

Psalm 146 and the Prayers of the People

*The verses of Psalm 146 are chanted or read, followed by silence.
The intercessor chants or speaks the bid; the assembly responds in kind.*

Hal-' lelujah!

Praise the LORD, ' O my soul!

I will praise the LORD as long ' as I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I ' have my being.

Silence

For those who join their voices here to bless the God of life,
that our living and our singing echo heaven's harmony;
for poets, artists, and musicians, enlivened by the Spirit,
who deepen our worship and widen our praise, let us pray.

**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,
have mercy upon us.**

Put not your ' trust in rulers,

in mortals, in whom there ' is no help.

When they breathe their last, they re- ' turn to earth,

and in that day ' their thoughts perish.

Silence

For hearts that trust in God alone to help, defend, and save us,
for those we know as enemies and those whom we have harmed,
for God to mend with mercy what sin and strife have torn,
and for the peace which is beyond all understanding, let us pray.

**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,
have mercy upon us.**

Happy are those whose help is the ' God of Jacob,

whose hope is in the ' LORD their God,

who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that ' is in them;

who keeps ' faith forever.

Silence

For all things, seen and unseen, created by God's Word
and held in God's promise to preserve them;
for creatures and their habitats harmed by humankind,
and for the grace to take our place within creation's choir, let us pray.

**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,
have mercy upon us.**

The LORD gives justice to those who are oppressed,
and food to ' those who hunger.

The LORD sets the ' captive free;
The LORD opens the eyes ' of the blind;
and lifts up those who ' are bowed down.

Silence

For those who long for worthy work, dignity, and daily bread,
for those bent low by sickness and for those who care for them,
for captives held by tyranny, poverty, or shame,
and for the broken-hearted whose only song is sorrow, let us pray.

**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,
have mercy upon us.**

The LORD ' loves the righteous.

The LORD cares ' for the stranger;
The LORD sustains the orphan ' and the widow,
but frustrates the way ' of the wicked.

Silence

For the Church of Christ and for its many members,
anointed to embody God's steadfast love and mercy;
for eyes to see our neighbor in the immigrant and stranger,
and lives poured out among the least and little ones, let us pray.

**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,
have mercy upon us.**

The LORD shall ' reign forever,
your God, O Zion, throughout all ' generations.

Hallelujah! ' Praise the LORD.

Hal-' lelujah!

Silence

For those who nurtured faith in us and taught our souls to sing,
for our children's children and generations yet to come
that the love of God bear fruit in them and blossom into song
until the universe resounds with unbroken alleluias, let us pray.

**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,
have mercy upon us.**

In communion with the psalmists, the prophets, (N.) and all the saints
who sang their lives to you,
we commend ourselves and our prayers to your unfailing love,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen

Blessing

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding,
keep our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

Amen.