

WELCOME TO ASCENSION

SAVE YOUR PEOPLE, OH GOD, AND BLESS YOUR INHERITANCE

“NOTHING EMBITTERS A PERSON MORE THAN SUFFERING. BUT WHEN IT IS CONSECRATED TO GOD, IT BECOMES HOLY”
THOMAS MERTON

Sun Aug 2 10TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

1Cor 4:9-16; Mt 1&:14-23 Tone 1

11:00 Divine Liturgy For Our Parish and HGB *Sb. Deacon Adithia Kusno* by Fr. Alex

After –Hospitality-Pot Luck

Tue Aug 4 8:30 Thanksgiving Liturgy by Fr. Alex

Wed Aug 5 8:30 Liturgy For HGB MaryAnn & Larry Drumtra by Fr Alex

Thu Aug 6 **TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD** (solemn)

8:30 Liturgy For victory and peace in Ukraine by Fr. Alex

6:00pm – ROSARY- Prayer For Peace in Our Country & for Protection and Healing of all illnesses by Men’s Club

Sat Aug 8 12:30pm Church Cleaning Hours

Sun Aug 9 11TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

1Cor 9:2-12; Mt 18:23-35 Tone 2

11:00 Divine Liturgy For Our Parish and HGB Nataliya by Fr. Alex

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A Joyful Parish Celebration

With great joy, we announce that our own Subdeacon Adithia Kusno will be ordained to the Holy Diaconate **TODAY on Sunday, August 2, 2026**, at Carpathian Village in Cresco, Pennsylvania. In thanksgiving to God for this wonderful blessing, our parish family will celebrate with a potluck luncheon following the Divine Liturgy on Sunday, August 9, 2026, in honor of our newly ordained Deacon Adithia Kusno. The Old Testament Grillers will provide the main course, and we invite everyone to bring a favorite side dish to share. Your participation will help make this a joyful celebration of this important milestone in the life of Deacon-candidate Adithia and our parish community. Please join us as we congratulate Deacon-candidate Adithia, offer our prayers for his ministry, and ask the Lord to grant him Many Years!

Liturgy and Candle Requests: Often we want to remember someone and offer special prayers for the departure of a loved one, special occasion, birthday, anniversary, etc. with celebration of a Divine Liturgy or lighting of a candle in front of an icon. To request a liturgy or candle, please complete the form in the appropriate envelope which you will find in the rack on the wall as you enter Ascension church and place it in the Sunday offering basket. Thank you. Fr. Alex.

Ascension prayer list - Kindly remember in your prayers our parishioners and friends who struggle with sickness, pain, hardship, or any special need:
Frank Janke; Mary Grace Dorsey; Betty May Hertz; Emma Bernier; Lolly Vinson; Myron Kotyk; Darren and June Ann Hall; Lary & Mary Ann Drumtra & their Family; Elaine Hampton; Dr. Micheal & Linda Lechman; Elisabeth Branden; Merly & Teresa Phillips; Mary Sullivan; Michael & Michaela Bross; Peter & Lisa Margan; Wayne Smith & his Family; Austin and his Family; Ron Gracik & Family; Mary Soupp; Yvette Louviere; Steve Guethe; Leila Asmar. If you would like to add your name or name of a loved one to this list, please contact Fr. Alex. Thank you.

Visitors, family and friends: Are you curious, do you have questions or inquirers about our church, icons, Divine Liturgy, or Byzantine Catholic traditions? Someone will be waiting to answer your questions after Divine Liturgy on Sunday mornings in the vicinity of the icon corner at the front of the sanctuary. Don’t be afraid to ask, there are no wrong questions.

Young Adults, Children, Adult Bible Study Committee: Subdeacon Adithia Kusno, Dr. Michael Lechman, Lisa Edwards. Special Event/Retreat Speakers Committee: David Efimetz, Don Merkley, Dr. Mary Jean Sotack

The Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) is fully operational and located on the wall above the fire extinguisher in St. Phillips Hall. Eight parishioners were certified on the use of the AED and other parishioners have been certified in the past. Periodic updates will follow. Dr. Michael Lechman.

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INFORMATION REGARDING THE SACRAMENTS AND SACRAMENTALS

Father Alex is available for the Holy Mystery of Reconciliation before Diving Liturgy on Sunday (10:30 am) or half hour before weekly Liturgy (8:00 am) or by appointment.

MIROVANJA is a sacramental blessing with holy oil, which is applied to the forehead in the sign of the cross by the priest while proclaiming the appropriate greeting of the season. After kissing the hand cross, take a piece of the blessed bread. You may offer a donation.

7 Bedtime Bible Verses for Spiritual Warfare

If sleep feels like a nightly battle, you're not imagining it. These verses will help you take spiritual authority over the fear and chaos keeping you awake.

SLIDE 3 OF 7

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with [thanksgiving](#), present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." – [Philippians 4:6-7](#)

While your mind is at rest, you may notice all sorts of worries running through it. You may replay conversations with people that didn't go well, think about the challenges you're facing at work, or reflect on all your concerns about your schedule, your health, or your money. You can't stop yourself from worrying, but you can choose to let go of the worries that run through your mind at [bedtime](#). This verse gives you a four-step process for spiritual victory over [anxiety](#): Acknowledge that you have worries, [turn your worries into prayers](#), thank God for the answers before they come because you have faith that God will help you, and receive the powerful peace God gives you. When your mind starts racing, literally stop it. Write down the top three concerns you're worried about. Then, pray about each of those concerns specifically, asking God to provide whatever you need in those situations. Thank God that his peace now stands guard at the door of your mind, kicking out every anxious thought so you can sleep peacefully.

SLIDE 4 OF 7

"For God did not give us a spirit of fear, but of power, of love and of self-discipline." – [2 Timothy 1:7](#)

This verse is critical, especially if you're dealing with terrifying nightmares or a sudden, unexplained feeling of oppressive dread when the lights go out. The "spirit of fear" that this verse mentions is more than an emotion; it's a demonic influence meant to stop you from moving forward with everything God wants you to do. This verse reminds you that you're a child of God, with the power to tell that spirit of fear to go away. You can use this verse to declare [the spiritual authority God has given you to reject fear and overcome it](#).

You may want to say a [prayer](#) based on this verse out loud before you go to sleep – something like: "I command the spirit of fear to leave in the name of [Jesus](#) Christ! God has not given me a spirit of fear, but a spirit of power to command you to leave, a spirit of love to cover me, and a spirit of self-discipline to take control of my thoughts." Use the authority God has given you to fight against the fear that's trying to disrupt your rest.

SLIDE 5 OF 7

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." – [Matthew 11:28-30](#)

Sometimes it's not fear that's interfering with your sleep; it's the burden of all the stress you've been under. You may be physically and emotionally exhausted, yet your body won't relax enough to let you sleep well. Evil will often try to encourage you to be as busy as possible because that leads you to experience burnout, which dulls your senses and prevents you from connecting closely with God. [Jesus, who modeled the importance of rest](#), gives you an invitation in this verse: "Come to me." He knows how much stress you're dealing with. He knows the burdens you've been carrying and how much carrying those burdens has worn you out. Before you go to sleep, imagine yourself kneeling before [Jesus](#) and taking off the heavy and painful "yoke" of your own making – any pressure or guilt you're putting on yourself to stay so busy that you're not really resting. See yourself laying it at Jesus's feet. Then, take Jesus' upon you – the grace that he gives you to relax whenever you need to do so.

God bless America!!!

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

Help support our church



July 26, 2026

Monthly Dues –0.00.00; Offertory –402.75; Candles -19.00; Special Gifts St. Luke's Icon Guild– 5,060.00 In –5,481.75; Out- 7,492.28

Happy August BIRTHDAYS

10th Frank Janke; 11th Adithia Kusno; 17 Sydney Marie Karlson; 21st Loretta Fetsko

Candles for July

Sanctuary Lamp... For Fr. John Ridgell by Peter & Lisa Margan
Tetrapod... For + Drago & Katarina Margan by Peter Margan
Theotokos & Child... For HGB Norma Duttry by Patty Duttry
John Baptist... For Debra Gilray by Peter & Lisa Margan
St Nicholas... For Margan Family by Peter Margan
Protection Theotokos... For + Steven Margan by Peter & Lisa Margan
Christ Teacher... For HGB Doyle Duttry by Patty Duttry

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 and local honey. Special orders welcomed.

Our Daily Bread – Standing the Watch

When a ship is commissioned there's a formal ceremony that marks its entry into service. The crew is assembled in formation on the quarter deck, if its large enough, otherwise they are standing in formation on the pier beside the ship. The commissioning pennant is hoisted at the mast head, which signifies the ship is now a command in its own right, and is officially recorded in the deck log as "placed in commission". The Commanding Officer then issues the first order of the ship's watch. This is a tradition that can vary by ship and service, but often involves a symbolic command of "Set the watch", or "Man the ship and bring her to life". At this point the crew breaks from formation, runs up the gang way, mans the ship, and sets the watch. This watch continues from that moment until the ship is decommissioned or lost at sea. Day and night, both in port or underway, in all weathers, the watch never ceases.

As an enlisted man and then officer, I've stood my share of watches. The ones at sea can hold moments of tense excitement, and on occasion the ones in port can have their share of excitement too, but on the whole, watches are tedious, boring to the point of mind-numbing. Depending on your responsibilities you are making "rounds", recording numbers, checking on things. You are on a bridge wing as a look out, or standing at the helm maintaining course, plotting "fixes" of the ships position or checking machinery in a noisy, smelly engine room. Most of all, you are watching the clock to see when your relief will arrive. No, watches on the whole are not very glamorous. It all forms what is called the "Ship's Routine". Routine it may be but absolutely vital to the ship's existence and effectiveness.

We too have a routine, each one of us, our very own watch. Just as the ship's crew must maintain constant vigilance, so too we must tend to our physical and spiritual nature. We are responsible for standing watch over them both. We are created in the image of God. So why do so many seek to change that, to abuse that image both physically or spiritually? Just as the watch on the ship must ensure the ship is kept seaworthy, we have a responsibility to keep ourselves so. Just as the watch at sea must take action to avoid collision with other vessels, we must take action to avoid conflict with others. Just as a watch is responsible for taking the ship in the right direction, to the right port, we must live our lives such that we are steering ourselves to a higher purpose and eventually to our heavenly home. A ship that looks seaworthy from the outside might be rudderless and unable to steer a true course. It will founder on the rocks. Like the watch at sea, we must continually assess our moral and spiritual condition to make sure we are steering a true course, cultivate virtue, and guard against decay and rot.

Our watch is never ending. It will last until the day of our passing. Our ship is decommissioned when the final reports are taken. As it is in the service to this day, using these exact words handed down so long ago... "All secure about the decks. The running lights have been extinguished, the cannonballs have been removed and the cannon has been spiked."... "The

shafts have been locked. All valves closed and the sea chest secured. The tiller has been locked amidships."..."All rations have been commuted and the galley fires doused." The crew then lays ashore. The commissioning pennant is hauled down and the final order given, "Secure the watch". The watch, after so long a time, is finally finished.

Love Dad

Men's Club - Congratulations to the club who celebrated their 13th anniversary this week. The Old Testament Grillers will not be grilling at the 2 Aug potluck, but will return to the grill on 9 August to grill hamburgers and hotdogs as part of a special celebration for Deacon Audi!

Carpathian Kitchen - Our next planned pierogi production run is scheduled for 7-8 August.

Security - Our security team also plays an important role in church safety. As part of that, we are looking for a used transport wheel chair that will be kept on-hand in case we need it. The wheel chair should be in good condition and ideally be foldable for compact storage until needed. If you have one or know of one available please see Fr Alex or Dave Efimetz (Office Manager)

Sponsorship Opportunity

We are in the process of ordering the 2027 Catholic Byzantine Calendar for our parish. There is an opportunity for you to sponsor our parish calendar in 2027. The sponsorship can be in memory of or honor of a person or the name of a business. If you are interested, see Dave Efimetz for details by Sunday, July 26, 2026.

Bible Study

The next BIBLE study in January to continue on the Prophets, cost \$25 to \$30 for book guide and video lectures. For questions, please text 757-880-5093.

Respectfully submitted, Dr. Michael Lechman

Advisory Bord: Fr. Alex (Pastor)-Security; Don Merkley & Michelle Massie – Trustee, Property; David Efimizt – Office Manager; Patricia Duttry-Book Keeper; Linda Lechman - parish secretary; Dr. Micheal Lechman-Investment & Adult Bible Study; Betty May Hertz- outreach; Sb. Dicon Adithia Kusno-Facebook-Young Adult Education; Don Merkley, Website; Lee Alexander-Men's Club President; Lisa Edwards-Children's Christian Formation Director-Liturgical Committee; Ann Merkley-Bookstore Manager-Security

Thank You for your generosity and giving spirit!

This year, because your support to the Bishop's 2025 Stewardship Campaign, we were able to raise \$7,800. We exceeded our goal of \$6,800 by \$1,000! Your generous donations to the campaign will assist Bishop Kurt in providing much needed resources to the Eparchy, to Parishes not as fortunate as us at Ascension, and the Ukraine Relief Fund.

Our Parish will receive a check from the Bishop's Office in the amount of \$3,120. The 40% reinvestment to our Parish for meeting and exceeding our goal. I cannot help but think of the founding members of our Parish and how proud they must be of us for continuing the legacy they began.

Thank you again. Ascension Of Our Lord Advisory Board

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.

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
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 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.

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!
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.

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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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.