

An abstract painting featuring a woman in a blue dress as the central figure. The woman is depicted with expressive, dark outlines and is surrounded by vibrant, layered brushstrokes in shades of blue, pink, yellow, and green. The background is a warm, textured wash of yellow and orange tones. The overall style is expressive and modern, with a focus on color and form over realistic detail.

SONGS
for the
SOJOURN

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Songs for the Sojourn

Congregational Study Journal for the Psalms of Ascents

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SONGS FOR THE SOJOURN

The Psalms of Ascents (Psalms 120-134) were songs that God's people sang as they sojourned to worship God in Jerusalem. As they sang them, they experienced a deep longing to worship God in Jerusalem.

The Psalms of Ascents are songs that we now sing as we sojourn to worship God in our eternal home. As we sing them, we experience a deep longing to be with God, perfectly worshipping him with a body that is free from sin's curse in a world that is without imperfection or end.

Their sojourn was a pilgrimage. Our sojourn is our life.

As we sing these songs in worship of God, we get to experience one of God's most precious gifts to his children—joy. As we sing them, we are reminded that there is joy in the journey, not just in the arrival.

As we sing these songs, we experience the blessing promised in Psalm 84:5: "Blessed are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion."

We invite you to join us at Christ the King as we engage with these songs for the sojourn through sickness, sorrow, pain, and death. We invite you to join us as we engage with these songs for the sojourn through health, happiness, comfort, and life.

We invite you to join us as we engage with these songs all the days of our lives.

THE STORY OF THE PSALMS OF ASCENTS

Joy in the Sojourn

Folk singer Michael Card wrote a song titled “Joy in the Journey.” In the song, Card describes the life of a follower of Christ as a journey—from their earthly home to their heavenly home. At one point in the song he sings:

To all who’ve been born of the Spirit
And who share incarnation with him;
Who belong to eternity, stranded in time,
And weary of struggling with sin.

Weariness on the Sojourn

In those few words, Card captures the reality of life for those who are true followers of Jesus. Though they were created to live in an eternal, perfect world, they are living in a temporary, broken world. And one result is they become weary in their struggle with sin: Sin’s curse on this broken world, the sin in others, and the sin in their own lives.

When they feel that weariness, God’s people often turn to God in worship. As they worship, God’s people are reminded of God’s hatred of sin, Jesus’ victory over sin, and the overcoming power Holy Spirit gives them in their struggles with sin and its present effects.

The Ancient Sojourn

In Ancient Israel, God’s temple in Jerusalem represented the center of worship for God’s people. They would travel to Jerusalem at set times throughout the year to worship God in there. They used those times—centered around liturgical feasts—to remember God’s work in the past, renew their commitment to him, and respond to his work with thanksgiving and obedience.

As they journeyed from their homes to Jerusalem, they became weary of struggling with sin, for they experienced the reality of sin. They experienced the reality of sin’s curse on the broken world (the journey was hard and dangerous). They experienced the reality of sin in others (those who worshiped other gods hated them). They experienced the reality of sin in their own lives (struggles with things like fear, pride, and self-doubt).

They longed to get to Jerusalem, to worship God in his temple. They didn’t, however, just wait to get to the temple to worship God. They worshiped God along the way. They found joy as they journeyed—even as *they struggled with sin*.

One of the ways they worshiped God was through song. The songs we have recorded in Psalms 120-130, often called the Songs or Psalms of Ascents, were some of the songs they sang on their journey.

THE STORY OF THE PSALMS

Context for the Songs

The Psalms of Ascents are just one small part of the larger book of Psalms. Many people know the Psalms. They are one of the most quoted portions of the Bible. They are also one of the most loved portions of the Bible.

One of the reasons is that the Psalms are full of emotions like joy and sorrow, fear and comfort, loss and restoration. In fact the Psalms are so full of emotional cries, John Calvin called the book of Psalms “an anatomy of all parts of the soul. For,” he added, “there is not an emotion of which any one can be conscious that is not here represented as in a mirror.”

The emotional affirmation often found in reading the Psalms is one of the reasons individual Psalms are so often quoted and so well loved. Whatever you are feeling, you can find that emotion mirrored in one of the Psalms.

But the book was never meant to *only* provide emotional affirmation. They do that, but they also do so much more. Each emotional expression is not only a place for self-centered reflection, it is also a place for God-centered reflection.

Which is why Psalms like the Psalms of Ascents are so helpful for our journey through life. These songs aren’t just a collection of poems that help us understand what we are feeling, or even help us figure out what is causing these feelings. They are a collection of poems, prayers, and hymns that help us understand things about who God is in the midst of our emotions.

The Challenge of the Songs

Emotions are a helpful way to engage with the Psalms. For they are one place we find a natural connection with what is written. To move beyond an emotional connection—to get to that who God is in the midst of these emotions part—is often difficult. For the Psalms are poems, written long ago by people living in a time and place that has little in common with us.

A STRATEGY FOR SINGING THE PSALMS

In order to engage with the Psalms, you must have a strategy for reading them. One suggested strategy is to resist, recognize, and remember as you read the Psalms.

First, resist the urge to arrive at a quick, easy solution. Allow yourself to be emotionally drawn into the poem in a way that you might not be drawn into prose. Read each Psalm slowly. Discover and dwell on the rich images in the Psalms, for the images are often what the poet uses to convey meaning.

Second, recognize that the Psalms were written for use in communal and private worship. They were songs God's people used to intimately and honestly express their love for God. They were songs God used to deepen his people's love for him. Therefore, as you read, pray, or even sing Psalms in worship of God, you use them as God's people have used them ever since they were written. So, though they are ancient, they always have had a very contemporary purpose: to worship the God of the universe.

Third, remember those who have read this book. The Psalms were written in Ancient Israel for Ancient Israel. So, each Psalm must be first read in light of that context. Sometimes that is easy; other times that is impossible to do without help. (Unless you happen to be an expert on Ancient Near Eastern culture.) A good study Bible (like *The ESV Study Bible*, www.esvstudybible.org) is often helpful in bridging the chronological and cultural gap.

It isn't just important to remember that Ancient Israelites read these Psalms, it's also important to remember that Jesus Christ read these Psalms. Jesus quoted the Psalms during his time on earth. Jesus prayed the Psalms during his time on earth. Jesus sang the Psalms during his time on earth. Even more, Jesus *lived* the Psalms during his time on earth.

So, as you read the Psalms of Ascents, consider how they might be read, prayed, and sung *by Jesus*. Consider how you can read, pray, and sing the Psalms *to Jesus*. And consider how you can read, pray, and sing the Psalms *about Jesus*.

The Psalms can inform and shape your worship. They can help you understand who God is and how God desires you relate to him through Jesus.

A STRATEGY FOR USING THIS BOOK

There is a real benefit to saturating yourself in a small portion of Scripture. It isn't the only way to study the Bible, but it is a beneficial way. The community at Christ the King Presbyterian Church will be saturating themselves in the Psalms of Ascents over Fall 2009 and Spring 2010.

This book was created to help you as you take an extended look at these Psalms. Each Psalm of Ascents is printed three times in this book, with blank pages opposite each Psalm. The pages are for your notes, your reflections on each Psalm as you study them individually (devotionally) and as a community (in corporate worship or with a smaller community like your community group, family, or small group of friends).

In addition, each Psalm is introduced with other Scriptures that may help you as you think about the Psalm. You will also find quotes throughout the book that may find helpful in your reflection.

Over the Fall and Spring, Christ the King will offer the opportunity to take an extended look at the Psalms of Ascents in our Sunday morning worship service, in our community groups, through dialogue with other members of the community, and through various resources on our website.

We invite you to join us on this sojourn as we join the communion of saints from all ages, worshiping God through these ancient songs.

PSALM 120

Deliver Me, O LORD

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called
sons of God.

Matthew 5:9

PSALM 120

A SONG OF ASCENTS.

¹In my distress I called to the LORD,
and he answered me.

²Deliver me, O LORD,
from lying lips,
from a deceitful tongue.

³What shall be given to you,
and what more shall be done to you,
you deceitful tongue?

⁴A warrior's sharp arrows,
with glowing coals of the broom tree!

⁵Woe to me, that I sojourn in Meshech,
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⁶Too long have I had my dwelling
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PSALM 121

My Help Comes from the LORD

Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything.

Luke 15:13-16

PSALM 121

A SONG OF ASCENTS.

- ¹ I lift up my eyes to the hills.
From where does my help come?
- ² My help comes from the LORD,
who made heaven and earth.
- ³ He will not let your foot be moved;
he who keeps you will not slumber.
- ⁴ Behold, he who keeps Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.
- ⁵ The LORD is your keeper;
the LORD is your shade on your right hand.
- ⁶ The sun shall not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night.
- ⁷ The Lord will keep you from all evil;
he will keep your life.
- ⁸ The Lord will keep
your going out and your coming in
from this time forth and forevermore.

Sermon Notes

Psalm 121, learned early and sung repeatedly in the walk with Christ, clearly defines the conditions under which we live out our discipleship – which, in a word, is God. Once we get this psalm in our hearts it will be impossible for us to gloomily suppose that being a Christian is an unending battle against ominous forces that any any moment may break through and overpower us.

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PSALM 122

Let Us Go to the House of the LORD

Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also.

John 14:1-3

PSALM 122

A SONG OF ASCENTS. OF DAVID.

- ¹ I was glad when they said to me,
“Let us go to the house of the LORD!”
- ² Our feet have been standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem!
- ³ Jerusalem— built as a city
that is bound firmly together,
⁴ to which the tribes go up,
the tribes of the LORD,
as was decreed for Israel,
to give thanks to the name of the LORD.
- ⁵ There thrones for judgment were set,
the thrones of the house of David.
- ⁶ Pray for the peace of Jerusalem!
“May they be secure who love you!
- ⁷ Peace be within your walls
and security within your towers!”
- ⁸ For my brothers and companions’ sake,
I will say, “Peace be within you!”
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PSALM 123

Our Eyes Look to the LORD our God

Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

Matthew 5:7

When he had washed their feet and put on his outer garments and resumed his place, he said to them, “Do you understand what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you. Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.”

John 13:12-17

PSALM 123

A SONG OF ASCENTS.

- ¹To you I lift up my eyes,
O you who are enthroned in the heavens!
- ²Behold, as the eyes of servants
look to the hand of their master,
as the eyes of a maidservant
to the hand of her mistress,
so our eyes look to the LORD our God,
till he has mercy upon us.
- ³Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy upon us,
for we have had more than enough of contempt.
- ⁴Our soul has had more than enough
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PSALM 124

Our Help Is in the Name of the LORD

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8:37-39

PSALM 124

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¹ If it had not been the LORD who was on our side—
let Israel now say—

² if it had not been the LORD who was on our side
when people rose up against us,

³ then they would have swallowed us up alive,
when their anger was kindled against us;

⁴ then the flood would have swept us away,
the torrent would have gone over us;

⁵ then over us would have gone
the raging waters.

⁶ Blessed be the LORD,
who has not given us
as prey to their teeth!

⁷ We have escaped like a bird
from the snare of the fowlers;
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PSALM 125

The LORD surrounds His People

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God...

Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees, and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint but rather be healed. Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord.

Hebrews 12:1-2, 12-14

PSALM 125

A SONG OF ASCENTS.

- ¹ Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion,
which cannot be moved, but abides forever.
- ² As the mountains surround Jerusalem,
so the LORD surrounds his people,
from this time forth and forevermore.
- ³ For the scepter of wickedness shall not rest
on the land allotted to the righteous,
lest the righteous stretch out
their hands to do wrong.
- ⁴ Do good, O LORD, to those who are good,
and to those who are upright in their hearts!
- ⁵ But those who turn aside to their crooked ways
the LORD will lead away with evildoers!
Peace be upon Israel!

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PSALM 126

Restore Our Fortunes, O LORD

For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore,
and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

Galatians 5:1

PSALM 126

A SONG OF ASCENTS.

¹ When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,
we were like those who dream.

² Then our mouth was filled with laughter,
and our tongue with shouts of joy;
then they said among the nations,
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³ The LORD has done great things for us;
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PSALM 127

Unless the LORD Builds the House

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

1 Peter 1:3-5

PSALM 127

A SONG OF ASCENTS. OF SOLOMON.

¹ Unless the LORD builds the house,
those who build it labor in vain.
Unless the LORD watches over the city,
the watchman stays awake in vain.

² It is in vain that you rise up early
and go late to rest,
eating the bread of anxious toil;
for he gives to his beloved sleep.

³ Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD,
the fruit of the womb a reward.

⁴ Like arrows in the hand of a warrior
are the children of one's youth.

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PSALM 128

Blessed Is Everyone Who Feels the LORD

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

Romans 15:13

I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth.

3 John 4

PSALM 128

A SONG OF ASCENTS.

- ¹ Blessed is everyone who fears the LORD,
who walks in his ways!
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- ³ Your wife will be like a fruitful vine
within your house;
your children will be like olive shoots
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May you see the prosperity of Jerusalem
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They Have Afflicted Me from My Youth

Five times I received at the hands of the Jews the forty lashes less one. Three times I was beaten with rods. Once I was stoned. Three times I was shipwrecked; a night and a day I was adrift at sea; on frequent journeys, in danger from rivers, danger from robbers, danger from my own people, danger from Gentiles, danger in the city, danger in the wilderness, danger at sea, danger from false brothers; in toil and hardship, through many a sleepless night, in hunger and thirst, often without food, in cold and exposure. And, apart from other things, there is the daily pressure on me of my anxiety for all the churches. Who is weak, and I am not weak? Who is made to fall, and I am not indignant?

2 Corinthians 11:24-29

PSALM 129

A SONG OF ASCENTS.

- ¹ “Greatly have they afflicted me from my youth”—
let Israel now say—
- ² “Greatly have they afflicted me from my youth,
yet they have not prevailed against me.
- ³ The plowers plowed upon my back;
they made long their furrows.”
- ⁴ The LORD is righteous;
he has cut the cords of the wicked.
- ⁵ May all who hate Zion
be put to shame and turned backward!
- ⁶ Let them be like the grass on the housetops,
which withers before it grows up,
- ⁷ with which the reaper does not fill his hand
nor the binder of sheaves his arms,
- ⁸ nor do those who pass by say,
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PSALM 130

My Soul Waits for the LORD

For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Romans 8:18-25

PSALM 130

A SONG OF ASCENTS.

¹ Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD!

² O Lord, hear my voice!

Let your ears be attentive
to the voice of my pleas for mercy!

³ If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities,
O LORD, who could stand?

⁴ But with you there is forgiveness,
that you may be feared.

⁵ I wait for the LORD, my soul waits,
and in his word I hope;

⁶ my soul waits for the LORD
more than watchmen for the morning,
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⁷ O Israel, hope in the LORD!

For with the LORD there is steadfast love,
and with him is plentiful redemption.

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Devotional Notes

The Psalm does not exhort us to put up with suffering; it does not explain it or explain it away. It is, rather, a powerful demonstration that our place in the depths is not out of bounds from God. We see that whatever or whoever got us in trouble cannot separate us from God... We are persuaded that God's way with us is redemption and that the redemption, not the suffering, is ultimate.

PSALM 131

I Have Calmed and Quieted My Soul

I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.

John 15:1-5

PSALM 131

A SONG OF ASCENTS. OF DAVID.

¹O LORD, my heart is not lifted up;

my eyes are not raised too high;

I do not occupy myself with things

too great and too marvelous for me.

²But I have calmed and quieted my soul,

like a weaned child with its mother;

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PSALM 132

The LORD Has Chosen Zion

And they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and he sat on it. And many spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. And those who went before and those who followed were shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest!" And he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple. And when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

Mark 11:7-11

PSALM 132

A SONG OF ASCENTS.

- ¹ Remember, O LORD, in David's favor,
all the hardships he endured,
² how he swore to the LORD
and vowed to the Mighty One of Jacob,
³ "I will not enter my house
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⁴ I will not give sleep to my eyes
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⁵ until I find a place for the LORD,
a dwelling place for the Mighty One of Jacob."
- ⁶ Behold, we heard of it in Ephrathah;
we found it in the fields of Jaar.
⁷ "Let us go to his dwelling place;
let us worship at his footstool!"
- ⁸ Arise, O LORD, and go to your resting place,
you and the ark of your might.
⁹ Let your priests be clothed with righteousness,
and let your saints shout for joy.
¹⁰ For the sake of your servant David,
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- ¹¹ The LORD swore to David a sure oath
from which he will not turn back:
"One of the sons of your body
I will set on your throne.
¹² If your sons keep my covenant
and my testimonies that I shall teach them,
their sons also forever
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- ¹³ For the LORD has chosen Zion;
he has desired it for his dwelling place:
¹⁴ "This is my resting place forever;
here I will dwell, for I have desired it.
¹⁵ I will abundantly bless her provisions;
I will satisfy her poor with bread.
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PSALM 133

When Brothers Dwell in Unity

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Ephesians 3:14-19

PSALM 133

A SONG OF ASCENTS. OF DAVID.

¹ Behold, how good and pleasant it is
when brothers dwell in unity!
² It is like the precious oil on the head,
running down on the beard,
on the beard of Aaron,
running down on the collar of his robes!
³ It is like the dew of Hermon,
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For there the LORD has commanded the blessing,
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PSALM 134

Come, Bless the LORD

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

Numbers 6:24-26

The first question in the Westminster Shorter Catechism is “What is the chief end of man?” What is the final purpose? What is the main thing about us? Where are we going, and what will we do when we get there? The answer is “To glorify God and enjoy him forever.”

Eugene Peterson

PSALM 134

A SONG OF ASCENTS.

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who stand by night in the house of the LORD!

² Lift up your hands to the holy place
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³ May the LORD bless you from Zion,
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