

Psalm 65

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## Why learn to thank and praise God?

- 1. Cultivates personal contentment and God-centredness.
- 2. Cultivates communal sense of God's fingerprint.



### Psalm 65.1-4

- <sup>1</sup> Praise awaits you, our God, in Zion; to you our vows will be fulfilled.
- <sup>2</sup> You who answer prayer, to you all people will come.
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# 1. Praise God who answers and forgives

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### Psalm 65.5-8

- <sup>5</sup> You answer us with awesome and righteous deeds, God our Savior,
- the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas,
- <sup>6</sup> who formed the mountains by your power, having armed yourself with strength,
- <sup>7</sup> who stilled the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, and the turmoil of the nations.
- <sup>8</sup>The whole earth is filled with awe at your wonders; where morning dawns, where evening fades, you call forth songs of joy.



## 2. Praise God who creates and commands

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### Psalm 65.9-13

<sup>9</sup> You care for the land and water it; you enrich it abundantly.

The streams of God are filled with water to provide the people with grain, for so you have ordained it.

- <sup>10</sup> You drench its furrows and level its ridges; you soften it with showers and bless its crops.
- <sup>11</sup> You crown the year with your bounty, and your carts overflow with abundance.
- <sup>12</sup> The grasslands of the wilderness overflow; the hills are clothed with gladness.
- <sup>13</sup> The meadows are covered with flocks and the valleys are mantled with grain; they shout for joy and sing.



# 3. Praise God who cares and provides

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### **Reflection and Testimonies**

- 1. How have you experienced his forgiveness, presence and grace in special ways this year?
- 2. How have you experience the power and protection of God wrt his creation and command of nature?
- 3. How have you tasted the care and provision of God?

- What else would you praise God for in 2022?
- Praising God as a church for 2022
- Praising God for the past 65 years