## Psalm 98

Tune: WARRENTON, alt. (Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing)



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Advent; Folk Tunes; Joy; Justice; Praise & Worship TOPICS: LEAD-IN: Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things; his right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him. Let the sea resound, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it. Let the rivers clap their hands, let the mountains sing together for joy; let them sing before the Lord, for He comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world in righteousness, and the peoples with equity. (Psalm 98:1, 7-9, NIV) LEAD-IN DEVOTIONAL READING: Reflection on Psalm 98 From the very beginning, God has longed to be with His people. From the garden to the wilderness, from the tabernacle to the temple, God has burned with the desire to live among His people and be their God in the fullest possible sense. He planned it. He promised it, and in His absolute sovereignty, He determined that it would be so. He came onceto become one of us and to give His own life to rescue us. And He left only to pour out His Spirit on us and to prepare for our full, eternal union with Him. The same sovereign love that caused Him to come once is bringing Him back. He has promised, and He yearns for us with the heart of a Father. Nothing can keep Him away. Nothing. All His people, all the nations, all creation, rejoice!

Stay ready! Wait expectantly!

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coming!