



Lord's Day Service

At Church of the King on October 1st, 2023

The 18th Sunday of Ordinary Time

"Jesus said, "If you love Me, keep My commandments." John 14:15

Call to Worship: Where God Calls Us Into His Presence

Hear Today's Call to Worship from God's Word: [congregation standing]

"The hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship Him. God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in Spirit and in truth." John 4:23,24 **Come Worship the Father, Son and Holy Spirit!**

God's People Respond With a Hymn of Adoration: [based on Psalm 145:10]

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| O worship the King all glorious above, | All hail to the King, in splendor enthroned. |
| O gratefully sing his power and His love. | Glad praises we bring, Thy wonders made known; |
| Our shield and defender, the ancient of days, | Returning victorious great conqueror of sin, |
| Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise. | King Jesus, all glorious, our victory will win. |

Salutation and Response: [based on Matthew 28:19, Ruth 2:4 and John 3:16]

In the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit

Amen!

Jehovah be with you!

And also with you!

For God so loved the world,

That He gave His only begotten Son.

That whoever believes in Him

Should not perish but have everlasting life!

Confession of Sins: Where God Cleanses Us In Christ

"For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed." John 3:20

The Call for Confession from God's Word:

[congregation standing]

"Jesus rose from supper and laid aside His garments, took a towel and girded Himself. After that, He poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel with which He was girded. Then He came to Simon Peter. And Peter said to Him, "Lord, are You washing my feet?" Jesus answered and said to him, "What I am doing you do not understand now, but you will know after this." Peter said to Him, "You shall never wash my feet!" Jesus answered him, "If I do not wash you, you have no part with Me." Simon Peter said to Him, "Lord, not my feet only, but also my hands and my head!" Jesus said to him, "He who is bathed needs only to wash his feet, but is completely clean; and you are clean. John 13:4-12a

God's People sing our Hymn of Confession:

[congregation standing]

Holy Father, Hear My Cry

Horatius Bonar, 1843

Gregory D. Wilbur, 2010

The musical score is written in 3/4 time and consists of two systems. The first system has a treble clef and a bass clef. The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The key signature has one flat (Bb). The first system has 10 measures. The second system has 10 measures. The lyrics are written below the melody.

1. Ho - ly Fa - ther, hear my cry; Ho - ly Sav - ior, bend Thine ear;
2. Fa - ther, save me from my sin; Sav - ior, I Thy mer - cy crave;
3. Fa - ther, let me taste Thy love; Sav - ior, fill my soul with peace;
4. Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it— Thou One Je - ho - vah, shed a - broad

Ho - ly Spir - it, come Thou nigh; Fa - ther, Sav - ior, Spir - it, hear.
Gra - cious Spir - it, make me clean: Fa - ther, Sav - ior, Spir - it, save.
Spir - it, come my heart to move: Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it, bless.
All Thy grace with - in me now; Be my Fa - ther and my God.

Silent Confession:

"Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water." John 7:37b-38

Those who are willing and able are invited to kneel for our time of confession.

Corporate Prayer of Confession:

We confess to Almighty God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and before all the company of heaven, that we have sinned, in thought, word and deed, through our fault, our own fault, our own most grievous fault; wherefore, we pray Almighty God to have mercy upon us, to forgive us all our sins, and to make clean our hearts. For we pray in the Father's love, pleading the shed blood of Christ His Son, through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Arise and Receive the Assurance of Pardon & Forgiveness

“Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, “If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. “And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.” They answered Him, “We are Abraham's descendants, and have never been in bondage to anyone. How *can* You say, ‘You will be made free?’” Jesus answered them, “Most assuredly, I say to you, whoever commits sin is a slave of sin. “And a slave does not abide in the house forever, *but* a son abides forever. “Therefore, if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed.” John 8:31-36

Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for our sins and to be raised for our justification; and for His sake forgives us all our sins. This I declare in the name and authority of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Having confessed our sins with faith in the completed work of Christ on our behalf, we are forgiven; we have been cleansed and clothed in the righteousness of Jesus. And not only that, we are now **in** Christ and **in** Him we are in the heavenly places, in the very midst of the blessed Trinity with the Saints of all the ages, from every tongue, tribe and nation prepared to worship in the beauty of holiness. **Come, let us worship the Lord!**

Come Bless the Father:

Come bless the Fath - er, all you ser - vants of the Son, who stand by the Spir - it in the
House of the Lord. Lift up your hands to the Ho - ly Place and bless your God.
May the Lord _____ bless you from Zi - on, He Who made hea - ven and earth. _____

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them up un - to the Lord!

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God!

It is pro - per and right to do so.

Truly it is proper and right that we should at all times and in all places give praise to you O Lord, so with the angels and all the company of heaven and with the Church on earth, we praise and magnify your glorious Name, evermore praising you & singing:

God's People Sing a Hymn of Thanks:

[congregation standing]

"And they sang a new song, saying: "You are worthy to take the scroll, And to open its seals; for You were slain, And have redeemed us to God by Your blood Out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation," Revelation 5:9

O Lord, By Thee Delivered

From PSALM 30
The Psalter, 1912

ELLACOMBE C. M. D.
Württemberg Gesangbuch, 1784

1. O Lord, by thee de - liv - ered, I thee with songs ex - tol;
2. His ho - ly Name re - mem - ber, Ye saints, Je - ho - vah praise;
3. In pros - p'rous days I boast - ed, Un - moved I shall re - main,
4. What prof - it if I per - ish, If life thou dost not spare?
5. My grief is turned to glad - ness, To thee my thanks I raise,

My foes thou hast not suf - fered To glo - ry o'er my fall.
His an - ger lasts a mo - ment, His fa - vor all our days;
For, Lord, by thy good fa - vor My cause thou didst main - tain;
Shall dust re - peat thy prais - es, Shall it thy truth de - clare?
Who hast re - moved my sor - row And gird - ed me with praise;

O Lord, my God, I sought thee, And thou didst heal and save;
For sor - row, like a pil - grim, May tar - ry for a night,
I soon was sore - ly trou - bled, For thou didst hide thy face;
O Lord, on me have mer - cy, And my pe - ti - tion hear;
And now, no long - er si - lent, My heart thy praise will sing;

Thou, Lord, from death didst ran - som And keep me from the grave.
But joy the heart will glad - den When dawns the morn - ing light.
I cried to thee, Je - ho - vah, I sought Je - ho - vah's grace.
That thou mayst be my help - er, In mer - cy, Lord, ap - pear.
O Lord, my God, for ev - er My thanks to thee I bring. A - MEN.

Consecration: Where God Equips & Prepares His People

Jesus spoke these words, lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said: “Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You, as You have given Him authority over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as You have given Him. “And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent. “I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do. “And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was. John 17:1-5

THE LORD CONSECRATES US BY HIS WORD John 6:26-58 Bread from Heaven 2 pages

[6:26] [Jesus speaking]“Most assuredly, I say to you, you seek Me, not because you saw the signs, but because you ate of the loaves and were filled.

“Do not labor for the food which perishes, but for the food which endures to everlasting life, which the Son of Man will give you, because God the Father has set His seal on Him.”

Then they said to Him, “What shall we do, that we may work the works of God?”

Jesus answered and said to them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He sent.”

Therefore they said to Him, “What sign will You perform then, that we may see it and believe You? What work will You do? “Our fathers ate the manna in the desert; as it is written, *‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’*”

Then Jesus said to them, “Most assuredly, I say to you, Moses did not give you the bread from heaven, but My Father gives you the true bread from heaven. “For the bread of God is He who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.”

Then they said to Him, “Lord, give us this bread always.”

And Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst. “But I said to you that you have seen Me and yet do not believe. “All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will by no means cast out.

“For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me.

“This is the will of the Father who sent Me, that of all He has given Me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up at the last day. “And this is the will of Him who sent Me, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in Him may have everlasting life; and I will raise him up at the last day.”

The Jews then complained about Him, because He said, “I am the bread which came down from heaven.”

And they said, “Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How is it then that He says, ‘I have come down from heaven’?”

Jesus therefore answered and said to them, “Do not murmur among yourselves. “No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up at the last day. “It is written in the prophets, *‘And they shall all be taught by God.’* Therefore everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to Me.

“Not that anyone has seen the Father, except He who is from God; He has seen the Father. “Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me has everlasting life. “I am the bread of life.

“Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and are dead. “This is the bread which comes down from heaven, that one may eat of it and not die.

“I am the living bread which came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever; and the bread that I shall give is My flesh, which I shall give for the life of the world.”

The Jews therefore quarreled among themselves, saying, "How can this Man give us *His* flesh to eat?"

Then Jesus said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in you.

"Whoever eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day.

"For My flesh is food indeed, and My blood is drink indeed. "He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood abides in Me, and I in him. "As the living Father sent Me, and I live because of the Father, so he who feeds on Me will live because of Me.

"This is the bread which came down from heaven—not as your fathers ate the manna, and are dead. He who eats this bread will live forever."

God's People Sing a Hymn of Response:

[congregation standing]

O Food of Men Wayfaring

NE VEUILLES PAS, Ô SIRE [O ESCA VIATORUM] (7 7 6. 7 7 6)
Genevan Psalter, 1542
harm. Claude Goudimel, 1564; alt.

Latin, 1661
tr. Athelstan Riley, 1906; alt.

1. O Food of men way - far - - - ing, The bread of
2. O stream of love past tell - - - ing, O pur - est
3. O Je - sus, by Thee bid - - - den, We here pro -

an - gels shar - ing, O Man - na from on high!
foun - tain, well - ing From out the Sav - ior's side!
claim Thee, hid - den Through forms of bread and wine.

We hun - ger; Lord, sup - ply us, Nor Thy
We faint with thirst; re - vive us, Of Thine
Grant when the veil is riv - en, We may

de - lights de - ny us, Whose hearts to Thee draw nigh.
a - bun - dance give us, And all we need pro - vide.
be - hold, in hea - ven, Thy coun - te - nance di - vine.

“True Greatness”

From **Pastor Deonte Walters**

Based on **Mark 10:35-45**

God’s People Sing a Hymn of Response:

[congregation standing]

That Man Is Blest Who, Fearing God

Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked. Ps. 1:1

1. That man is blest who, fear - ing God, from
2. Yea, blest is he who makes God’s law his
3. That man is nour - ished like a tree set
4. The wick - ed like the driv - en chaff are
5. The Lord will guard the righ - teous well, their

sin - re - strains his feet, who will not stand with
por - tion and de - light, and med - i - tates up -
• by the riv - ers’ side; its leaf is green, its
swept from off the land; they shall not gath - er
way to him is known; the way of sin - ners,

wick - ed men, who shuns the scorn - ers’ seat.
on that law with glad - ness day and night.
• fruit is sure, and thus his works a - bide.
with the just, nor in the judg - ment stand.
far from God, shall sure - ly be o’er - thrown.

The Heidelberg Catechism – Holding forth faith in Jesus Christ as our only comfort in life and in death, we read responsively the weekly questions from the Heidelberg Catechism as a personal and eloquent reminder of what we must know to live and die in that comfort. Lord’s Day 40

105. What does God require in the sixth commandment?

That I do not revile, hate, insult, or kill my neighbor either in thought, word, or gesture, much less in deed, whether by myself or by another,[1] but lay aside all desire of revenge;[2] moreover, that I do not harm myself, nor willfully run into any danger.[3] Wherefore also to restrain murder the magistrate is armed with the sword.[4] [1] Matt. 5:21–22; 26:52; Gen. 9:6. [2] Eph. 4:26; Rom. 1:19; Matt. 5:25; 18:35. [3] Matt. 4:7; Rom. 13:14; Col. 2:23 [4] Ex. 21:14; *Matt. 18:6–7.

106. Does this commandment speak only of killing?

No, but in forbidding murder God teaches us that He abhors its very root, namely, envy,[1] hatred,[2] anger,[3] and desire of revenge; and that in His sight all these are hidden murder.[4] [1] Rom. 1:28–32. [2] 1 Jn. 2:9–11. [3] Jas. 2:13; Gal. 5:19–21. [4] 1 Jn. 3:15 *Jas. 3:16; *1:19.

107. But is this all that is required: that we do not kill our neighbor?

No, for in condemning envy, hatred, and anger, God requires us to love our neighbor as ourselves,[1] to show patience, peace, meekness,[2] mercy,[3] and kindness [4] toward him, and to prevent his hurt as much as possible;[5] also, to do good even unto our enemies.[6] [1] Matt. 7:12; 22:39. [2] Eph. 4:2; Gal. 6:1–2; Rom. 12:18. [3] Matt. 5:7; Lk. 6:36. [4] Rom. 12:10. [5] Ex. 23:5. [6] Matt. 5:44–45; Rom. 12:20–21; *Col. 3:12–14; *Matt. 5:9.

God Receives Our Tithes and Gifts as a Tribute Offering: [read in unison]

“Then Mary took a pound of very costly oil of spikenard, anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped His feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the oil. Then one of His disciples, Judas Iscariot, Simon’s son, who would betray Him, said, “Why was this fragrant oil not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?” This he said, not that he cared for the poor, but because he was a thief, and had the money box; and he used to take what was put in it. But Jesus said, “Let her alone; she has kept this for the day of My burial. For the poor you have with you always, but Me you do not have always.” *John 12:3-8*

Presenting Our Tithes and Offerings:

With the singing of Psalm 27:4-5 & the Doxology

Words composed by Brenda Fisher

**1: One thing from God have I desired, 2: In troubled times He makes me hide.
That in His house I may inquire, He hides me secretly inside.
So on His beauty I may gaze. Within His tabernacle home,
I seek to dwell there all my days. He sets me high upon a stone.**

**3: Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.**

The Great Prayer, Concluding with the Lord’s Prayer:

“Jehovah has heard my supplication; Jehovah will receive my prayer.” Psalm 6:9

Communion: Where God Communes With His People

Preparation for Communion: Congregation of the Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord has prepared His table for all who love and trust Him for their salvation. All those who have repented of their sins, have been baptized in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and are not under discipline from Christ’s Church are welcome at this table. For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as our Lord our God will call.

Our Confession of Faith - The Apostle's Creed [sung with music by Amber Bartels]

Piano

I be - lieve in God the Fa - ther Al - migh - ty, Ma - ker of hea - ven and earth;

8
And in Je - sus Christ, His on - ly be - got - ten Son, our Lord; Who was con - ceived by the

16
Ho - ly Spi - rit, born of the vir - gin - Ma - ry, Suf - fered un - der Pon - tius

25
Pi - late, was cru - ci - fied, dead and bur - ied; He de - scend - ed in - to

35
hell, the third day He rose a - gain from the dead; He as - cend - ed in - to

43
heav - en, and sit - teth at the right hand of God the Fath - er Al - migh - ty; From

52
thence He shall come to judge the liv - ing and the dead. I be - lieve in the Ho - ly Spi - rit,

60
I be - lieve a ho - ly cath - olic Church, the com - mun - ion of saints, the for - give - ness of sins; the

70
re - sur - rec - tion of the bo - dy, and the life ev - er - last - ing. A - men.

THE LORD COMMUNES WITH US AT HIS TABLE: (Peace Offering, Gift of Life)

A Word of Encouragement -- Giving of Thanks -- Breaking of the Bread

God's People Sing a Hymn of Thanks and Celebration:

(Sung as a representative of each family comes forward to receive their bread and wine)

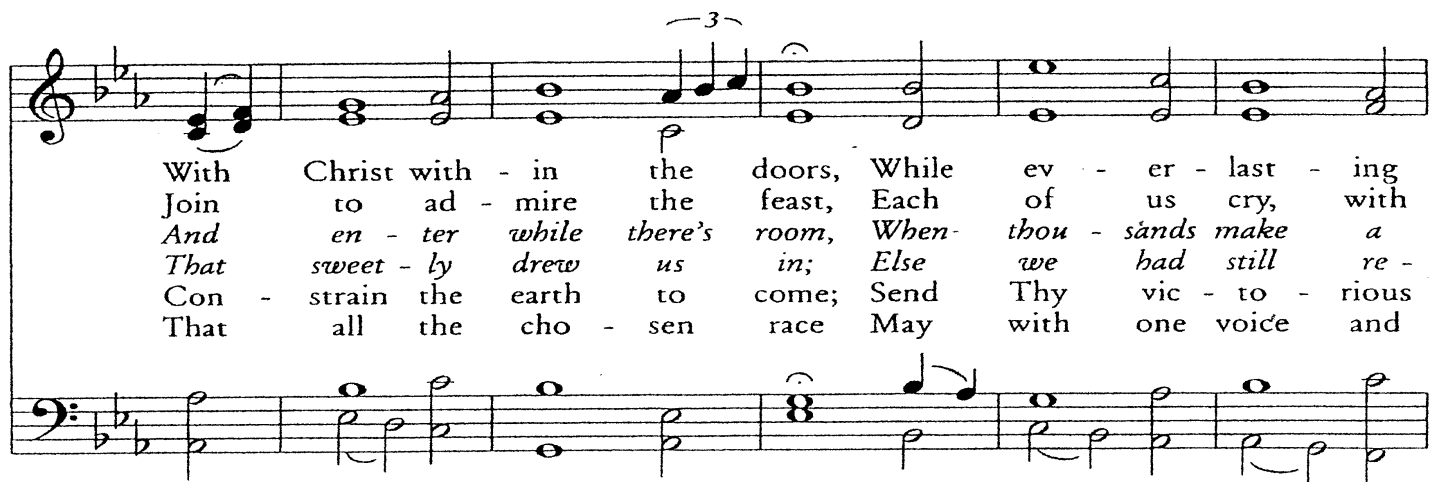
How Sweet and Awful Is the Place

ST. COLUMBA (C.M.)
Old Irish hymn melody

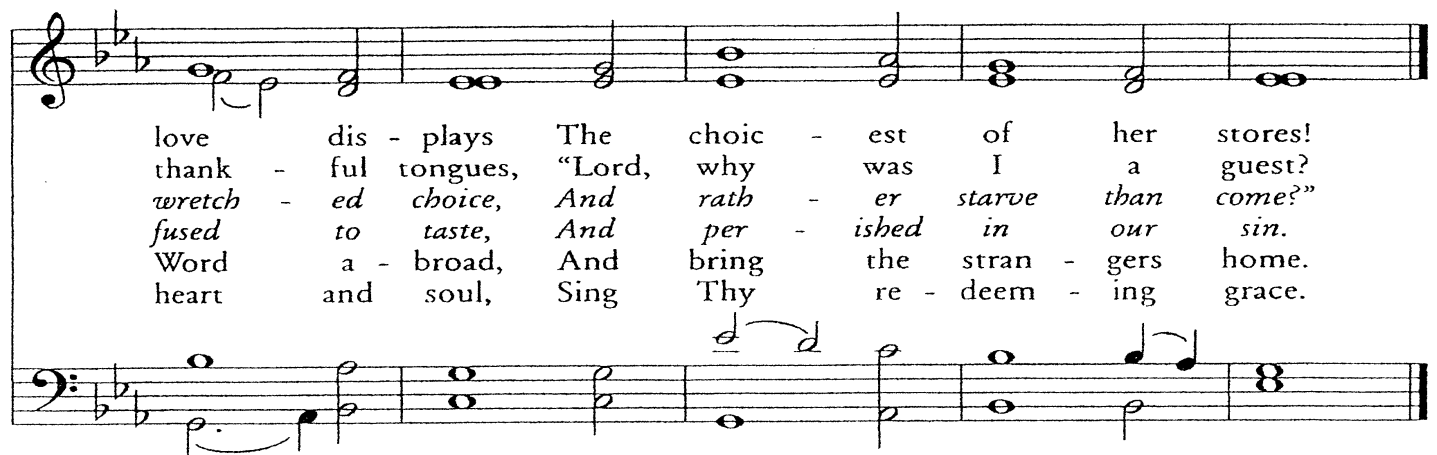
Isaac Watts, *Hymns and Sacred Songs*, 1707



1. How sweet and awful is the place
2. While all our hearts and all our songs
3. "Why was I made to hear Thy voice,
4. 'Twas the same love that spread the feast
5. Pit - y the na - tions, O our God!
6. We long to see Thy church - es full,



With Christ with - in the doors, While ev - er - last - ing
Join to ad - mire the feast, Each of us cry, with
And en - ter while there's room, When - thou - sands make a
That sweet - ly drew us in; Else we had still re -
Con - strain the earth to come; Send Thy vic - to - rious
That all the cho - sen race May with one voice and



love dis - plays The choic - est of her stores!
thank - ful tongues, "Lord, why was I a guest?
wretch - ed choice, And rath - er starve than come?"
fused to taste, And per - ished in our sin.
Word a - broad, And bring the stran - gers home.
heart and soul, Sing Thy re - deem - ing grace.

Feasting At The Lord's Table: A simple act of obedience on the 1st day of a new Week

Partaking of the Bread Together -- Giving Thanks -- Partaking of the Wine

"For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes." 1 Corinthians 11:26

Commissioning: Where God Sends Out His People

"When they saw Him, they worshiped Him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen". [Matthew 28:17-20]

God's People Respond With Singing:

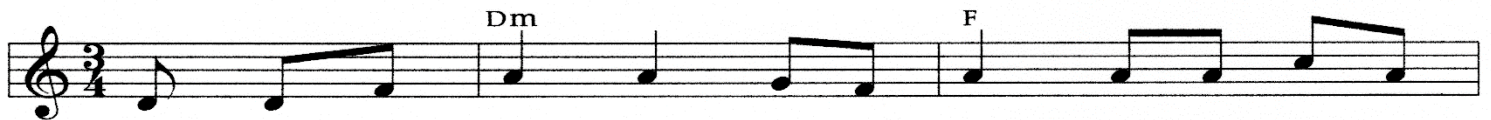
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LORD, God of Vengeance, Our Defender

From Psalm 94

Jamie Soles, 2018

Walter van der Kamp & William Helder



1. LORD, God of ven - geance, our de - fend - er, in right - eous -
2. You fools who lack all com - pre - hen - sion, mark these my
3. God will not leave His own for - sak - en; His love is



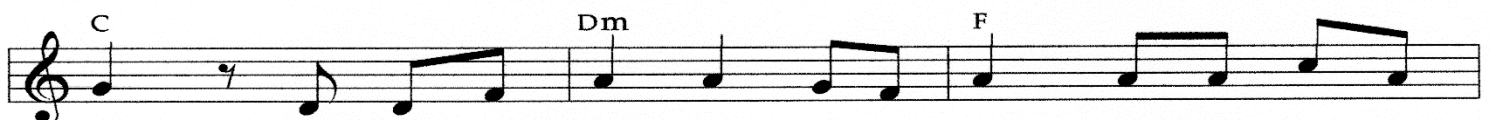
ness your judg - ment ren - der! Rise up, O Judge of all the
words and pay at - ten - tion. When will you sense - less ones be
stead - fast, nev - er shak - en. His peo - ple He a - gain will



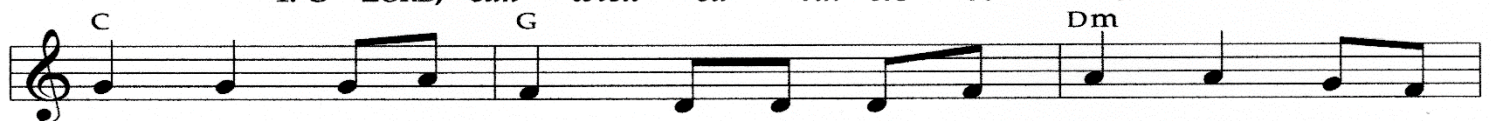
earth; Re - veal Your just - ice and shine forth! Give to the
wise? Does He who fash - ioned ears and eyes Not have the
bless With judg - ment based on right - eous - ness, And all who



proud their just re - ward. How long must we still wait, O
pow'r to see and hear? Is He not one whom you should
have an up - right heart Will give His just - ice their sup -



LORD? How long yet will the e - vil - do - er ex - ult and
fear? Does He who dis - cip - lines the na - tions not see your
port. Who will, when wick - ed men at - tack me, be on my
4. O LORD, can wick - ed rul - ers ev - er serve You as



rev - el in his pow - er? Hear how the wick - ed boast a -
sins and prov - o - ca - tions? Does He who teach - es all man -
side, stand up and back me? Who will de - fend me in the
al - lies, gain Your fav - or? They frame their mis - chief by de -



loud; Of all their mis - deeds they are proud. They crush Your
 kind Not probe the depths of ev - ery mind? The LORD well
 strife When foes con - spire to seek my life? With - out God's
 cree And make of laws a mock - er - y. They band to -



peo - ple in their rage, And they op - press Your her - i -
 knows that in the end, Your thoughts are but a puff of
 help I soon would have my dwell - ing in the si - lent
 geth - er and con - sent to put to death the in - no -



tage. When will you come as our a - veng - er? They slay the
 wind. Blest is the man by You in - struct - ed and by your
 grave. When I cried out, "My foot is slip - ping," You were at
 cent. The LORD is my de - fense and shel - ter, my God the



wid - ow and the strang - er and put to death the fath - er -
 dis - cip - line cor - rect - ed: the one to whom You teach Your
 hand for my safe - keep - ing, and in my great anx - i - e -
 Rock that will not fal - ter. Our en - e - mies He will re -



less; The poor and help - less they op - press. They say, "The
 ways To grant re - lief in troub - led days, Till for the
 ty Your stead - fast love sup - port - ed me. When - ev - er
 quite For what was wick - ed in His sight. All e - vil -



LORD, He does not see. The God of Jac - ob, where is
 wick - ed, one and all, A pit is dug in which they
 I on You would call, Your con - so - la - tion cheered my
 do - ers He will rout; The LORD our God will wipe them



He? The God of Jac - ob, where is He?"
 fall. A pit is dug in which they fall.
 soul. Your con - so - la - tion cheered my soul.
 out. The LORD our God will wipe them out.

God Blesses His People – The Benediction:

[congregation standing]

*Then Aaron lifted up his hands toward the people and blessed them,
and he came down from offering the sin offering and the burnt offering and the peace offerings. Leviticus 9:22*

“And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. And from His fullness we have all received, grace upon grace!”

“The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.” John 1:14,16; 2 Cor 13:14

God’s People Depart to Serve the Risen & Reigning Savior by Singing:

Simeon’s Prayer & the Gloria Patri

Lord, now let-test Thou Thy ser-vant de-part in peace, ac-cord-ing to Thy Word:

For mine eyes have seen Thy sal-va-tion, Which Thou hast pre-pared be-fore the face of all peo-ple;

A light to ligh-ten the Gen-tiles, and the glo-ry of Thy peo-ple is - - ra-el.

-- With Lifted Hands --

Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Ghost;

as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

October 1st, 2023

Church of the King

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~Worship begins promptly at 1:00 p.m. ~ Today's pulpit supply ~ Pastor Deonte Walters ~

PRAYER REQUESTS

- For all who claim the Name of Jesus, that we would live in a manner worthy of our calling, serving one another to the glory of God. May we be humble in all our interactions, having patience & bearing with one another in love, uniting in the bond of our Savior, worshipping Him in spirit & in truth, seeking His face in prayer, & faithfully studying His Word.
- For our expectant mothers, Claire Smith, Sarah Sifford, Cindy Kendrick, & Robin Ferguson, that their babies would continue to grow healthy & strong, & for renewed energy & strength for all of the mothers in our midst.
- For our families who are seeking to move, that our Lord would provide for their needs.
- For all who are dealing with illness, injury, other health issues, grief, or personal trials, that our Lord would grant patience, healing, wisdom, comfort, & trust in the perfect will of the One Who does all things well.
- For family members & friends who are under discipline, unsaved, or have strayed from the faith, that our Lord would bring them to repentance & restore them to the fellowship of Christ's church; & that we would boldly & lovingly proclaim the truth to them at every opportunity, standing strong in the Lord & in the power of His might.
- For churches who are in need of pastors, elders, & deacons, that our Lord would continue to raise up Godly men to lead these flocks, & for those men who are currently serving, that they may have strengthened faith & abundant wisdom as they minister to their congregations.
- For the saints throughout the world who are suffering & dying in the Name of Jesus, that they would find strength, comfort, & hope as they fully trust in God's goodness. And also for their persecutors, that their hearts would be softened to the Gospel.
- For all elected & appointed officials, that they would recognize their need to depend on God for knowledge, wisdom, & the courage to do what is right, reject all counsel that violates righteousness, & bring dignity, honor, trustworthiness, & integrity to their positions, remembering their accountability to Almighty God, Who is angry with the wicked every day.
- For the Church worldwide, that the Word of God would be faithfully preached, believed, & obeyed, giving glory to the Name of our only Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.

Our fellowship lunch follows today's worship service. We welcome all to be our guests & to sing as we ask the Lord's blessing:

Be present at our table Lord.
Be here and everywhere adored.
These mercies bless and grant that we
May feast in Paradise with Thee.

We thank Thee Lord for this our food,
For life and health and every good.
By Thine own hand may we be fed.
Give us this day our daily bread.

Weekly Meetings (also detailed on our website):

Men's Fellowship Breakfast:

~ Meets at 8:00am on Wednesdays at Denny's on Sunrise; reading *By This Standard: The Authority of God's Law Today* by Greg Bahnsen Contact Pastor Stoos.

Sacramento Area Bible Study:

~ Meets at 7:00pm on Tuesdays. Contact Patrick Avanto.

Grass Valley Area Book Study:

~ Meets for potluck at 6:00pm, study starts at 7:00pm on Wednesdays at rotating locations; reading *No Mere Mortals* by Toby Sumpter. Contact Nathaniel Pettijohn. (530)205-5162

Ladies' Book Study:

~ Meets at 9:00am on Saturdays at the Stoos home. Reading *How To Be Free From Bitterness & Other Essays on Christian Relationships* by Jim Wilson. Contact Linda Stoos.

Vallejo Area Study:

~ Meets at the Kendrick home every two weeks. Contact Damell Kendrick.

Birthdays

Marianne Poindexter ~ October 1st
Silas Smith ~ October 3rd
Simeon Smith ~ October 6th
Paul Liberati ~ October 6th

Anniversary

Viktor & Marie Choban ~ October 1st

Hall Takedown Today

John Sifford, John Pekarek, Ryan Holst,
Jonathan Liberati, Birken Vogt & Sons

Next Week's Playground Duty

VanNess