

# *Lord's Day Service for Palm Sunday 2025*



## *Call to Worship: Where God Calls Us Into His Presence*

The Call from God's Word:

[congregation standing]

*Then they also brought infants to Him that He might touch them; but when the disciples saw it, they rebuked them. But Jesus called them to Him and said, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God. "Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it." Luke 18:15-17*

**Come and Worship the King of Kings!**

**God's People Respond with a Hymn of Praise:** (based on Psalm 145:10)  
**Hosanna, Loud Hosanna**

ELLACOMBE (7 6. 7 6. D)  
 Gesangbuch der Herzogl.  
 Hofkapelle, Württemberg, 1784

Jeannette Threlfall, 1873

1. Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na, The lit - tle chil - dren sang;  
 2. From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed Mid an ex - ul - tant crowd,  
 3. "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" That an - cient song we sing,

Thro' pil - lared court and Tem - ple The love - ly an - them rang.  
 The vic - tor palm branch wav - ing And chant - ing clear and loud.  
 For Christ is our Re - deem - er, The Lord of heav'n our King.

To Je - sus, who had blessed them, Close fold - ed to His breast,  
 The Lord of men and an - gels Rode on in low - ly state  
 Oh, may we ev - er praise Him With heart and life and voice

The chil - dren sang their prais - es, The sim - plest and the best.  
 Nor scorned that lit - tle chil - dren Should on His bid - ding wait.  
 And in His bliss - ful pres - ence E - ter - nal - ly re - joice!

**Salutation and Response:** [based on Matthew 28:19, Ruth 2:4 and Luke 19:38]

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

*The Lord be with you!* **And also with you!**

*Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!*  
**Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!**

# Confession of Sins: Where God Cleanses Us In Christ

## The Call for Confession from God's Word:

"Now as Jesus drew near, He saw the city and wept over it, saying, "If you had known, even you, especially in this your day, the things that make for your peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes. For days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment around you, surround you and close you in on every side, and level you, and your children within you, to the ground; and they will not leave in you one stone upon another, because you did not know the time of your visitation." *Luke 19:41-44*

## God's People Join in a Hymn of Confession:

2 pages

[congregation standing]

## Give Ear, O LORD, to All My Thoughts

Psalm 5

HERR, HÖR, WAS ICH WILL BITTEN DICH (8 7. 8 7. 8 7. 4 6 7)  
Heinrich Schütz, 1661

Douglas Wilson, 2000

1. Give ear, O LORD, to all my thoughts And words,  
2. For You are not a God who winks At e -  
3. *But as for me, I come to You, And in*  
4. Their mouths are foul, their in - ward parts Are noth -  
5. But let those men who trust in You, Re - joice

now hear my cry - ing. Please hear my voice, my  
vil in Your dwell - ing; And You can take no  
*Your house You found me, And all Your mer - cies*  
ing but cor - rup - tion. Their throats are o - pen  
and sing for - ev - er Be - cause You are their

King, my God, For un - to Thee I of - fer  
plea - sure in The sins of e - vil - do - ing.  
*crowd me in; I come in fear to trem - ble.*  
tombs and graves; They flat - ter with their speak - ing.  
Shield and Wall, Their God and High De - fend - er.

My prayers at dawn, O LORD, You hear; You hear  
 You hate those men who love their sin, Those men  
 Lead me, O LORD, in right - eous - ness; My en -  
 De - stroy them, God, and bring them down To end  
 No dan - ger in the world can yet From You

when night is dy - ing. Hear my pray - ing And know that  
 who lies are tell - ing; You de - stroy them. The LORD ab -  
 e - mies sur - round me. In Your pre - sence Make straight Your  
 their vile se - duc - tions. Hear my pray - ing, For they re -  
 Your loved ones sev - er. Bless the right - eous; We joy in

I look up To Thee; my heart I prof - fer.  
 hors their blood - y and de - ceit - ful choos - ing.  
 paths as we with - in Your house as - sem - ble.  
 sist Your law. Re - bel - lion they are seek - ing.  
 You a - lone and to Your love sur - ren - der.

**Silent Confession:** *“This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief.” 1 Timothy 1:15*

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 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.

## Assurance of Pardon and Forgiveness:     *From the Gospel of John*

“The next day a great multitude that had come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, took branches of palm trees and went out to meet Him, and cried out: "Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of Jehovah!" The King of Israel!" Then Jesus, when He had found a young donkey, sat on it; as it is written: "Fear not, daughter of Zion; Behold, your King is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt." His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things were written about Him and that they had done these things to Him. “And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.” *John 12:12-16; 20:30,31*

Though our sins do stand against us, the punishment for them has been taken away in the finished sacrifice of our Lord Jesus Christ, for “There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus.” “If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” 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:

## All Glory, Laud, and Honor

*"Hosanna!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Blessed is the King of Israel!" John 12:13*

1. All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re - deem - er, King,  
2. The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;  
3. Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring!  
our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent:  
who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King!

Thou art the King of Is - rael, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,  
to thee, be - fore thy pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise;  
All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re - deem - er, King,

who in the Lord's name com - est, the King and bless - ed One!  
to thee, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.  
to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring!

# *Consecration: Where God Equips & Prepares His People*

*"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God" Romans 12:1,2*

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## **THE LORD CONSECRATES US BY HIS WORD:**

### **The Triumphal Entry: Responsive readings for Palm Sunday**

#### **Mark 11:7-10**

*"Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their clothes on it, and He sat on it.*

**And many spread their clothes on the road, and others cut down leafy branches from the trees and spread them on the road.**

*Then those who went before and those who followed cried out, saying:*

**"Hosanna! 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of Jehovah!"**

*Blessed is the kingdom of our father David That comes in the name of the Lord!*

**Hosanna in the highest!"**

#### **Luke 19:37-40**

*Then, as He was now drawing near the descent of the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works they had seen, saying:*

**"'Blessed is the King who comes in the name of Jehovah! 'Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"**

*And some of the Pharisees called to Him from the crowd, "Teacher, rebuke Your disciples."*

**But He answered and said to them, "I tell you that if these should keep silent, the stones would immediately cry out."**

#### **Revelation 15:3-4:**

*They sing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying:*

**"Great and marvelous are Your works, Lord God Almighty! Just and true are Your ways, O King of the saints!**

*Who shall not fear You, O Lord, and glorify Your name?*

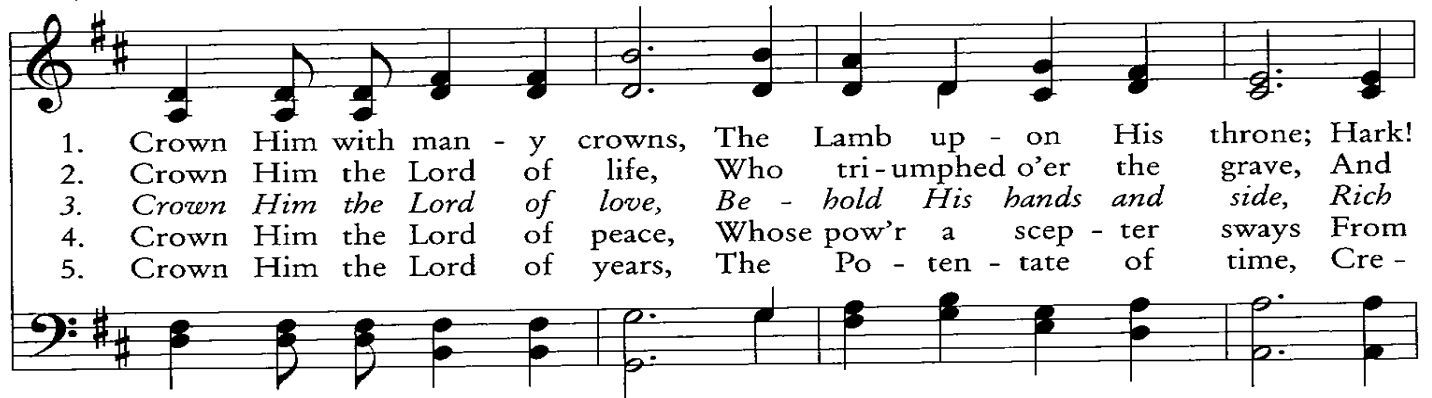
**For You alone are holy. For all nations shall come and worship before You, for Your judgments have been manifested."**

# God's People Sing a Hymn of Preparation:

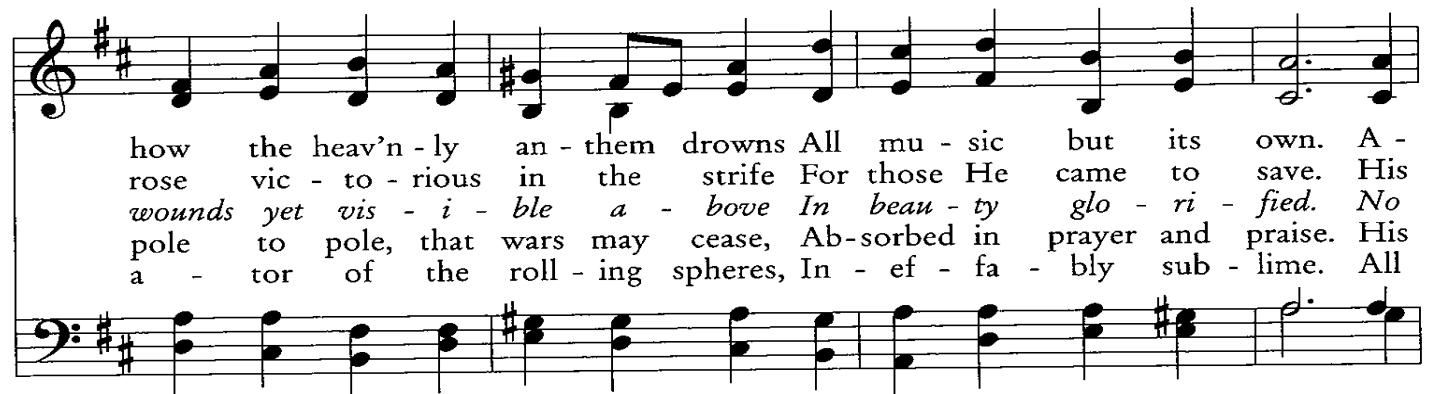
## Crown Him with Many Crowns

DIADEMATA (S.M.D.)  
George J. Elvey, 1868

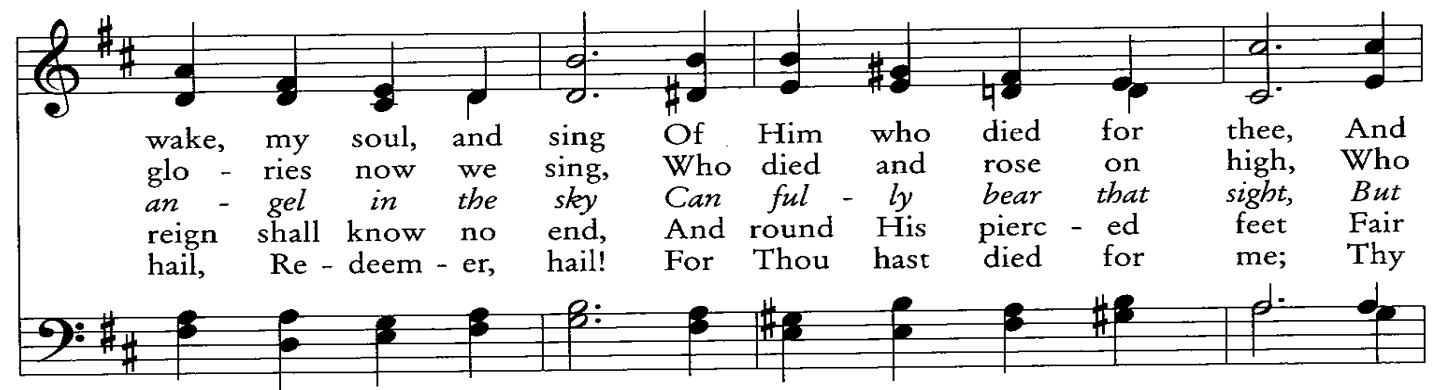
Matthew Bridges, 1851  
st. 2, Godfrey Thring, 1874



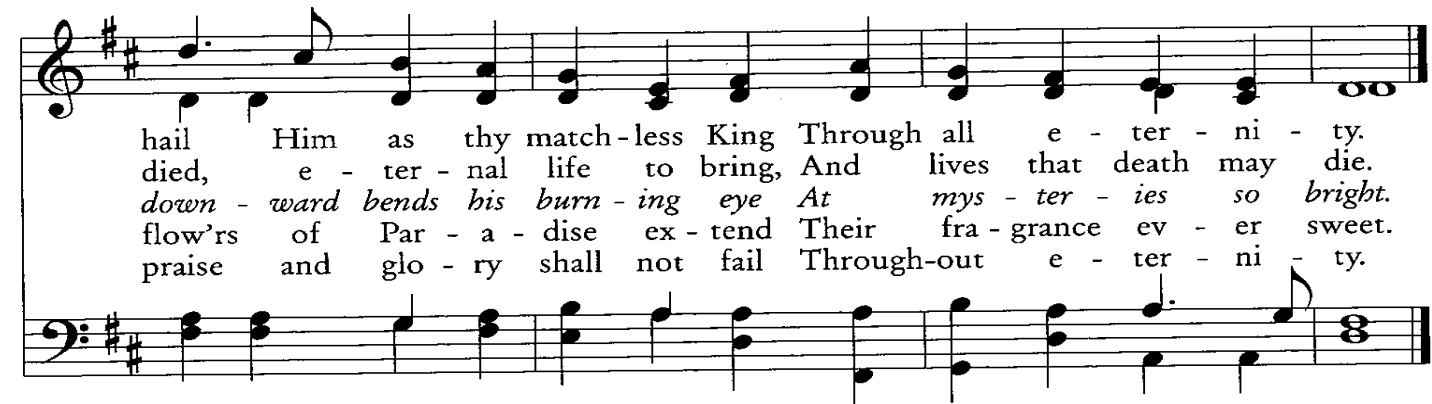
1. Crown Him with man - y crowns, The Lamb up - on His throne; Hark!  
2. Crown Him the Lord of life, Who tri - umphed o'er the grave, And  
3. *Crown Him the Lord of love, Be - hold His hands and side, Rich*  
4. Crown Him the Lord of peace, Whose pow'r a scep - ter sways From  
5. Crown Him the Lord of years, The Po - ten - tate of time, Cre -



how the heav'n - ly an - them drowns All mu - sic but its own. A -  
rose vic - to - rious in the strife For those He came to save. His  
*wounds yet vis - i - ble a - bove In beau - ty glo - ri - fied. No*  
pole to pole, that wars may cease, Ab - sorbed in prayer and praise. His  
a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, In - ef - fa - bly sub - lime. All



wake, my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee, And  
glo - ries now we sing, Who died and rose on high, Who  
*an - gel in the sky Can ful - ly bear that sight, But*  
reign shall know no end, And round His pierc - ed feet Fair  
hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For Thou hast died for me; Thy



hail Him as thy match - less King Through all e - ter - ni - ty.  
died, e - ter - nal life to bring, And lives that death may die.  
*down - ward bends his burn - ing eye At mys - ter - ies so bright.*  
flow'rs of Par - a - dise ex - tend Their fra - grance ev - er sweet.  
praise and glo - ry shall not fail Through - out e - ter - ni - ty.

# **The Ordination and Installation of Jeff Lambin to the Office of Elder at Reformed Church of the Sierras:**

*“This is a faithful saying: If a man desires the position of a bishop, he desires a good work. A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, temperate, sober-minded, of good behavior, hospitable, able to teach; not given to wine, not violent, not greedy for money, but gentle, not quarrelsome, not covetous; one who rules his own house well, having his children in submission with all reverence (for if a man does not know how to rule his own house, how will he take care of the church of God?); not a novice, lest being puffed up with pride he fall into the same condemnation as the devil. Moreover, he must have a good testimony among those who are outside, lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil.” I Timothy 3:1-7*

## **The Ordination of Mr. Lambin**

*Examination of the candidate*

*Pastors Sandlin along with Pastors Liberati & Stoos lay hands on Mr. Lambin*

## **The Installation of Elder Lambin**

*“So, when they had appointed elders in every church, and prayed with fasting, they commended them to the Lord in whom they had believed.” Acts 14:23*

*Questions for the elder candidate*

*Questions for the new congregation*

*The laying on of hands and prayer*

*[The men of Reformed Church of the Sierras come forward as Elder Lambin kneels]*

*Installation of Elder Lambin*

*A charge to Pastor Lambin and the congregations of Sierra Reformation Church & Church of the King:*

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

*“Blessed is the man whom You instruct, O Jehovah, and teach out of Your law.” Psalm 94:12*

**“Leading God’s People to Victory”**

**From Pastor Andrew Sandlin**

**Based on Joshua 1:1-9**

# Jesus, Priceless Treasure

JESU, MEINE FREUDE (6 6 5. 6 6 5. 7 8 6)  
Johann Crüger, *Praxis Pietatis Melica*, 1653  
harm. J. S. Bach, 1723

Johann Franck, 1653  
tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1863

1. Je - sus, price - less Treas - ure, Source of pur - est  
2. In Thine arms I rest me; Foes who would mo -  
3. *Sa - tan, I de - fy thee; Death I now de -*  
4. Hence with earth - ly treas - ure! Thou art all my  
5. Hence, all fear and sad - ness! For the Lord of

pleas - ure, Tru - est Friend to me,  
lest me Can - not reach me here.  
*cy thee; Fear I bid thee cease,*  
pleas - ure, Je - sus, all my choice.  
glad - - - ness, Je - sus, en - ters in.

Ah, how long in an - guish Shall my spir - it  
Though the earth be shak - ing, Ev - 'ry heart be  
*World, thou shalt not harm me Nor thy threats a -*  
Hence, thou emp - ty glo - ry! Naught to me thy  
Those who love the Fa - ther, Though the storms may

lan - guish, Yearn - ing, Lord, for Thee.  
 quak - ing, Je - sus calms my fear.  
*larm me While I sing of peace.*  
 sto - ry, Told with tempt - ing voice.  
 gath - er, Still have peace with - in;

Thine I am, O spot - less Lamb, I will suf - fer  
 Light - nings flash and thun - ders crash; Yet, though sin and  
*God's great pow'r guards ev - 'ry hour; Earth and all its*  
 Pain or loss or shame or cross Shall not from my  
 Yea, what - e'er we here must bear, Thou art still my

naught to hide Thee, Naught I ask be - side Thee.  
 hell as - sail me, Je - sus will not fail me.  
*depths a - dore Him, Si - lent bow be - fore Him.*  
 Sav - ior move me, Since He deigns to love me.  
 pur - est pleas - ure, Je - sus, price - less Treas - ure!

**Response to God's Word through the Tribute Offering** [read in unison]

**“Give to the Lord the glory due His name; Bring an offering, and come into His courts. Oh, worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness! Tremble before Him, all the earth. Say among the nations, "The Lord reigns; The world also is firmly established, It shall not be moved; He shall judge the peoples righteously. Psalm 96:8-10**

**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**

Lorenzo Kraber

*"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***

**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

The image shows a piano accompaniment for the 'Our Confession of Faith – The Apostle’s Creed'. It consists of ten 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 cru - ci - fixed, 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)

### **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 1<sup>st</sup> 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***

*“Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people. But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd. Then He said to His disciples, “The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.” Matthew 9:35-37*

**Final Responsive Reading: Psalm 118:14-29** [congregation standing]

<sup>14</sup> Jehovah *is* my strength and song,

**And He has become my salvation.**

<sup>15</sup> The voice of rejoicing and salvation *is* in the tents of the righteous;

**The right hand of Jehovah does valiantly. <sup>16</sup> The right hand of Jehovah is exalted;**

The right hand of Jehovah does valiantly.

<sup>17</sup> **I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of Jehovah.**

<sup>18</sup> Jehovah has chastened me severely, but He has not given me over to death.

<sup>19</sup> **Open to me the gates of righteousness; I will go through them,**

**And I will praise Jehovah.**

<sup>20</sup> This is the gate of Jehovah, through which the righteous shall enter.

<sup>21</sup> **I will praise You, for You have answered me, and have become my salvation.**

<sup>22</sup> The stone *which* the builders rejected

**Has become the chief cornerstone.**

<sup>23</sup> **This was Jehovah’s doing;**

It *is* marvelous in our eyes.

<sup>24</sup> **This *is* the day Jehovah has made;**

**We will rejoice and be glad in it.**

<sup>25</sup> Save now, I pray, O Jehovah;

O Jehovah, I pray, send now prosperity.

<sup>26</sup> **Blessed *is* he who comes in the name of Jehovah!**

**We have blessed you from the house of Jehovah.**

<sup>27</sup> God *is* Jehovah,

And He has given us light;

**Bind the sacrifice with cords to the horns of the altar.**

<sup>28</sup> **You *are* my God, and I will praise You;**

*You are* my God, I will exalt You.

<sup>29</sup> **Oh, give thanks to Jehovah, for *He is* good!**

**For His mercy *endures* forever.**

**God’s People Go Forth Singing God’s Word!**

**Psalm 110**

# Psalm 110

Psalm 2, Anglo-Genevan Psalter 1556  
Harmony by Edward Millar, c1635

The Book of Psalms for Singing, 1973

1. Je - ho - vah to my Lord has said, "Sit Thou — at My right hand,  
2. A will - ing peop - le in Thy day Of pow'r — shall come to Thee,  
3. The LORD at Thy right hand shall smite Earth's rul - er's in His wrath.

10

Un - til I make Thy foes a stool Where - on — Thy feet may stand."  
Thy youth arr - ayed in ho - li - ness Like mom - ing dew shall be.  
A - mong the na - tions He shall judge; The slain — shall fill His path.

19

Je - ho - vah shall from Zi - on send The scep - ter of Thy pow'r.  
Je - ho - vah swore, and from His oath He nev - er will de - part  
In man - y lands He'll ov - er throw Their kings — with ru - in dread;

28

In batt - le with Thine en - e - mies, Be Thou — the con - quer - or.  
"Of the'or - der of Mel - chiz - e - dek A priest — Thou ev - er art"  
And march - ing, He'll drink from the brook, And so — lift up His head.

28

## 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 my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus. Now to our God and Father be glory forever and ever. “The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.”**

*Philippians 4:19-20; 2 Corinthians 13:14*

## Let us go forth 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:** **Glory Be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost,  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen**

## **The Heidelberg Catechism – Lord’s Day 15**

37. What do you understand by the word “suffered”? **That all the time He lived on earth, but especially at the end of His life, He bore, in body and soul, the wrath of God against the sin of the whole human race;**[1] in order that by His suffering, as the only atoning sacrifice,[2] He might redeem our body and soul from everlasting damnation, and obtain for us the grace of God, righteousness, and eternal life. [1] 1 Pet. 2:24; Isa. 53:12. [2] 1 Jn. 2:2; 4:10; Rom. 3:25–26;

\*Ps. 22:14–16; \*Matt. 26:38; \*Rom. 5:6.

38. Why did He suffer “under Pontius Pilate” as judge? **That He, being innocent, might be condemned by the temporal judge,**[1] and thereby deliver us from the severe judgment of God, to which we were exposed.[2]

[1] Acts 4:27–28; Lk. 23:13–15; Jn. 19:4. [2] Ps. 69:4; 2 Cor. 5:21; \*Matt. 27:24.

39. Is there anything more in His having been “crucified” than if He had suffered some other death? **Yes, for thereby I am assured that He took upon Himself the curse which lay upon me,**[1] because the death of the cross was accursed of God.[2] [1] Gal. 3:13–14. [2] Deut. 21:22–23; \*Phil. 2:8.

April 13th, 2025

# Church of the King

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

## **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** Brianna Whitted, Skylar Kirk, Marie Choban, Jessika Roome and Kayla Pettujohn **Praise** for the birth of Gregory Avanto last Sunday; Rest and recovery for Maddy.

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

Maria Muniz (heart surgery recovery), Manuella Pop (back surgery complications), Nicole Kraber (kidney stones), Kyra Fox (leukemia hard chemo); Isaiah Gonzales (recent hospitalization for digestive issues). Craig Garbe family as they deal with serious illness and relocation due to serious house mold. Caleb Haymes, 3 yo son of Joshua Haymes, (kidney disease)

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. Special prayer for Ryan & Annika Holst as they deal with the waves of grief; Give them comfort & strength. We pray for those marriages that are experiencing trials or are broken.; Especially for the Van Ness & Ryan families: We pray for repentance, forgiveness, reconciliation and the restoration; We pray for the children of these families, protect them from uncertainty, fear & anger & give them assurance that they are loved; For Pastor Jack Phelps, Covenant Bible Church in Palmer, Alaska; For his health & that a new pastor be identified

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

Elders: John Stoos, Paul Liberati & Michael Denna

Deacons: Roger Walker & Igor Avanto (on sabbatical);

Elders & Deacons in Training: Chris Serroels & Patrick Avanto;

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

- **Other Christian Churches** - particularly Bethany Baptist Church in Stockton, CA & Pastor Kyle Fitzgerald

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

- **Those Straying from the Faith** - Brothers: Jeremiah, Payton & Garrett Snipes, Jeffrey Sudin, Philip Pesola & Dale Pettujohn

**HEIDELBERG CATECHISM:** Lord's Day 15 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.

### **Roseville Area Book Study:**

~ Meets at 7:00pm on Thursdays at the Pitts home; reading Rejoice and Tremble by Michael Reeves. Contact Vern 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 Garner. Contact Nathaniel Pettujohn. (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**

Katie Serroels - April 12th

Nicole Kraber - April 13th

Martha Vogt - April 16th

Heidi Pekarek - April 18th

Irene Avanto - April 18th

### **Anniversaries**

Rodney & Nicole Kraber - April 13th

## **Background on Jeff Lambin, who will pastor our new mission work in Carson City**

It may be surprising but Nevada ranks even worse than California with respect to regular church attendance with only about 17% of the state attending even once per month or more. Indeed your neighbors to the east may be more politically conservative, but it is a Christless conservatism for certain. Having been raised in this state for nearly all my life (my family moved here when I was 7) for all the faults and failings, I do love this place. From the soaring Sierras to the rugged interior of the state is a land of great and wondrous beauty. Yet it is also a place full of rocky soil for the gospel. Afterall, what states can claim *legal* prostitution! Having been largely settled by mormons and miners, it is a land that has no real church tradition or lasting impact of the gospel... yet!

My name is Jeff Lambin, and by God's grace, I will be the pastor of Reformed Church of the Sierras, a mission church of the CREC. I was raised in a Christian household, baptized in a Lutheran Church in Chicago, raised as a moral young man in rural Nevada. I was an Eagle Scout, active in 4H, and did everything that was respectable. Yet in all this, the gospel hadn't taken root in my heart. In many ways I would have said that I was a Christian but it was only a nominal sort of thing. All of this changed when my brother and sister became active in a youth group at a local church. My parents forced me to go under duress. Somehow (by the sheer providence of God!) I was signed up to go to the summer camp through this church and it was there in the mountains outside of Fresno that the Lord took away my heart of stone and gave me a heart of flesh. Yes, I am that most miraculous thing: a summer camp conversion that actually stuck! From there the Lord placed in me a deep desire to learn more of him and when he brought a new pastor to that church who was talking about this thing called 'Calvinism' I became all the more committed that I needed to go to seminary—not to become a pastor but to just learn more. In retrospect I see that I was incredibly immature, but the Lord is incredibly gracious unto the greatest of fools! As the years progressed I came to see the precious gift that is the church. As I began to love the church my desire to serve her grew as well.

I was determined to attend the Master's Seminary in Los Angeles and my wife, Christa, and I moved down there in the summer of 2012 just months after we were married. I earned an M.Div. and a Th.M. with an emphasis on NT studies. The Lord was gracious in bringing our two daughters to us in our time in So Cal and we were able to adopt them out of the foster care system. We never intended to move back home remembering the words of our Savior that a prophet is not welcome in his hometown, but the Lord drew us back in spite of our reasoning. It has been a very long road in the years since graduating and one of the most significant was stumbling upon this guy in Idaho named Doug Wilson. To make an exceedingly long story short, the more I investigated the CREC the more I saw the beauty and the excellent fit that it is for me and for my family.

In October of last year we began hosting a Bible study in our living room on Sunday afternoons with the hope of becoming a mission work. And although the Lord has cycled a few families through, we have a group that is excited for what the Lord will have for us and for this region of Northern Nevada. It is our hope and prayer that we will be a beacon of light shining into a dark place. We pray that He would use us to call sinners into that light, that he would use us to strengthen the faith of his people, and that these small new beginnings would yield a harvest and a legacy of faithfulness in this place.