

## 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 Sep 13 26 SUNDAY BEFORE THE EXALTATION OF THE CROSS

Gal 6:11-18; Jn 3:13-17 Tone 7

11:00 Divine Liturgy For Our Parish and HGB Austin James by Fr. Alex and  
Ivan Culjak by Peter & Lisa Margan

After –Hospitality-Advisory Board Meeting

#### Mon Sep 14 26 EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

8:30 Liturgy For Our Parish

Tue Sep 15 26 8:30 Liturgy For + Peter Nicholas Peltier by Paula Peltier

6:00pm Men's Club Meeting

Wed Sep 16 26 8:30 Liturgy For + Josephine & Joseph Horvath by Fr. Alex

Thu Sep 17 26 8:30 Liturgy For + Christne Doyle Janke by Fr. Alex

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

Sat Sep 19 26 12:30pm Church Cleaning Hours

#### Sun Sep 20 26 SUNDAY AFTER THE EXALTATION OF THE CROSS

Gal 2:16-20; Mk 8:34-9:1 Tone 8

11:00 Divine Liturgy For Our Parish and + Marie McGuckin & Kay Smith by Peter & Lisa  
Margan

After –Hospitality-Security Team Meeting

**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.

#### Happy SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

14th Lolly Vinson; 21st Deborah Kotyk; 21st Sr Alphina Chepter; 23rd Peyton Karlson; 24th Zachary Karlson; 28th Lisa Cifrulak Edwards; 29th Christine Noonan; 29th David Efimetz

**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.

**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.

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

#### CPR and Defibrillator Training

Our parish is offering CPR and defibrillator training for parishioners interested in learning how to perform CPR and operate an automated external defibrillator (AED). We have 10 spots available, which will be offered on a first-come, first-served basis.

Parishioners must: ☐ Be 18 years of age or older; ☐ Be in good health

☐ Be willing to make a one-year commitment to be available to assist in an emergency situation at the church and parish hall

The parish will cover the full cost of the training.

If you are interested in participating, please contact Dave Efimetz.

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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.

The Bible’s Best Wisdom for Setting Goals That Actually Glorify God

**6 Glues That Hold a Marriage Together**

**4. Love**

**SLIDE 3 OF 5**

While it sounds simplistic, love is the ultimate glue that holds a [marriage](#) together. Make no mistake: love is more than just a feeling. When the butterflies we had when we first started dating may have gone away, the beauty of love is that it goes grows deeper with each passing year. The intimacy we gained from knowing each other and living together regularly cannot be replicated in any other relationship. Therefore, it is one of the hardest relationships to maintain because as our intimacy deepens, we readily see each other's flaws and weaknesses. In our flesh, it will be easy to capitalize on those flaws and weaknesses to make ourselves feel superior. But that is not loving our spouse the way God intended. Instead, he wants us to love our spouse the way we love him. Although we may mess up from time to time, the more we learn from our mistakes and love each other with fewer conditions, the more fulfilling our relationship will be and the godlier followers we will become.

**5. Emotional Connectedness**

**SLIDE 4 OF 5**

While emotional connectedness does not just involve communication, it is equally as vital to the success of a [marriage](#) as communication. Emotional connectedness is more than just having things in common. It means creating a safe space where spouses can share their deepest thoughts and feelings without fear of being condemned. While part of the marriage relationship is for each spouse to help the other see the error of his or her ways, a spouse needs to feel safe and secure that no matter what they share, it will be held in the highest confidentiality. When spouses don't feel safe with each other, their relationship will become nothing more than a roommate situation. in the same way, God does not want us to merely go through the motions when it comes to our relationship with him; God does not want us to go through the motions when it comes to our marriage relationship either. Marriages have the most significant potential to be the most fulfilling relationships in our lives but also the most hurtful. By being able to share our deepest emotions with another human being, we bond with them on a level, unlike any other relationship. This will deepen not only the emotional bond but the sexual one.

**6. Honor**

**SLIDE 5 OF 5**

On our wedding day, we vowed to love, honor, and cherish our spouses. To honor someone means to hold them in high regard. This means valuing their opinions, putting their needs first, and bringing out the best in them. This means we must refrain from speaking badly about our spouses to others even if they even if we speak to someone in confidence. It is one thing to share a [marriage](#) burden and seek advice about an issue. It is quite another to talk badly about them so that person may think less of them. Our job as spouses is to let the world see them in the best light possible. Our presence in their lives can help that.

While no [marriage](#) is perfect, we can seek to love and honor God by honoring our marriage commitment. By keeping God at the center of our marriage and doing the work necessary to keep our commitment to one another, no matter what the enemy does to destroy the marriage, he will never be able to tear it apart.

**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**



**September 6 2026**

Candles -83.00; Monthly Dues –445.00; Offertory –1,567.00; Nativity of Theotokos-350.00; Religious Education-30.00; In –2,475.00; Out- 3,730.16

**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.

***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; Dicon Adithia Kusno--Children’s Christian Formation Directo -Young Adult Education; Don Merkley, Website-Facebookh; Lee Alexander-Men’s Club President; Lisa Edwardsr-Liturgical Committee; Ann Merkley-Bookstore Manager-Security***

## Our Daily Bread – Balancing Christ’s Command to Love

There were a lot of sayings I learned in the service. I suppose after “Turn to ship’s work” (i.e. get to work); learning to keep “a hand for yourself and one for the ship” followed closely behind. It becomes clear if you have ever been in a storm at sea. If your caught in a bad roll or pitch, and not hanging on, you could be knocked unconscious or swept overboard. On one occasion a poor fellow was thrown from one side of the bridge wing to the other, 40 feet. He never regained consciousness. Even when your off duty and in the rack you have to wedge yourself in during heavy weather to keep from getting thrown out. We even had straps in our racks on my patrol boat. Just routine mind you, it was not considered serious unless the call came over the IMC to don survival suits.

Small boat operations can get real sporty. It requires you going up and down slippery rope ladders to get into or out of the ships small boat, while carrying 50-70 pounds of gear depending on the mission. In my day it was side launched, with the ship moving ahead slow providing as much lee as possible (shelter from the predominate wind and sea) for the small boat being towed on its bow line. All the while the boat coxswain working the motor to keep the boat steady alongside. Well enough in daylight, but try it in the middle of the night, after a full day of operations in extreme climates, varying from the scorching temperatures of the Arabian Sea to the Arctic cold of the Bearing Sea. It’s a surreal experience to find yourself suspended on the rope ladder like a circus performer, supervisors shouting commands over the sound of the boat davit winch motors, the nauseating smell of diesel fumes, the ship and small boat both moving at different rates to the rhythm of the sea. Illuminated only by a spotlight, you see and focus on nothing else, for outside that little bubble of light there is eternal darkness above, and a deep abyss below.

For this and so much more you need to be on top of your game, so the adage didn’t just mean to stay aware and hang onto something, in its full context it meant to take care of yourself mentally and physically. It meant to keep your strength up, get enough sleep and a good diet; otherwise you could not hope to survive and complete your mission. One hand for yourself and one for the ship; it was a code that would keep you alive and effective. Oh well, enough of sea stories...

The connection with Christ.

The “One Hand” adage has application to more then just going to sea. There are many things that need our attention in life including spouse, family and friends. It’s a noble calling and we throw ourselves into it. Afterall, Christ called us to love one another as you love yourself. But within the command Christ gave us is embedded the wisdom of one hand for yourself and one for the ship. You see, it captures the balance Christ spoke of. Your ability to love and care for one

another is connected with your ability to love and care for yourself.

Jesus, though fully God, also lived as a fully human being with physical, emotional, and spiritual needs. Scripture shows that He deliberately set aside time to rest, pray, and care for Himself. Even in the midst of His ministry, Jesus taught His disciples to withdraw to a quiet place to rest (Mark 6:31). He often withdrew early in the morning to pray in solitude (Mark 1:35, Luke 5:16), showing that rest and prayer were essential for His work. Jesus ate when hungry, drank when thirsty, and sought rest when weary. By His example, Jesus taught that taking time for oneself is not selfish but necessary.

Healthy self-respect and care for yourself is the starting point for loving others. Otherwise, how much can we hope to accomplish when we are tired, frustrated, and emotionally weak? Even the strong will eventually give out and fail. Learn to set boundaries to protect your time, energy, and health. Balance your own needs with the needs of others. Be understanding of others for they face the same problems. Learn to give them space so they can keep their balance also.

Love Dad

**Men's Club -** Our next meeting is scheduled for **September 15th at 6pm.** Among the topics will include the Saint Joseph educational grants. Please schedule to attend.

**Carpathian Kitchen** - Our next production run is scheduled for 2-3 October. We will be making pierogi for the upcoming Parish craft-show scheduled for Saturday, 24 October.

**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)

### **Bible Study**

The next BIBLE study in January to continue on the Prophets, cost \$25 to \$30 for book guide and video lectures. Respectfully submitted, Dr. Michael Lechman

### **Candles for August**

Sanctuary Lamp...For OUR PARISH; Tetrapod... For OUR PARISH  
Theotokos & Child... For OUR PARISH; John Baptist... For OUR PARISH  
St Nicholas... For OUR PARISH; Protection Theotokos... For OUR PARISH  
Christ Teacher... For OUR PARISH

**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.

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Then he spoke of exterminating them,  
but Moses, his chosen one,  
Withstood him in the breach  
to turn back his destructive wrath.

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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.**