

Night Prayer : Favourite Hymns (Part 2)

Introduction

I will sing to the Lord all my life,
make music to my God while I live.
Alleluia.

Psalm 98

Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp
with the sound of music.
With trumpets and the sound of the horn
acclaim the King, the Lord.

Let the sea and all within it thunder;
the world, and all its peoples.
Let the rivers clap their hands
and the hills ring out their joy.

Rejoice at the presence of the Lord,
for he comes to rule the earth.
He will rule the world with justice
and the peoples with fairness.

Reading : I Samuel 16: 14-23

The spirit of the LORD departed from Saul, and an evil spirit from the LORD tormented him. And Saul's servants said to him, "See now, an evil spirit from God is tormenting you. Let our lord now command the servants who attend you to look for someone who is skilful in playing the lyre; and when the evil spirit from God is upon you, he will play it, and you will feel better." So Saul said to his servants, "Provide for me someone who can play well, and bring him to me." One of the young men answered, "I have seen a son of Jesse the Bethlehemite who is skilful in playing, a man of valour, a warrior, prudent in speech, and a man of good presence; and the LORD is with him." So Saul sent messengers to Jesse, and said, "Send me your son David who is with the sheep." Jesse took a donkey loaded with bread, a skin of wine, and a kid, and sent them by his son David to Saul. And David came to Saul, and entered his service. Saul loved him greatly, and he became his armour-bearer. Saul sent to Jesse, saying, "Let David remain in my service, for he has found favour in my sight." And whenever the evil spirit from God came upon Saul, David took the lyre and played it with his hand, and Saul would be relieved and feel better, and the evil spirit would depart from him.

Hymns *[Sing on mute]*

Prayers

We pray to the Lord.

That the rest of this day may be holy, peaceful and full of your presence.
in faith we pray

We pray to you, our God.

That the work we have done and the people we have met today may bring us closer to you:
in faith we pray

We pray to you, our God.

That we may hear and respond to your call to peace and justice:
in faith we pray

We pray to you, our God.

That you will sustain the faith and hope of all those who are lonely, oppressed and anxious:
In faith we pray

We pray to you, our God.

That you will strengthen us in your service,
and fill our hearts with longing for your kingdom:
in faith we pray

We pray to you, our God.

Let us commend ourselves, and all for whom we pray,
to the mercy and protection of God, in the words our Saviour taught us:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Hymn

Responsory

O magnify the Lord with me:
let us exalt his name for ever.

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness:
let the whole earth tremble before him.

Sound praises to the Lord, all the earth;
break into singing and make music.

I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;
I will make music to my God while I have my being.

Praise the Lord, for the Lord is good;
make music to his name, for it is lovely.

Blessing

May the songs of the angels sustain you,
may the praises of the saints inspire you,
may the silent music of the Unseen Trinity be in your heart,
and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

Night Prayer is on zoom. You can join the meeting from 7.15pm to chat to other people, and we begin the worship at 7.30pm. The Meeting ID is 296 467 9306. The password is 176040.