

Sing to God

Gathering Prayer

Lord,

we declare that we have reasons to sing today!

We sing to praise your character and your deeds.

You melt your enemies.

You are Father to the fatherless,

a home for the homeless,

and a family for the lonely.

You are freedom for the prisoners.

We remember your faithfulness to us through our trials,

and the abundant promises you have already fulfilled.

We cannot keep this to ourselves!

We tell everyone about your power, might, and strength.

You are holy. We sing in your presence!

Amen.

Hymn

Sing praise to God who reigns

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Text for today: “Let God rise up, let his enemies be scattered; let those who hate him flee before him. As smoke is driven away, so drive them away; as wax melts before the fire, let the wicked perish before God. But let the righteous be joyful; let them exult before God; let them be jubilant with joy. Sing to God, sing praises to his name; *lift up a song* to him who rides upon the clouds—his name is the LORD—be exultant before him. . . . Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; sing praises to the Lord, O rider in the heavens, the ancient heavens; listen, he sends out his voice, his mighty voice. Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over Israel; and whose power is in the skies. Awesome is God in his sanctuary, the God of Israel; he gives power and strength to his people. Blessed be God!” (Psalm 68:1-4, 32-35, *NRSV*). **Bible readings for today:** Acts 1:6-14; Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35 (4); 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11; John 17:1-11.