

# Praise God's Presence, God's Goodness

**Call to Prayer:** Consider Our Lord close by you and within you, ready to put His hand to the work as soon as you call upon Him for help. (Vincent, Coste, volume 3, page 143)

**Leader:** O God, come to our assistance;

**ALL:** O Lord, make haste to help us.

**Leader:** Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit,

**ALL:** As it was in the beginning, is now and  
ever shall be world without end. Amen.



**Hymn:** "Sing of the Lord's Goodness" by Ernest Sands

Verses

1. Sing of the Lord's good-ness, Fa-ther of all wis-dom,  
4. Praise him with your sing-ing, praise him with the trum-pet,

1. come to him and bless his name. Mer-cy he has shown us,  
4. praise God with the lute and harp; praise him with the cym-bals,

1. his love is for-ev-er, faith-ful to the end of days.  
4. praise him with your danc-ing, praise God till the end of days.

Refrain

Come, then, all you na-tions, sing of your Lord's good-ness, mel-o-dies  
of praise and thanks to God. Ring out the Lord's glo-ry, praise him with  
your mu-sic, wor-ship him and bless his name.

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**Scripture:** Psalm 27: 13 I believe I shall see and enjoy  
God's goodness in the land of the living.



**Reflection:** What a wonderful mantra Psalm 27 offers us. In truth, we most often see what we expect to see. Do I expect to see God's goodness as I go through my day? God's presence takes many forms: a surprise call, a random act of kindness, unexpected good news, a sincere thank you, a generous donation, a beautiful tree, a glorious sunset, the full moon. Let's go another step. After seeing God's goodness, let's enjoy it which means slowing down to notice, to be aware. In this way, we are changed by what we see. May we give ourselves the gift of being transformed by the presence of God in our daily lives.

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**Response ALL:** I shall see and enjoy God's goodness in the land of the living.

**Reflection and Sharing**

- + Am I aware of God's presence with me in daily happenings?
- + When have I experienced the presence, goodness of God?

**Response:** "Sing of the Lord's Goodness" refrain only

**Prayers of Praise**

**Leader:** Let us pray to God whose goodness is all around us.

**ALL: O God, we praise and thank you!**

- +in appreciation for how God acts in our lives, we pray ...
- +for the times we have been aware of God's presence with us, we pray ...
- +for the knowledge that we are secure in the goodness of our loving God, we pray...
- +for the opportunities God has given us to share generously with others, we pray ...

(Offer prayers of praise, please.)



**Our Father**

**Closing Prayer ALL:** Loving, ever present God, thank you for all the goodness that surrounds us. Open our eyes to see and delight in everything you share with us and invite us to enjoy. We pray this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Blessing: Leader:** The Lord bless you and keep you. **ALL: Amen.**

**Leader:** The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. **ALL: Amen.**

**Leader:** The Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace. **ALL: Amen.**

Numbers 6:24-26 (New International Version)

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**Prayer Texts**

**Genesis 2:16** "Surely the Lord is in this place..." (New International Version)

**Matthew 28:20** "And surely I am with you always ..." (New International Version)