

1292
1593
1810

Midday Prayer - 878
25.10.82
13.10.86
9.10.89

Gloria be to Father [Barson]

I have wanted
(Breaking of Bread
16)

The O.T. story of the Flood has its counterparts in other places too, other histories and cultures: and one of them is behind the festival day, that HK is observing today, Ch'ung Yuen, in the Chinese lunar calendar. It's a day for climbing to high places, mountains and hills ---- in the way that people fled (and still do) from the rising waters of a flood. Being a public holiday, today's also become an occasion for outings and picnics, not only to cemeteries and ancestral graves in pilgrimages of piety. So, even if the religious aspects of the day have diminished or are being lost, its ritual seems to remain. Let us then pray today that this day may be a refreshment and re-creation of spirit for everyone who goes out to fulfill filial piety, and for those who simply go to enjoy the hills and the beauty that God has made: may they in some way find there the inspiration and the presence of God Himself. A hymn, now, for this holiday day: "There's a wisdom in God's mercy"

MUSIC [Love Divine 10]

PRAYER (Ps 120)

Another song, in contrast now, "Song of the City"

MUSIC [Cantata from our exile 24]

PRAYER [Dress p 165]

BLESSINGS [God is our rock p 34]

And for a final hymn now, "Cantata of the Sun" by Marty Haugen. [With Open Hands 16] today. ^{from} the traditional "Beatitudes", sung in the Orthodox liturgy