

OPENING SCRIPTURE

Psalm 33:1-12 (CEB)

All you who are righteous,
shout joyfully to the Lord!

It's right for those who do right to praise God.

Give thanks to the Lord with the lyre!

Sing praises to him with the ten-stringed harp!

Sing to him a new song!

Play your best with joyful shouts!

Because the Lord's word is right,

his every act is done in good faith.

He loves righteousness and justice;

the Lord's faithful love fills the whole earth.

The skies were made by the Lord's word,

all their starry multitude by the breath of his mouth.

He gathered the ocean waters into a heap;

he put the deep seas into storerooms.

All the earth honors the Lord;

all the earth's inhabitants stand in awe of him.

Because when he spoke, it happened!

When he commanded, there it was!

The Lord overrules what the nations plan;

he frustrates what the peoples intend to do.

But the Lord's plan stands forever;

what he intends to do lasts from one generation to the next.

The nation whose God is the Lord,

the people whom God has chosen as his possession,

is truly happy!

***Call to Worship**

One: Let us worship the Eternal God, the Source of Love and Life, who creates us.

Many: Let us worship Christ whose Presence is among us.

One: Let us worship the Spirit, the Holy Fire, who renews us.

All: To the one true God be praise in all times and places, through the Grace of Jesus Christ.

UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

O God, there is a dark and lonesome gulf in worship, a cavern of the awesome into which we rarely go. We prefer catchy tunes, bright vestments, and lofty prayers. We would rather exchange fellowship than touch holiness. Enable us in this time to venture into a depth of worship which can rarely be found in our individual spirituality, but which open slowly before us in shared struggle, pain, and love of the communion of the saints. AMEN