

Lord's Day Service



At Church of the King on January 26th, 2025

The 3rd Sunday After Epiphany

The Sanctity of Human Life Sunday

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 the Word of God: [congregation standing]

O Jehovah, You have searched me and known *me*. You know my sitting down and my rising up; You understand my thought afar off. You comprehend my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways. For *there is* not a word on my tongue, *but* behold, O Jehovah, You know it altogether. You have hedged me behind and before, and laid Your hand upon me. *Such knowledge is* too wonderful for me; It is high, I cannot *attain* it. Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence? If I ascend into heaven, You *are* there; If I make my bed in hell, behold, You *are there*. If I take the wings of the morning, *and* dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there Your hand shall lead me, and Your right hand shall hold me. Psalm 139:1-10

Come, Worship the Omniscient, Omnipresent, Triune Holy God!

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

O worship the King all glorious above,	The earth with its store of wonders untold,
O gratefully sing his power and His love.	Almighty, thy power hath founded of old;
Our shield and defender, the ancient of days,	Hath stablished it fast by a changeless decree,
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.	And round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.

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

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

Amen!

Jehovah be with you!

And also with you!

Grace to you and peace

From God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ

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 Join in a Hymn of Confession:

[congregation standing]

Holy Father, Hear My Cry

Horatius Bonar, 1843

Gregory D. Wilbur, 2010

1 Dm F C Dm Am G Em Am

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

9 F G C Bb Dm Bb C Dm

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.

The musical score is written in 3/4 time. The first system (measures 1-8) has a treble clef and a bass clef. The second system (measures 9-16) also has a treble clef and a bass clef. The lyrics are printed below the notes.

Silent Confession:

"Hear my prayer, O Lord, Give ear to my supplications! In Your faithfulness answer me, and in Your righteousness. Do not enter into judgment with Your servant, For in Your sight no one living is righteous." Psalm 143:1, 2

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

Corporate Confession:

Brethren, in the early Church there was a godly discipline that such persons as stood convicted of notorious sin were put to public repentance, and punished in this world, that their souls might be saved in the Day of the Lord; and that others, admonished by their example, might be the more afraid to offend.

Until such discipline is restored, which is much to be desired, it is thought good that at this time we should read the general sentences of God's cursing against impenitent sinners, from the 27th chapter of Deuteronomy and other Scriptures that we might be moved to earnest and true repentance:

*Cursed is the man that makes a carved or molten image, to worship it. **AMEN***

*Cursed is he that curses his father or mother. **AMEN***

*Cursed is he that removes his neighbor's land marker. **AMEN***

*Cursed is he that makes the blind to go out of his way. **AMEN***

*Cursed is he that perverts the judgment of the stranger, the fatherless, the widow **AMEN***

*Cursed is he that smites his neighbor secretly **AMEN***

*Cursed is he who lies with his neighbor's wife **AMEN***

*Cursed is he that takes a reward to slay the innocent **AMEN***

*Cursed is he that puts his trust in man, and takes man for his defense,
and in his heart goes from the Lord **AMEN***

*Cursed are the unmerciful, fornicators, and adulterers, covetous persons,
idolaters, slanderers, drunkards and extortioners. **AMEN***

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men; We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we, from time to time, most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed. We sin against Thy Divine Majesty, provoking most justly Your wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these, our misdoings; The remembrance of them is grievous unto us; The burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us; Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; For your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; Grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please you, in newness of life; To the honor and glory of your Holy Name; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

Congregation of the Lord Jesus Christ, 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. 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]

Psalm 122, O, 'Twas a Joyful Sound to Hear

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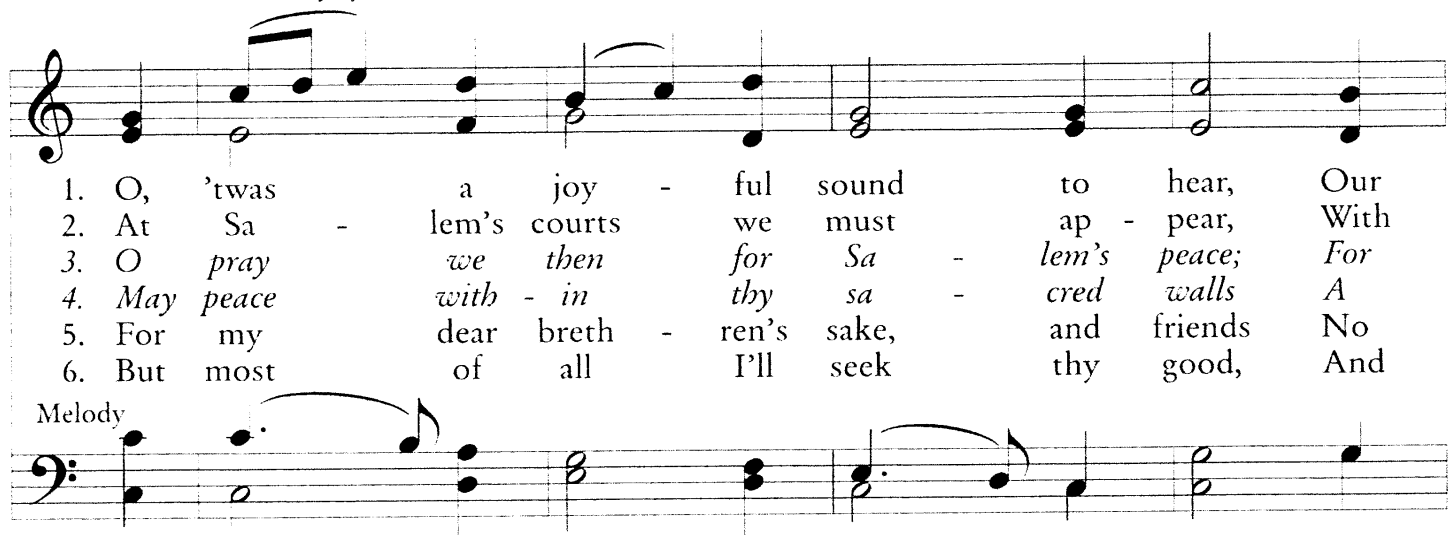
Psalm 122

COLCHESTER (C.M.)

William Tans'ur's *Harmony of Zion*, 1734

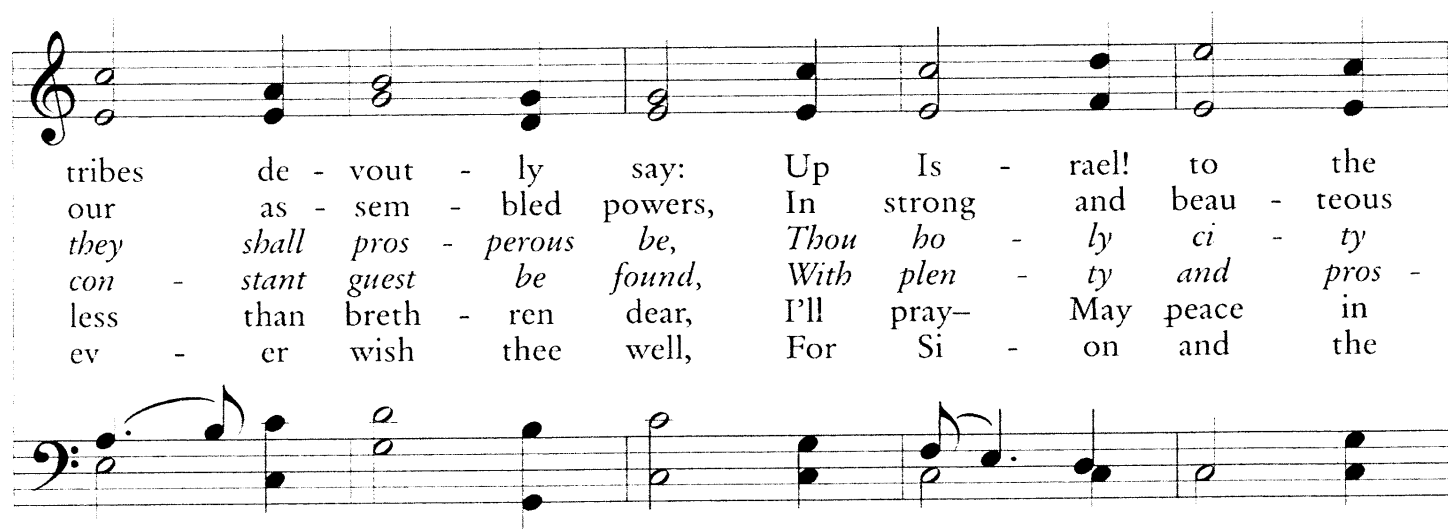
Tate & Brady,

A New Version of the Psalms of David, 1735



1. O, 'twas a joy - ful sound to hear, Our
2. At Sa - lem's courts we must ap - pear, With
3. O pray we then for Sa - lem's peace; For
4. May peace with - in thy sa - cred walls A
5. For my dear breth - ren's sake, and friends No
6. But most of all I'll seek thy good, And

Melody



tribes de - vout - ly say: Up Is - rael! to the
our as - sem - bled powers, In strong and beau - teous
they shall pros - perous be, Thou ho - ly ci - ty
con - stant guest be found, With plen - ty and pros -
less than breth - ren dear, I'll pray - May peace in
ev - er wish thee well, For Si - on and the



tem - ple haste, And keep your fes - tal day.
or - der ranged; Like her u - nit - ed towers.
of our God, Who bear true love to thee.
per - i - ty Thy pal - ac - es be crowned.
Sa - lem's tow'rs A con - stant guest ap - pear.
tem - ple's sake, Where God vouch - safes to dwell.

Consecration: Where God Equips & Prepares His People

"See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is." Ephesians 5:15-17

THE LORD CONSECRATES US BY HIS WORD:

Blessed Are All Those Who Put Their Trust in the Son

The responsive reading of Psalm 2

Why do the nations rage, And the people plot a vain thing?

The kings of the earth set themselves, And the rulers take counsel together,

Against Jehovah and against His Anointed, saying,

"Let us break Their bonds in pieces And cast away Their cords from us."

He who sits in the heavens shall laugh; Jehovah shall hold them in derision.

Then He shall speak to them in His wrath, and distress them in His deep displeasure:

"Yet I have set My King on My holy hill of Zion."

"I will declare the decree: Jehovah has said to Me, 'You are My Son, Today I have begotten You.

Ask of Me, and I will give You The nations for Your inheritance, And the ends of the earth for Your possession.

You shall break them with a rod of iron; You shall dash them to pieces like a potter's vessel.' "

Now therefore, be wise, O kings; Be instructed, you judges of the earth.

Serve Jehovah with fear, And rejoice with trembling.

Kiss the Son, lest He be angry, and you perish in the way, when His wrath is kindled but a little.

Blessed are all those who put their trust in Him.

God's People Respond with a Hymn of Faith: Psalm 2

[congregation standing]

Why Do the Heathen Nations Vainly Rage

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Psalm 2

POURQUOI FONT BRUIT (10 11. 10 11. 11 10. 11 10)

Strasbourg, 1539

Arr. Claude Goudimel, 1564; alt.

Douglas Wilson, 2000

1. Why do the heath-en na-tions vain-ly rage?
2. He speaks to them in right-eous, ho-ly wrath;
3. "The na-tions come; You are the on-ly Heir,

What pride-ful schemes are they in vain de-vis-ing?
God vex-es them and shows His great dis-pleas-ure.
The ends of earth will be Your own pos-ses-sion

The kings of earth and rul-ers all en-gage
"Yet have I set My King up-on the path
And bro-ken with a rod of i-ron there,

In e-vil plots, and in their sin con-triv-ing,
That up-ward winds to Zi-on, My own treas-ure."
Re-bel-lious pot-ter-y comes to de-struc-tion."

They take their stand a- gainst our God's Mes- si- ah;
"You are My Son, to- day You are be- got- ten,"
Now serve the LORD, with fear and glad-ness trem- bling,

They claim they will not keep His bind- ing chains.
I will de- clare what God has said to Me-
And there-fore, O ye kings, seek wis- dom here.

The one en-throned in high- est heav- en, high- er,
'And not one tribe will ev- er be for- got- ten.
How blessed are those who trust with- out dis- sem- bling,

Mocks them to scorn, on them de- ri- sion rains.
You will re- ceive the world, just ask of Me."
Who kiss the Son and bow in rev- erent fear.

“The Perfection of Your Faith”

From Pastor Paul Liberati

based on James 2:20-26

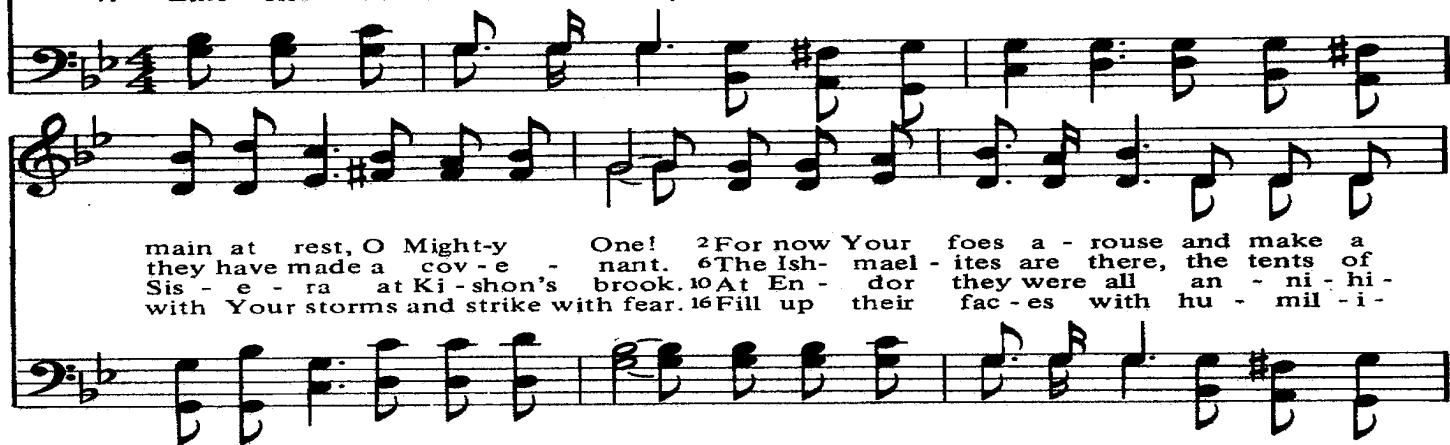
God's People Respond with a Hymn of Faith:

Psalm 83

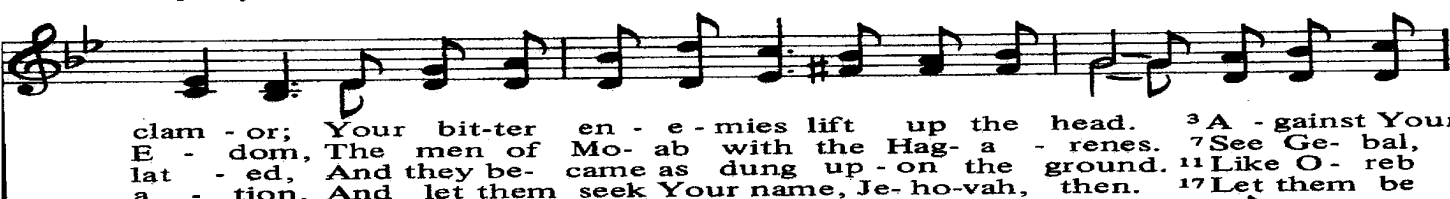
[congregation standing]



1. ¹Do not be si - lent, God, or un - re - spond - ing! Do not re -
2. ⁵To - geth - er they con - spire in dead - ly ear - nest; A - gainst You
3. ⁹Treat them like Mid - i - an, like Ja - bin's ar - my. Treat them like
4. ¹⁴Like fire that burns the woods, like flames of light - ning, ¹⁵Pur - sue them



main at rest, O Might - y One! ²For now Your foes a - rouse and make a
they have made a cov - e - nant. ⁶The Ish - mael - ites are there, the tents of
Sis - e - ra at Ki - shon's brook. ¹⁰At En - dor they were all an - ni - hi -
with Your storms and strike with fear. ¹⁶Fill up their fac - es with hu - mil - i -



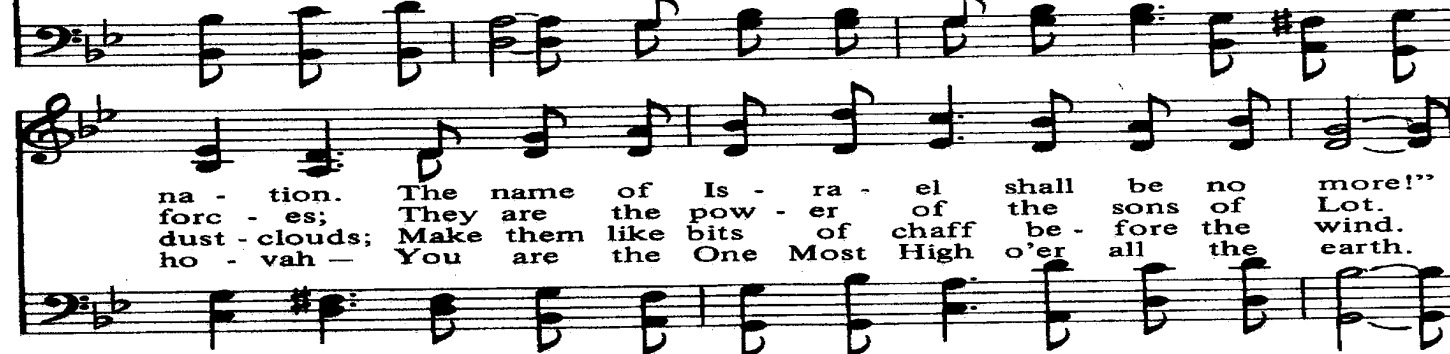
clam - or; Your bit - ter en - e - mies lift up the head. ³A - gainst Your
E - dom, The men of Mo - ab with the Hag - a - renes. ⁷See Ge - bal,
lat - ed, And they be - came as dung up - on the ground. ¹¹Like O - reb
a - tion, And let them seek Your name, Je - ho - vah, then. ¹⁷Let them be



peo - ple now they plot in se - cret; They meet to work a - gainst
Am - a - lek, with men of Am - mon; Be - hold Phi - lis - ti - a
make their chiefs, their lords like Ze - bah! ¹²Who thought they would pos - sess
ter - ri - fied and shamed for - ev - er, And let them be dis - mayed



Your hid - den ones. ⁴They say, "Let us go up and end their
and them of Tyre. ⁸For As - shur too has come and joins their
the land of God. ¹³My God, O make them be like whirl - ing
and be de - stroyed! ¹⁸Let them know You a - lone - You are Je -



na - tion. The name of Is - ra - el shall be no more!"
forc - es; They are the pow - er of the sons of Lot.
dust - clouds; Make them like bits of chaff be - fore the wind.
ho - vah - You are the One Most High o'er all the earth.

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*

Presenting Our Tithes and Offerings

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!

The Great Prayer

Patrick Avanto

"The Lord has heard my supplication; The Lord will receive my prayer." Ps 6:9

This afternoon the prayer will be our responsive praying of Psalm 10

Calling for the Lord's Judgment on the Sin of Abortion:

2 pages

Leader: Dearly beloved, in the book of Revelation we see that as the office-bearers of the Church proclaim the Word of God, and as the people of God pray for salvation, God is faithful and pours out fiery wrath upon His and their enemies on the earth. Let us join together now in prayer, asking that God will pour out His wrath on those who shed innocent blood by murdering pre-born infants through the heinous sin of abortion, and also upon all those in alliance with them. May God's judgment be unto repentance for all those who engage in these wicked acts. Let us pray.

People: **Why, O Jehovah, do You stand afar off? Why do You hide yourself in times of trouble?** [v.1]

Leader: Most Gracious Heavenly Father, we thank you and praise you that the vile decision allowing abortion nationwide has been overturned. Yet our state and others continue to allow and even celebrate the execution of the innocent whose only 'crime' was their inconvenience as pre-born human beings. Tens of millions have been slain in this holocaust as our civil leaders have sanctioned our descent into moral darkness. Have mercy upon us, O Lord, and deliver us from this great evil.

People: **In arrogance the wicked hotly pursue the poor; Let them be caught in the schemes that they have devised. For the wicked boasts of the desires of his soul, and the one greedy for gain curses and renounces Jehovah. In the pride of his face the wicked does not seek Him; All his thoughts are, "There is no God."** [v. 2-4]

Leader: Father, our leaders have stepped outside Your boundaries. They have exercised power which You have not given them, and they have licensed the greedy to exploit the weak and market their very lives. They have thus subverted Your law. Have mercy upon us, for Jesus' sake, and deliver us from such arrogance.

People: **His ways prosper at all times; Your judgments are on high, out of his sight; As for all his foes, he puffs at them. He says in his heart, "I shall not be moved; Throughout all generations I shall not meet adversity." His mouth is filled with cursing and deceit and oppression; Under his tongue are mischief and iniquity.** [v.5-7]

Leader: O Lord, an immeasurable amount of money has been made trafficking in unborn lives. They have together all profited - the hospitals, the clinics, the doctors, the pharmaceutical companies and the politicians who have built their careers standing against Your Holy Law. Have mercy upon us, take not Your Holy Spirit from us, - destroy their power and deliver their wealth unto the righteous!

People: **He sits in ambush in the villages; In chiding places he murders the innocent. His eyes stealthily watch for the helpless; He lurks in ambush like a lion in his thicket; He lurks that he may seize the poor; He seizes the poor when he draws him into his net. The helpless are crushed, sink down, and fall by his might. He says in his heart, "God has forgotten, He has hidden His face, He will never see it."** [v. 8-11]

Leader: O Almighty God, the poor, the weak, the unprotected have so often been ambushed in the name of 'rights' and 'privacy'. But You, O Lord, know both evil men and their victims by name. Have mercy upon us, in the name of Jesus, and stop the unrestrained assault upon children. Destroy all those who murder in secret; exalt the righteous.

People: Arise, O Jehovah; O God, lift up Your hand; Forget not the afflicted. Why does the wicked renounce God and say in his heart, "You will not call to account"? But You do see, for You note mischief and vexation, that You may take it into Your hands; to You the helpless commits himself; You have been the helper of the fatherless. Break the arm of the wicked and evildoer; Call his wickedness to account till you find none. [v. 12-15

Leader: O merciful God, who wants not the death of a sinner, but rather that he should turn from his wickedness and live, and have revealed Yourself as pardoning iniquity through Your only Son; we ask You to have mercy upon the impenitent and unbelieving, especially upon all the abortion doctors and suppliers and staff who work in our country's abortion mills. Awaken in them by Your Holy Spirit a deep sense of their sinfulness and peril. Take from them all ignorance, hardness of heart, and contempt of Your Word. Make them to know and feel that there is none other name under heaven given among men whereby they must be saved, but only the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ. And so bring them home and number them among Your children that they may be Yours forever; Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

People: Jehovah is King forever and ever; the nations perish from His land. O Jehovah, You hear the desire of the afflicted; You will strengthen their heart; You will incline Your ear to do justice to the fatherless and the oppressed, so that man who is of the earth may strike terror no more. [v. 16-18]

Leader: And now Father, protect those who, through their own frailty or through the temptations which encompass them, may be drawn into the council of evil men and tempted to the heinous sin of abortion. Give them, we ask You, the direction and assistance of Your Holy Spirit, that they may live not unto themselves, but unto Him that loves us and gave Himself for us. Give them repentance and better minds. Be merciful to all who are in such trouble; and do, the God of pity, minister to them according to their several necessities; for His sake who went about doing good, your Son our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

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 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

The image shows a piano accompaniment for the Apostle's Creed. It consists of nine systems of music, each with a treble and bass clef staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the notes. The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a steady accompaniment.

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 dru - bi - 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 ey - 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)

Word and Water, Bread and Wine

1. Our tri - une God rules o - ver all, And feeds all creatures great and small.
2. His Word re - stores the blind to sight; Our God has made the dark - ness light.

From sky, from earth, from
Clean wa - ter on our
From sky, from earth, from sky a - gain, From
Clean wa - ter on our heads was poured, Clean

From sky, from earth, from sky a - gain, From sky, from
Clean wa - ter on our heads was poured, Clean wa - ter
sky heads a - gain, Our God feeds all the sons of men.
was poured, We took the name of Je - sus, Lord.

sky, from earth, from sky a - gain,
wa - ter on our heads was poured,
sky, from earth, from sky a - gain,
wa - ter on our heads was poured,
earth, from sky a - gain, Our God feeds all the sons of men.
on our heads was poured, We took the name of Je - sus, Lord.

3. At this great table, wine and bread
Will weave us now into the Head,
As we grow to a perfect man
And there fulfill salvation's plan.

4. The Lord has spoken living words,
He gave us ears, and thus we heard.
We will not give our sons a stone,
We will not live by bread alone.

5. Salvation comes and — face to face —
He sets before us means of grace.

Music: Oliver Holden (1765–1844)
Text: Douglas Wilson. 2005 ©

We know all this was kindly meant;
We taste the Word and sacrament.

COWPER
8 8. 8 8. w/ repeat

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 Forth 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

Rise Up O Men of God

William Pierson Merrill, 1911

PESTAL SONG: S. M.
William H. Walter, 1894

1. Rise up, O men of God! Have done with less - er things;
2. Rise up, O men of God! His King-dom tar - ries long;
3. Rise up, O men of God! The Church for you doth wait,
4. Lift high the cross of Christ! Tread where His feet have trod;

Give heart and soul and mind and strength To serve the King of Kings.
Bring in the day of broth - er - hood And end the night of wrong.
Her strength un - e - qual to her task; Rise up, and make her great!
As broth - ers of the Son of Man, Rise up, O men of God. 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

"Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful, who also will do it. "The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen." 1 Thessalonians 5:23,24; 2 Corinthians 13:14

The Response to God's Commission - 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.

The Heidelberg Catechism – Lord's Day 4

9. Does not God, then, do injustice to man by requiring of him in His Law that which he cannot perform? **No,** for God so made man that he could perform it;[1] but man, through the instigation of the devil, by willful disobedience deprived himself and all his descendants of those divine gifts.[2] [1] Eph. 4:24. [2] Rom. 5:12.

10. Will God allow such disobedience and apostasy to go unpunished? **Certainly not,[1] but He is terribly displeased with our inborn as well as our actual sins, and will punish them in just judgment in time and eternity, as He has declared, "Cursed is everyone who does not continue in all things which are written in the book of the law, to do them." [2]** [1] Heb. 9:27. [2] Deut. 27:26; Gal. 3:10; *Rom. 1:18; *Matt. 25:41.

11. But is not God also merciful? **God is indeed merciful,[1] but He is likewise just;[2] His justice therefore requires that sin which is committed against the most high majesty of God, be punished with extreme, that is, with everlasting punishment both of body and soul.** [1] Ex. 34:6–7. [2] Ex. 20:5; Ps. 5:5–6; 2 Cor. 6:14–16; *Rev. 14:11.

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

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** 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 Stoos, 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 Christ Church in Santa Clarita, CA & Pastor Andrew Richardson

- **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 4 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 Stoos.

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 Stoos home; reading Five Lies of Our Anti-Christian Age by Rosaria Butterfield. Contact Linda Stoos.

Birthdays

Christian Avanto - January 27th
Phillip Pesola - January 30th
Birken Vogt Jr. - January 12th

Anniversaries

TODAY'S Hall Takedown
Krabers: Roderick, Lorenzo & Isaac
Jonathan Liberati & Kevin Ko

TODAY'S Playground Duty

Pekarek

NEXT WEEK'S Playground Duty

Kendrick