



## Venite, exultemus Domino 610

- 1 O come, let us sing | unto · the Lord;  
let us heartily rejoice in the strength of | our salvation.
  - 2 Let us come before his presence with | **thanks**giving;  
and show ourselves | glad in him with psalms.
  - 3 For the Lord is a | **great** God;  
and a great | King above all gods.
  - 4 In his hand are all the corners | of the earth;  
and the strength of the hills is | **his** also.
  - 5 The sea is | his, and · he made it;  
and his hands prepared · the **dry** land.
  - 6 O come, let us worship and | **fall** down,  
and kneel before the | Lord our **Maker**.
  - 7 For he is the | Lord our God;  
and we are the people of his pasture, and the | sheep of **his** hand.
  - 8 O worship the Lord in the | beauty · of holiness;  
let the whole earth | stand in awe of him.
  - 9 For he cometh, for he cometh to | judge the earth;  
and with righteousness to judge the world, and the | peoples with his truth.
- Glory be to the Father, and | to the Son,  
and | to the Holy Ghost;
- As it was in the beginning, is now, and | ever shall be,  
world without | **end**. Amen.

## The First Lesson: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month.

He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, “Amen, Amen,” lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength."

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*        Thanks be to God.

## **Psalm 19**

*The psalm is recited responsively, the people speaking after the asterisk.*

- 1 The heavens declare the glory of God; \*  
and the firmament showeth his handy-work.
- 2 One day telleth another; \*  
and one night certifieth another.
- 3 There is neither speech nor language; \*  
but their voices are heard among them.
- 4 Their sound is gone out into all lands; \*  
and their words into the ends of the world.
- 5 In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun; \*  
which cometh forth as a bridegroom out of his chamber,  
and rejoiceth as a giant to run his course.
- 6 It goeth forth from the uttermost part of the heaven,  
and runneth about unto the end of it again; \*  
and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof.
- 7 The law of the Lord is an undefiled law, converting the soul; \*  
the testimony of the Lord is sure, and giveth wisdom unto the simple.
- 8 The statutes of the Lord are right, and rejoice the heart; \*  
the commandment of the Lord is pure, and giveth light unto the eyes.
- 9 The fear of the Lord is clean, and endureth for ever; \*  
the judgments of the Lord are true, and righteous altogether.
- 10 More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold; \*  
sweeter also than honey, and the honeycomb.
- 11 Moreover, by them is thy servant taught; \*  
and in keeping of them there is great reward.
- 12 Who can tell how oft he offendeth? \*  
O cleanse thou me from my secret faults.

- 13 Keep thy servant also from presumptuous sins,  
lest they get the dominion over me; \*  
so shall I be undefiled, and innocent from the great offence.
- 14 Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart,  
be always acceptable in thy sight, \*  
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.
- Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, \*  
and to the Holy Ghost;
- As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, \*  
world without end. Amen.

### **The Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a**

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be?

But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.”

On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

**Anthem**

*Muchos resplandores*  
Senior Youth Choir

Skinner Chávez Melo

**The Third Lesson: Luke 4:14-21**

Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.” And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

**Jubilate Deo 642**

- 1 O be joyful in the Lord | all ye lands:  
serve the Lord with gladness, and come before his | presence with a song.
- 2 Be ye sure that the Lord he is God; it is he that hath made us, and not | we ourselves;  
we are his people, and the | sheep of · his **p**asture.
- 3 O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his | courts with praise;  
be thankful unto him, and | **s**peak | good of · his Name.
- 4 For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is | everlasting;  
and his truth endureth from generation to | **g**eneration.  
Glory be to the Father, and | to the Son,  
and | to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and | ever shall be,  
world without | **e**nd. Amen.

**The Apostles’ Creed**

*Officiant and People*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth:  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary:  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried:  
He descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead:

He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost: the holy catholic church;  
the communion of saints: the forgiveness of sins:  
the resurrection of the body: and the life everlasting. Amen.

### **Versicles**

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And with thy spirit.

*Officiant* Let us pray.

*Officiant* O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.

*People* And grant us thy salvation.

*Officiant* O God, make clean our hearts within us.

*People* And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

### **The Collect for the Day**

*Officiant*

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and all the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

### **The Prayers**

#### **A General Thanksgiving**

*Officiant and People*

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we, thine unworthy servants, do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us, and to all men. We bless thee for our creation, preservation and all the blessings of this life; and above all, for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful; and that we show forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

### **The Grace**

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#### **Birthday Prayer**

Watch over thy children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be, keeping them unspotted from the world. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may thy peace which passeth understanding abide all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



## Help Haitians Devastated by the Earthquake

Following a catastrophic earthquake that struck Haiti's capital, Port-au-Prince, on January 12, Episcopal Relief & Development is reaching out to the Diocese of Haiti to both address immediate needs and prepare for long-term rehabilitation work.



At least three million people are estimated to have been affected by the earthquake. Innumerable homes and major structures were destroyed. The Rev. Kesner Ajax, Executive Director of the Bishop Tharp Institute, said: "There is no Cathedral. The entire Holy Trinity complex is gone. The convent for the Sisters of St. Margaret is gone. The Bishop's house is gone. College St. Pierre is gone."

Episcopal Relief & Development has disbursed emergency funding to the Diocese of Haiti to help meet critical needs such as food, water and shelter for those affected. As communication improves and recovery plans develop, we will continue to provide updates. We are standing ready to support the country's ongoing recovery and rebuilding efforts in the days to come.

Episcopal Church Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori said in a statement on the earthquake, "Even

under 'normal' circumstances, Haiti struggles to care for her 9 million people. I urge your concrete and immediate prayers in the form of contributions to Episcopal Relief & Development, who are already working with the Diocese of Haiti to send aid where it is most needed."

### Here's how you can help today:

1. **Pray** for people devastated by the earthquake.
2. **Give** to help those most impacted by this disaster.

Your partnership is critical in protecting the people in Haiti who are in a very vulnerable situation. Without your help, our work to reach those in need would not be possible.

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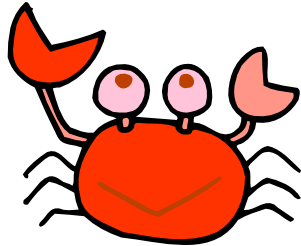
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