https://marchforlife.org/virginia-march-for-life>

Happy JANUARY Birthdays

23rd Lee Alexander; 24th Ryan Collins; 30th Joan Ruskowski

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

BISHOP'S APPEAL: The 2022 Bishop's Appeal is underway. Pledge cards have been mailed out. Please consider giving something. Even a small amount helps Bishop Kurt help parishes in need. Please see David Efimetz if you did not receive a card in your mailbox and you wanted to give.

OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2023: Boxes of envelopes for your 2023 Sunday and holyday offerings are available at the entrance of the Church Hall. If your family is not assigned a number, please contact Patricia Duttry.

2023 CALENDARS: The Ecclesiastical Wall Calendar for 2023 is available at the entrance of the Church Hall. Please take one per family. Thank you to Dr. Michael and Linda Lechman for generously sponsoring the calendar this year.

The next Security Team meeting will be held on February 12, 2023, after liturgy. There will be a presentation by Deputy Alan Bartnikowski, Crime Prevention Specialist, York County Sheriff's Office. Deputy Bartnikowski will discuss measures that can be taken to prevent a disaster from occurring. All parishoners are invited and encouraged to attend. Fr. Alex

To Be a Saint – Signs, Part 6 - The Healing of the Man Born Blind

This story is only recounted in the Gospel of John. To understand and fully appreciate the event, you must necessarily be familiar with the background. I recommend therefore reading chapters 7 through 9 of the Gospel to get a full appreciation.

Time and Location - This miracle takes place in Jerusalem, at the end of the Feast of Tabernacles. The feast is an eight-day Jewish festival commemorating the 40-year journey of the Israelites in the wilderness when they lived in tents (tabernacles). In the days of the Temple, it was an intense religious experience filled with symbolism and ritual. Even today you will see Orthodox Jews erect tents and makeshift dwellings outside their homes to live in for the period of the feast. In addition to symbolizing the deliverance from Egypt, it foreshadows the work of the Messiah the Jews so anxiously awaited. This is an important point for the story.

The pool of Siloam, which is interpreted as “being sent” (Shiloah, a Hebrew verb meaning to send). This name plays an interesting role in the story. The pool was originally constructed by King Hezekiah (715 to 686 B.C.) so that the city of Jerusalem, would be able to survive an anticipated siege from the Assyrian Empire. It is located on the southern slope of the original site of Jerusalem, just outside the walls of the Old City. It was fed by the waters of the Gihon springs, located to the east in the Kidron Valley, and as such was considered to be “Living Water” sent by God. During the feast of Tabernacles, water would be taken from the pool to the Temple to be blessed and poured out on the altar and used in ritual.

Prelude – The disciples urge Jesus to go to Judea to attend the Feast of Tabernacles. Jesus says he will not, for His time has not yet fully come (John 7:8) referring to His passion. After His disciples depart however, Jesus goes up to the city in private, and teaches in the Temple. On the last day of the feast, referred to as the Great Day, Jesus is teaching in the Temple seated, as is the custom. He suddenly arises to stand amidst those who were listening and proclaims loudly His Divinity saying that if anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink. He who believes in me, ‘out of his heart shall flow rivers of living water’, John 7:37-38. John then clarifies that those who believed in Jesus Christ as the promised Messiah and followed him, would receive the Holy Spirit, which had not yet been revealed. For the Jews listening to Jesus, the term “living water” was referring that Jesus had been sent by God in the form of the Messiah.

The Sanhedrin learned that Jesus was there teaching and sent authorities to arrest Him. The authorities failed to do so. When asked why, they replied, “But no man has ever spoke like this man.”. Here we find Nicodemus enter our story again. In Jesus’ defense, he councils the court to hold their judgement until they hear Him out. The court scoffs at this.

The next day the pharisees seek to entrap Jesus. They bring a woman that had been caught in adultery before Him, citing the law of Moses requiring her to be stoned. Jesus stooped and began writing on the ground with His finger. When the Pharisees persisted, He stood, and picking up a stone, said “let him without sin be first to cast a stone”, at which they walked away. For His part, Jesus forgave the woman and told her to go and sin no more.

The Pharisees continued to try to find reason to make judgement against Christ to no avail. Jesus continues to instruct the Jews in the Treasury, which is east of the Temple itself and overlooks the Kidron Valley onto the Mount of Olives. There, in the midst of His enemies, He proclaims that He is the Light of the world, and lays the groundwork for being the Son of God. Still, no one arrested Him, as His time had not yet come. Finally, His teachings concerning Abraham and referring to His own eternity were to much for some, and Jesus left the Temple complex.

The Miracle - As Jesus left the Temple, He saw a man blind from his birth. The disciples that followed Him out of the Temple had connected this man’s blindness as a punishment due to sin, and asked Him. Jesus replied it was not sin that made the man blind, but that the works of God might be made

manifest in Him. In another reference concerning the work of the Messiah, He says, “We must work the works of Him who sent me while it is day; night comes, when no one can work” (John 9:4). Jesus once again proclaims that as long as He is in the world, He is the light of the world. As He said this He spat on the ground and made clay. He then anointed this clay on the blind man’s eyes, and instructed him to wash in the Pool of Siloam.

If, as John says, the event occurred close to the Temple, the Pool of Bethesda, famous for its own healing powers and located just north of the Temple complex, would have been closer to where they stood, but Jesus instructed the blind man to go further, south of the Temple to the Pool of Siloam. The poor man showed great humility and did as he was told, walking to this out of the way pool with mud in his eyes, but obedient to the Lord.

Why did Jesus do thus? It may have been due to the relevance the Pool of Siloam played in the Feast of Tabernacles. Some have interpreted the meaning that, as God has sent His Son Jesus, so Jesus sends (Shiloah) the blind man to God, represented by the living water of the Pool of Siloam. By extension Jesus does thus to all who come to Him. A journey that can be long, indirect and yes, humiliating.

Upon washing off the clay the man’s sight was restored. In Jewish tradition, restoring sight is assigned to God Himself*, and associated with Messianic activity**. On at least four previous occasions***, Jesus had restored sight to the blind, but this time in the wake of His teachings in the Temple, His deliberate actions should have left no one in doubt.

Aftermath - At first the people refused to believe, they even brought the man’s parents into the story, who verified the man’s identity. The man who had his sight restored told the story true, that it was Jesus who had restored his sight. The fact that it was at the pool of Siloam where the man washed off the clay from his eyes was especially significant. Twice the Pharisees questioned the man and twice the man spoke truly, even boldly. Yet instead of realizing the great miracle that had just taken place, a miracle which validated Jesus’ testimony that He had come from the Father, the Pharisees seized on the assumption that Jesus was preaching blasphemy. Through prejudice and error, they were themselves spiritually blind, wanting only a messiah which fit their limited understanding. They accused the man born blind as being one of Jesus’ disciples and in utter sin, and threw him out.

Imagine the man who had his sight restored. Instead of general celebration of the great miracle, he was vilified and cast out by his religious leaders. Instead of the Sanhedrin rejoicing in the Savior that had manifested Himself clearly before their very eyes, they remained blind. But the story is not over. Jesus found the man and revealed Himself to be the true Son of God. The man born blind believed, and worshipped Christ.

So too for us who struggle in this life only to be reviled and vilified for our beliefs. Let us be like the man born blind, and now, having our sight restored through our faith, and guidance of the Holy Spirit, have confidence to boldly proclaim the truth that resides in Jesus Christ our Savior.

Yours in Christ
Brother Joseph

Nothing but a Number

Japanese mountain climber Yuichiro Miura reached the summit of Mount Everest at age 70. George Brunstad was also 70 when he swam the English Channel. Naval officer Grace Hopper became the first female rear admiral of the United States Navy when she was 79. Margaret Haggerty completed her quest to run a marathon on each of the seven continents when she was 84.

If stories like these teach us anything, it's that senior adults are capable of amazing things.

That was certainly true of Joshua. Even though he was probably nearing the century mark, God had a plan for him. Age didn't matter to God. Rather than telling Joshua to rest, retire or step aside for a younger replacement, God instructed him to get to work.

Perhaps we should take a cue from God in our attitude toward older adults. From an early age most of us were taught to respect our elders. However, too often we confuse politeness for respect. What's the difference? Politeness might include offering a hand to senior adults when they struggle with steps or making awkward small talk with aging relatives at family gatherings. Respect, however, would include realizing that with their years of challenges and experiences these adults are a rich, God-given resource.

In this age of politically correct labels, perhaps a better name for senior citizens is "ultra-experienced adults." God entrusted Joshua with an important duty a quarter century after Joshua reached retirement age because of his vast military experience and knowledge.

Think of the older adults you know. How does God want to use them in your life? What experiences of theirs might benefit you? What life lessons have they learned that might keep you from making a bad decision? And what might you be able to learn from hearing their stories and asking for their advice?

To Take Away

- *How would you describe your attitude toward senior adults?*
- *Think of two or three seniors you know. What might getting to know them better add to your life?*
- *What steps can you take this week to build a mutually beneficial relationship with an older adult?*

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.

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 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

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.

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.

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!

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
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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.