

## Sunday, April 30, 2023

### INVITATION:

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory.” (Isa. 6:3)

*Pause and slow your breath before entering into prayer.*

### BIBLE SONG: Psalm 28:1-2, 6-7

To you, LORD, I call;

you are my Rock,  
do not turn a deaf ear to me.

For if you remain silent,

I will be like those who go down to the pit.

Hear my cry for mercy

as I call to you for help,

as I lift up my hands

toward your Most Holy Place. ...

Praise be to the LORD,

for he has heard my cry for mercy.

The LORD is my strength and my shield;

my heart trusts in him, and he helps me.

My heart leaps for joy,

and with my song I praise him.

### PRAYER:

Do I find myself swayed by public opinion? Influenced by those whose viewpoint does not line up with the values and culture of God’s rule and reign?

Lord, I repent for the times I have blindly followed the crowd. Please help me to be discerning, and give me the courage to be the voice of dissent, if and when that is needed.

Lord, I pray for the media in Canada – for journalists and editors. I pray that they would report fairly and impartially, and not be swayed by public opinion or unrighteous motives.

Lord, it is so easy to get swept up with the crowd. I yield to You my ears and eyes – to hear and to see what You hear and see. I yield my mind and my heart, to think and to feel what You do. May I do Your will always.<sup>7</sup>

*Pause and listen for what God is saying to you.*

**INTERCESSION:**

\*for Pastor Elizabeth as she leads Hebron for a season

\*for social workers and others in helping professions

\*for the people of Algeria as they continue to face insecurity because of terrorist insurgency

*What else do you want to talk to God about?*

*How is God inviting you to respond?*

**BLESSING:**

God's love surround you, God's Spirit guide you,  
God's whisper cheer you, God's peace calm you,  
God's shield protect you, God's wisdom arm you,  
wherever God may lead you. Amen.<sup>5</sup>