

Lord's Day Service



At Church of the King on January 12th, 2025
The 1st Sunday after Epiphany

"How sweet are Your words to my taste, Sweeter than honey to my mouth!" Psalms 119:103

Call to Worship: Where God Calls Us Into His Presence

"That you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints," Ephesians 1:18b

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

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He made us accepted in the Beloved." Ephesians 1:3-6 **Come Worship the Triune God of Heaven and Earth!**

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

O worship the King all glorious above,	O tell of His might, O sing of His grace,
O gratefully sing his power and His love.	Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.
Our shield and defender, the ancient of days,	His chariot of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.	And dark is His path on the wings of the storm.

Salutation and Response: [based on Matthew 28:19, Ruth 2:4 and Ephesians 2:8,9]

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

Jehovah be with you!
And also with you!

For by grace you have been saved through faith
And that not of yourselves; It is the gift of God,

Not of works,
Lest anyone should boast

Confession of Sins: Where God Cleanses Us In Christ

The Call For Confession From God's Word:

"That you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness. Therefore, putting away lying, "Let each one of you speak truth with his neighbor," for we are members of one another. Ephesians 4:22-25

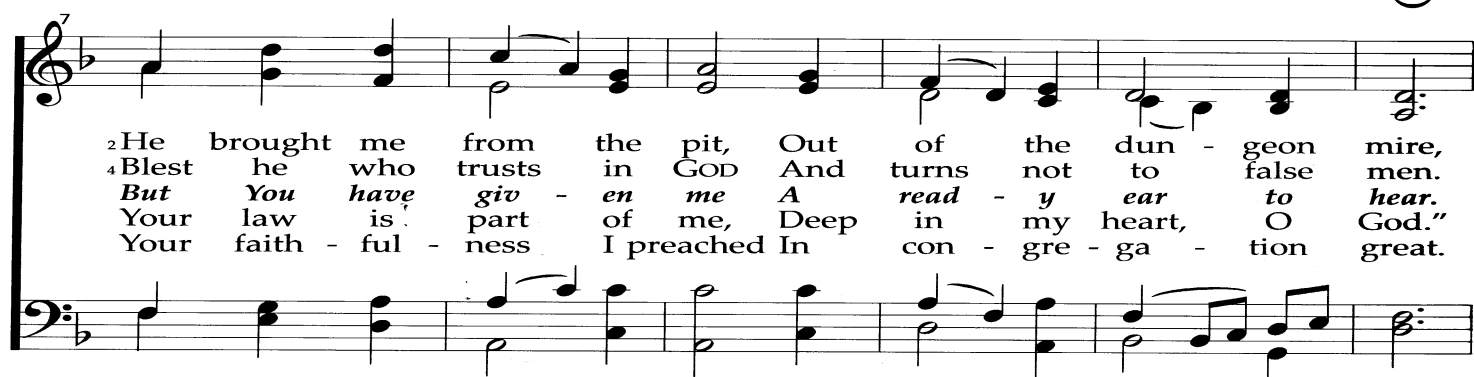
God's People Sing Our Hymn of Confession:

[congregation standing]

I Waited for the LORD, Psalm 40:1-11



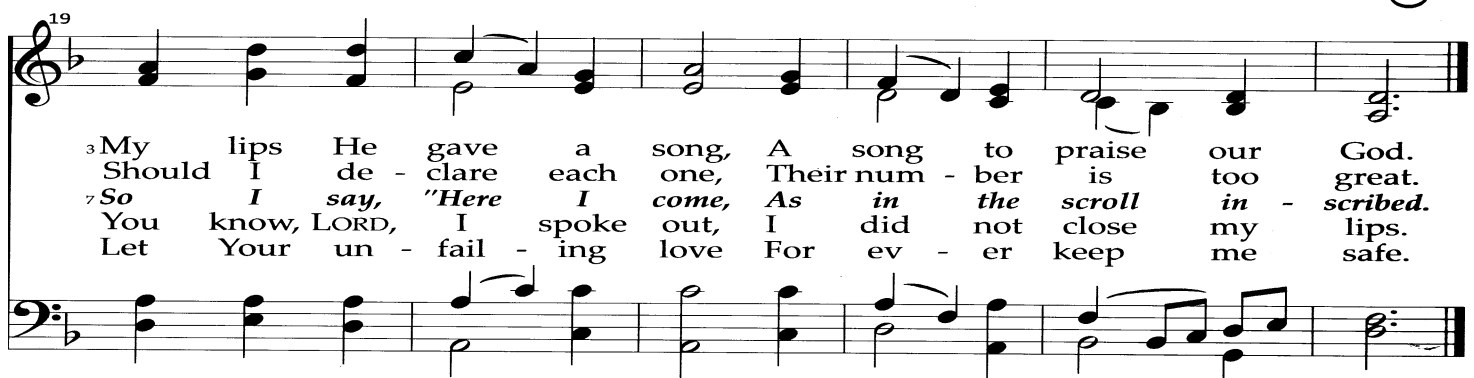
1. ¹I wait - ed for the LORD; He stooped and heard my cry.
2. Man - y will see with awe, And so will trust the LORD.
3. ⁶You *want* no of - fer - ing, Nor ask a sac - ri - fice,
4. ⁸"To do Your will, O God, To me is my de - light.
5. ¹⁰I hid not in my heart Your truth and sav - ing help;



²He brought me from the pit, Out of the dun - geon mire,
⁴Blest he who trusts in GOD And turns not to false men.
But You have giv - en me A read - y ear to hear.
Your law is part of me, Deep in my heart, O God."
Your faith - ful - ness I preached In con - gre - ga - tion great.



¹³My feet set on a rock, My foot - steps made se - cure.
⁵You have worked won - ders, LORD; No one com - pares to You!
You ask no of - frings burnt, Nor sac - ri - fice for sin.
⁹In con - gre - ga - tion great I told Your right - eous - ness.
¹¹Do not with - hold from me Your ten - der mer - cies, LORD



¹⁹³My lips He gave a song, A song to praise our God.
Should I de - clare each one, Their num - ber is too great.
⁷So I say, "Here I come, As in the scroll in - scribed.
You know, LORD, I spoke out, I did not close my lips.
Let Your un - fail - ing love For ev - er keep me safe.

Silent Confession:

"You should no longer walk as the rest of the Gentiles walk, in the futility of their mind" Ephesians 4:17b

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

Corporate Prayer of Confession:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God Almighty who was and is and is to come. In your merciful presence we confess that we have broken your Law, both in what we have done and what we have left undone. We confess that these trespasses, apart from your Grace, result in our impurity, and also make us liable to receive your just punishments. We confess our sins and ask that you wash us from our impurities through the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ. We acknowledge our iniquities, and ask that you shield us from punishment through the atoning death of our Savior. From our violations of your just Law, forgive us through the perfect obedience of our Lord, and empower us to love mercy, do justice and walk humbly with You. Finally, we ask you to receive our praise and worship, for we speak in the blessed name of Jesus, and seek the visible manifestation of His Kingdom on earth Amen.

Arise and Receive the Assurance of Pardon & Forgiveness

"God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus." Ephesians 2:4-7

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]

"Giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ," Ephesians 5:20

PSALM 8

AMSTERDAM. 76.76.77.76.

1. ¹ LORD, our Lord, in all the earth How ex - cel - lent Your name!
2. ³ When I view the skies a - bove Which Your own fin - gers made,
3. ⁵ Next to God You have made man, With light and hon - or crowned.

You a - bove the heav'ns have set The splen - dor of Your fame.
When I see the moon and stars Which You in or - der laid,
⁶ You placed him a - bove Your works; Be - neath him all is found:

² From the mouths of in - fants young You the power of praise com - pose
⁴ What is man so frail and weak That You should re - mem - ber him?
⁷ Ox - en, sheep, and all wild beasts, ⁸ Birds, and fish the o - ceans claim.

In the face of en - e - mies To stop a - veng - ing foes.
What can be the son of man That You should care for him?
⁹ LORD, our Lord, in all the earth How ex - cel - lent Your name!

Consecration: Where God Equips & Prepares His People

I [Paul], therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; One Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all. Ephesians 4:1-6

Philippians 1:27 – 2:15

Boldness & Unity Through Humility

[1:27] Only let your conduct be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I [Paul] come and see you or am absent, I may hear of your affairs,

That you stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel, and not in any way terrified by your adversaries, which is to them a proof of perdition, but to you of salvation, and that from God.

For to you it has been granted on behalf of Christ, not only to believe in Him, but also to suffer for His sake, having the same conflict which you saw in me and now hear *is* in me.

[2:1] **Therefore if *there is* any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and mercy, fulfill my joy by being like-minded, having the same love, *being* of one accord, of one mind.**

Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit,

But in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.

Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God,

But made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, *and* coming in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to *the point of* death, even the death of the cross.

Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name,

That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and *that* every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ *is* Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence,

Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; For it is God who works in you both to will and to do for *His* good pleasure.

Do all things without complaining and disputing,

That you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world,

God's People Respond With a Hymn of Preparation: Let Us Of Christ

Let Us Of Christ, Our Lord and Savior Sing

SINE NOMINE (10 10 10 4)
 Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872-1958
Unison, in moderate time

Phil. 2: 6-11

1. Let us of Christ, our Lord and Sav - ior sing, For though God's e - qual,
 2. Him - self He emp - tied that He us might save; Him - self for us, God's
 3. He bore the weak - ness of our hu - man frame And He o - be - dient
 4. God there - fore raised Him to the heav'n - ly heights Be - stowed on Him, the
 5. Let at the name of Je - sus ev - ery knee, From heav'n a - bove to
 6. Let ev - ery tongue con - fess that Christ is King, For He is Lord of

(small notes st. 2 & 5)

though e - ter - nal King, He did not to His right - ful glo - ry cling.
 chos - en ones, He gave, And born as man, our Lord be - came a slave.
 un - to death be - came, For on a cross He died in bit - ter shame.
 Lord of Life and Light, the Name sur - pass - ing ev - ery name in might.
 depths be - low the sea, Now humbly bow be - fore His ma - je - sty,
 all cre - a - ted things. So to the praise of God the Fa - ther sing:

Hal - - - le - lu - - - jah, Hal - - - le - lu - jah!

God Speaks to Us Through His Word: Scripture, Prayer for Illumination, and Sermon

"How sweet are Your words to my taste, Sweeter than honey to my mouth! Through Your precepts I get understanding Therefore I hate every false way. Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." Psalm 119:103-105

"God's Grace in Unlikely Places"

From Pastor Deonte Walters

Based on **Jonah 1:17-2:9**

God's People Sing a Hymn of Response:

[congregation standing]

Great is Thy Faithfulness

His compassions fail not. They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness. Lam. 3: 22-23

FAITHFULNESS 11.10.11.10. with refrain
William M. Runyan

Thomas O. Chisholm

1. "Great is thy faith-ful-ness," O God my Fa-ther, There is no shad-ow of
2. Sum-mer and win-ter, and spring-time and har-vest, Sun, moon and stars in their
3. Par-don for sin and a peace that en-dur-eth, Thine own dear pres-ence to

turn-ing with thee; Thou chang-est not, thy com-pas-sions, they fail not;
cours-es a-bove, Join with all na-ture in man-i-fold wit-ness
cheer and to guide; Strength for to-day and bright hope for to-mor-row,

REFRAIN

As thou hast been thou for ev-er wilt be.
To thy great faith-ful-ness, mer-cy and love. "Great is thy faith-ful-ness!
Bless-ings all mine, with ten thou-sand be-side!

Great is thy faith-ful-ness!" Morn-ing by morn-ing new mer-cies I see: All I have

need-ed thy hand hath pro-vid-ed-"Great is thy faith-ful-ness," Lord, un-to me! A - MEN.

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

“And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ;” *Ephesians 4:11-13*

**The Collection of our Tithes and Offerings
With the singing of Psalm 30:11-12 & the Doxology**

Words composed by Brenda Fisher

**1: Oh Lord you have now turned for me, 2: I will sing praises from my soul;
My grief into a dance to Thee. To not be silent is my goal.
In sackcloth I'm no longer dressed; Oh Lord my God to You I raise,
With gladness you have made me blessed. Thanks never ending; You I praise!**

**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 Simeon Harris

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

**Our Father,
Which art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name.
Thy Kingdom come.
Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from the evil one,
For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power and the glory forever: AMEN**

[Matthew 6:9-13]

Communion: Where God Communes With His People

*“The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ?
The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ?” 1 Corinthians 10:16*

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

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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

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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)

Holy, Holy, Holy!

NICAEA (11 12. 12 10)

John B. Dykes, 1861

Reginald Heber, 1826

1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore Thee,
3. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide Thee,
4. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to Thee.
Cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
Though the eye of sin - ful man Thy glo - ry may not see,
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!
Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore Thee,
On - ly Thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side Thee
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!

God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
Which wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
Per - fect in pow'r, in love, and pur - i - ty.
God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

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

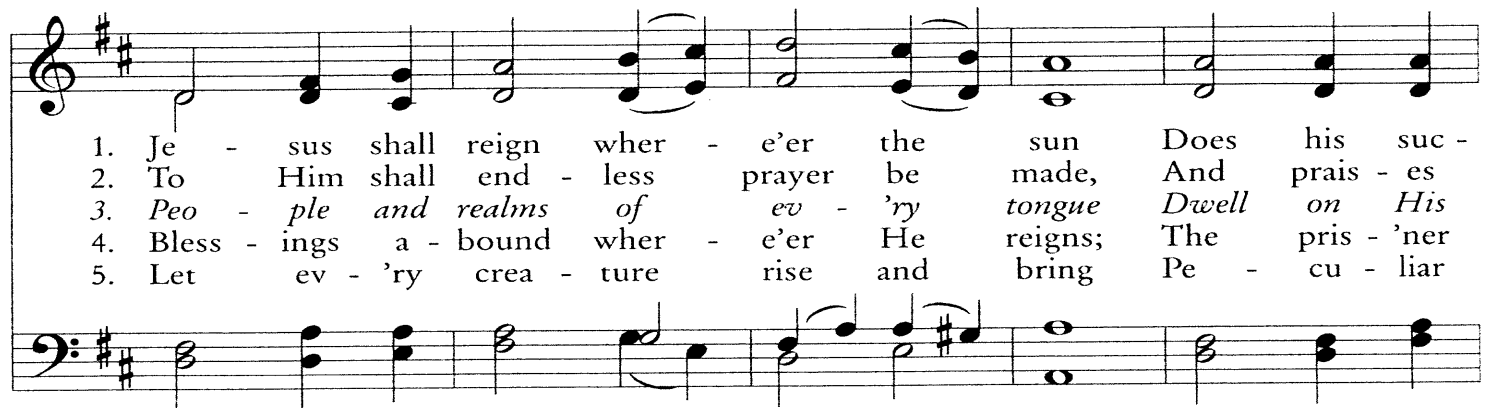
“But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, to an innumerable company of angels, to the general assembly and church of the firstborn who are registered in heaven, to God the Judge of all, to the spirits of just men made perfect, to Jesus the Mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling that speaks better things than that of Abel.....”Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us have grace, by which we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear. For our God is a consuming fire.” Hebrews 12:22-24,28-29

God's People Respond With Singing:

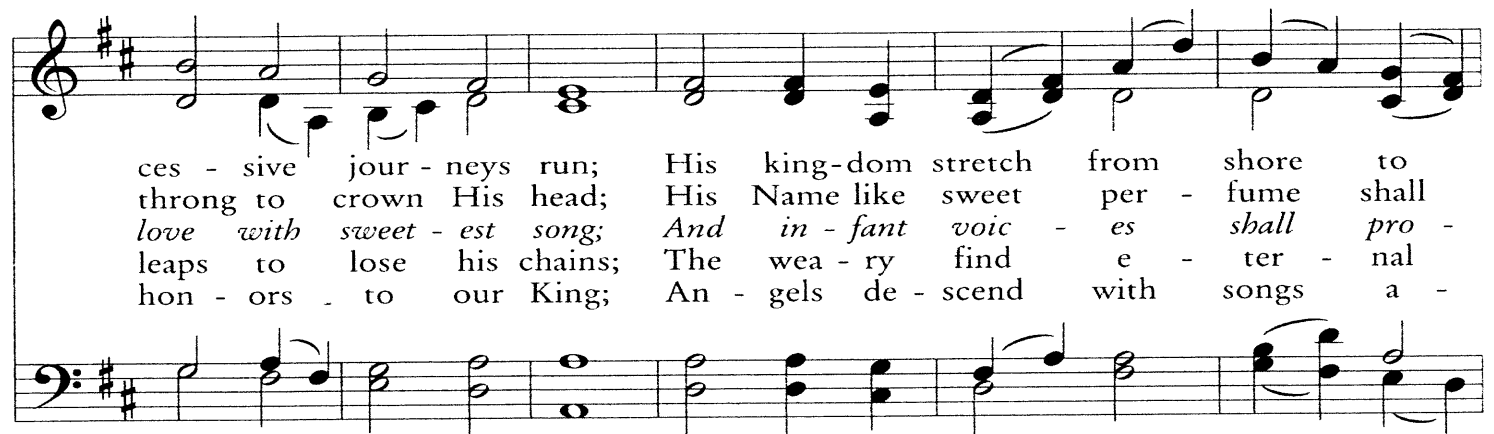
Jesus Shall Reign

DUKE STREET (L.M.)
John Hatton, 1793

Isaac Watts, 1719



1. Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun Does his suc -
2. To Him shall end - less prayer be made, And prais - es
3. Peo - ple and realms of ev - 'ry tongue Dwell on His
4. Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er He reigns; The pris - 'ner
5. Let ev - 'ry crea - ture rise and bring Pe - cu - liar



ces - sive jour - neys run; His king - dom stretch from shore to
throng to crown His head; His Name like sweet per - fume shall
love with sweet - est song; And in - fant voic - es shall pro -
leaps to lose his chains; The wea - ry find e - ter - nal
hon - ors - to our King; An - gels de - scend with songs a -



shore, Till moons shall wax and wane no more.
rise With ev - ery morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
claim Their ear - ly bless - ings on His Name.
rest, And all the sons of want are blessed.
gain, And earth re - peat the loud a - men!

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

“Peace to the brethren, and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Grace be with all those who love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity. “The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit *be with you all. Amen.” Ephesians 6:23-24; 2 Corinthians 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 - fa - 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.

The Heidelberg Catechism – First Part: Man’s Misery Lord’s Day 2

3. From where do you know your misery? **From the Law of God.**[1] [1] Rom. 3:20; *Rom. 7:7.
4. What does the Law of God require of us? **Christ teaches us in sum, Matthew 22, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.”**[1] [1] Matt. 22:37–40; Lk. 10:27. *Deut. 6:5. *Gal. 5:14.
5. Can you keep all this perfectly? **No,**[1] for I am prone by nature to hate God and my neighbor.[2]
[1] Rom. 3:10–12, 23; 1 Jn. 1:8, 10. [2] Rom. 8:7; Eph. 2:3.

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

PRAYER REQUESTS

• **General Prayers**

- An increasing love for Christ, the Gospel and His Worship
- A sacrificial love for the Church, both here and around the world
- That God would bless us with everything we need, including employment, housing, and health enough to serve Him with our lives.

- **The Expectant Mothers** Kate Aguilar, Sarah Sifford, Evelyn Stein, Maddy Avanto, Brianna Whitted, Amanda Gonzales, Skylar Kirk and Marie Choban

• **Those Suffering from Sickness and Personal Trial**

Vanessa Liberati's Mother Maria Muniz (heart failure), Manuella Pop (back surgery complications), Connie Meyerdierk (thyroid radiation healing), Nicole Kraber (kidney stones), Family of Craig Garbe: Kyra Fox (leukemia hard chemo).

We lift up those with illness, injury or physical health complications, such as heart disease, diabetes, cancer and stroke; Especially those who might be struggling with anxiety or depression.

For Sean Van Ness (Help him by the power of Your Spirit, to walk in purity, integrity & true repentance, bringing forth lasting spiritual fruit); For the Ryan Family (Grace & wisdom for their new living situation with additional children in the home; And for the children, who mourn the loss of their mother)

• **Our Leaders and Prospective Leaders in the Church**

Elders: John Stoops, Paul Liberati & Michael Denna

Deacons: Roger Walker & Igor Avanto;

Elders & Deacons in Training:

Nathaniel Pettyjohn, Chris Serroels & Patrick Avanto;

- **Our Leaders in the Community** – Christian Business Owners, Parachurch Ministries and Pro-Life Organizations

- **Other Christian Churches** - particularly Trinity Reformed Church in Beaverton, OR & Pastor Devin Smith

- **Elected and Appointed Officials** - President, Governors, Legislators, Justices, Federal & State Office Holders, Local Sheriffs, County Supervisors & City Councils

- **Those Straying from the Faith** - Jeremiah, Payton and Garrett Snipes, Jeffrey Sudin, Philip Pesola & Dale Pettyjohn

HEIDELBERG CATECHISM: Lord's Day 2 this week

Our fellowship lunch follows today's worship service. We welcome all to be our guests and 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 Stoops.

Sacramento Area Bible Study:

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

Roseville Area Book Study:

~ Meets at 7:00pm on Thursdays at the Pitts home. Contact Vem Pitts.

Grass Valley Area Book Study:

~ Meets for potluck at 6:00pm, study starts at 7:00pm on Wednesdays at rotating locations; reading The Federal Vision edited by Steve Wilkins & Duane Gamer. Contact Nathaniel Pettyjohn. (530)205-5162

Ladies' Book Study:

~ Meets at 9:00am on Saturdays at the Stoops home; reading Five Lies of Our Anti-Christian Age by Rosaria Butterfield. Contact Linda Stoops.

Birthdays

James Ryan - January 11th

Birken Vogt Jr. - January 12th

Anniversaries

TODAY'S Hall Takedown

Krabers: Roderick, Lorenzo & Isaac
Jonathan Liberati & Kevin Ko

TODAY'S Playground Duty

Van Ness

NEXT WEEK'S Playground Duty

Vogt