

All Good Gifts

A prayer service to be used with Chapter 4: The Journey to the Promised Land Begins: The Exodus and the Sinai Covenant.

Leader: When do you turn to God in prayer? It seems natural to turn to God in times of hardship or when we don't have control over a situation. Turning to God in times of happiness reminds us that God is always present and with us. When we praise God for the good, we are acknowledging that everything is a gift from God.

This Scripture passage happens right after the Israelites crossed on dry land through the waters of the Red Sea. The Egyptian army had been destroyed. God had interceded for them in a lifes-saving, life-changing way. Imagine yourself walking alongside them, praising the Lord with these words.

Reader 1: A reading from the Book of Exodus (Ex 15:1-7, 11-13, 18),

Side 1: I will sing to the Lord, for he is gloriously triumphant;
horse and chariot he has cast into the sea.
My strength and my refuge is the Lord,
and he has become my savior.

Side 2: This is my God, I praise him;
The God of my father, I extol him.
The Lord is a warrior,
Lord is his name!

Side 1: Pharaoh's chariots and army he hurled into the sea;
the elite of his officers were drowned in the Red Sea.
The flood waters covered them,
they sank into the depths like a stone.
Your right hand, O Lord, magnificent in power,
your right hand, O Lord, shattered the enemy.

Side 2: In your great majesty you overthrew your adversaries;
Who is like you among the gods, O Lord?
Who is like you, magnificent among the holy ones?

Side 1: Awe-inspiring in deeds of renown, worker of wonders,
when you stretched out your right hand, the earth swallowed them!
In your love you led the people you redeemed;
in your strength you guided them to your holy dwelling.

All: May the Lord reign forever and ever!