



Words for the Way

An online Lent Course for the Diocese of Aberdeen and Orkney

Sing

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Psalm 98 (*From Daily Prayer, Scottish Episcopal Church*)

- 1 Sing to the Lord a new song,*
for he has done marvellous things.
- 2 With his right hand and his holy arm*
has he won for himself the victory.
- 3 The Lord has made known his victory;*
his righteousness has he openly shown in
the sight of the nations.
- 4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel,*
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.
- 5 Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands;*
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
- 6 Sing to the Lord with the harp,*
with the harp and the voice of song.
- 7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn*
shout with joy before the King, the Lord.

- 8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it,*
the lands and those who dwell therein.
- 9 Let the rivers clap their hands,*
and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord,
when he comes to judge the earth.
- 10 In righteousness shall he judge the world*
and the peoples with equity.

Lord God, we see your righteous rule in all your works, and we join our voices with the song of your whole creation in praising you, in and through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Singing can be all around us – buskers on the street, sporting events, someone singing along to the radio, national occasions, or in the shower and more. But what makes us sing, what makes you sing? The Psalmist today suggests that we should sing new songs to God in acknowledgement of the good things in life, that creation sings songs to God and that we should join our voices with theirs. What makes you sing (or shout or exclaim) in joy? Today you're invited to give thanks to God for these good things that make you sing new songs to God. You may wish to sing your thanks to God with songs new and old...

Hermit Thrush by Hilda Conkling

Something that cannot be said in words . . .

Something sweet and unknown . . .

The wind . . . the brook . . .

Something that comes to a trembling fuller tone

Like a waterfall . . .

That little brown creature is singing

A music of water, a music of worlds;

He will fly away south,

But his song stays in the heart

Once it is heard.

To listen

Psalm 98, Op. 91, MWV A23: Jauchzet dem Herrn alle Weit by Felix Mendelssohn, one version is by the Bavarian Radio Chorus.

I was Glad by Hubert Parry, one version is by The Choir of Westminster Abbey

Sing to the Moon by Laura Mvula, one version is by The Chapel Choir of Pembroke College, Cambridge.

These can be found on a playlist at

<https://open.spotify.com/playlist/72omFXFijUHKiHcvk90Yv4?si=0b356c51045b422b>

