

OPENING SCRIPTURE Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35 (NKJV) Peggy Pancake

Let God arise, Let His enemies be scattered;
Let those also who hate Him flee before Him.
As smoke is driven away, So drive *them* away;
As wax melts before the fire, So let the wicked perish at the presence of God.
But let the righteous be glad; Let them rejoice before God;
Yes, let them rejoice exceedingly.

Sing to God, sing praises to His name;
Extol Him who rides on the clouds, By His name Yah,
And rejoice before Him.

A father of the fatherless, a defender of widows,
Is God in His holy habitation.
God sets the solitary in families;
He brings out those who are bound into prosperity;
But the rebellious dwell in a dry *land*.

O God, when You went out before Your people,
When You marched through the wilderness,
The earth shook; The heavens also dropped *rain* at the presence of God;
Sinai itself *was moved* at the presence of God, the God of Israel.
You, O God, sent a plentiful rain,
Whereby You confirmed Your inheritance,
When it was weary.
Your congregation dwelt in it;
You, O God, provided from Your goodness for the poor.

Sing to God, you kingdoms of the earth;
Oh, sing praises to the Lord,
To Him who rides on the heaven of heavens, *which were* of old!
Indeed, He sends out His voice, a mighty voice.
Ascribe strength to God; His excellence *is* over Israel,
And His strength *is* in the clouds.
O God, *You are* more awesome than Your holy places.
The God of Israel *is* He who gives strength and power to *His* people.

Blessed *be* God!

*Call to Worship

One: In this season of the year, there is the lengthening of daylight. There is the wetness of large spring raindrops.

Many: There is the hum of hovering insects. There is the warm wind that hints of summer's coming heat.

One: These things are real and true.

Many: In every season of growing faith, there is the love of God. There is the stunning power of gracious goodness.

One: There is the movement of the Spirit in our midst.

Many: There is the bold beckoning of God's will.

All: These things are real and true. As we gather to worship, thanks be to God.
AMEN.

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O God of power and majesty, as the seas roar, your name is praised. Waves pounding the shore remind us of your grandeur. By your creative design, birds fly, fish swim and creatures in forests and meadows leap and run. All creation chants in praise of your plan for them. As you make our joy complete in the gift of Christ, we worship you God, with all our hearts and voices in songs of glad adoration. AMEN.