



# Lord's Day Service

*At Church of the King on February 1, 2026*

The 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

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

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

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

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; As it is written, "The just shall live by faith.""

*Romans 1:16, 17*

**Come Worship the Righteous Holy One!**

**God's People Respond With a Hymn of Adoration:** (based on Psalm 145:10)

O worship the King all glorious above,	Thy bountiful care, what tongue can recite?
O gratefully sing his power and His love.	It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;
Our shield and defender, the ancient of days,	It streams from the hills; it descends to the plain;
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.	And sweetly distils in the dew and the rain.

**Salutation and Response:** [based on Matthew 28:19, Ruth 2:4 and Romans 1:7]

*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

"Just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, & thus death spread to all men, because all sinned." Romans 5:12

## The Call For Confession From God's Word: Romans 3:20-25a

"Therefore, by the deeds of the law no flesh will be justified in His sight, for by the law is the knowledge of sin. But now the righteousness of God apart from the law is revealed, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, even the righteousness of God, through faith in Jesus Christ, to all and on all who believe. For there is no difference; for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God set forth as a propitiation by His blood, through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness,"

## God's People Sing Our Hymn of Confession: 2 pages [congregation standing]

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

Psalm 5

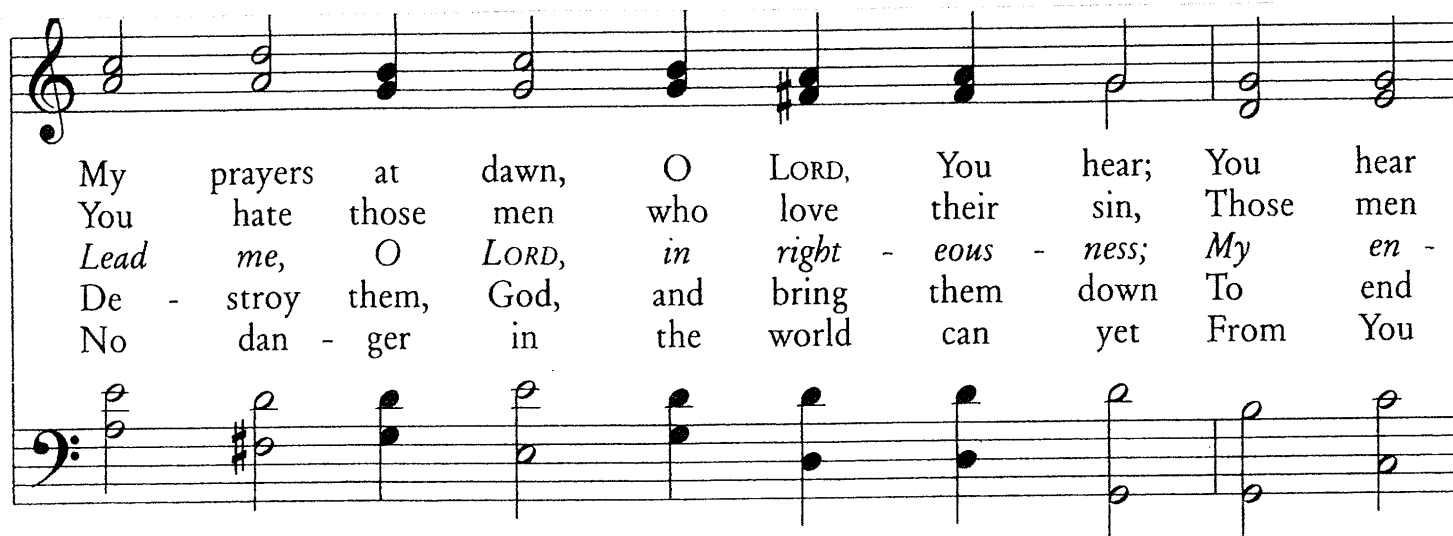
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Heinrich Schütz, 1661

Douglas Wilson, 2000

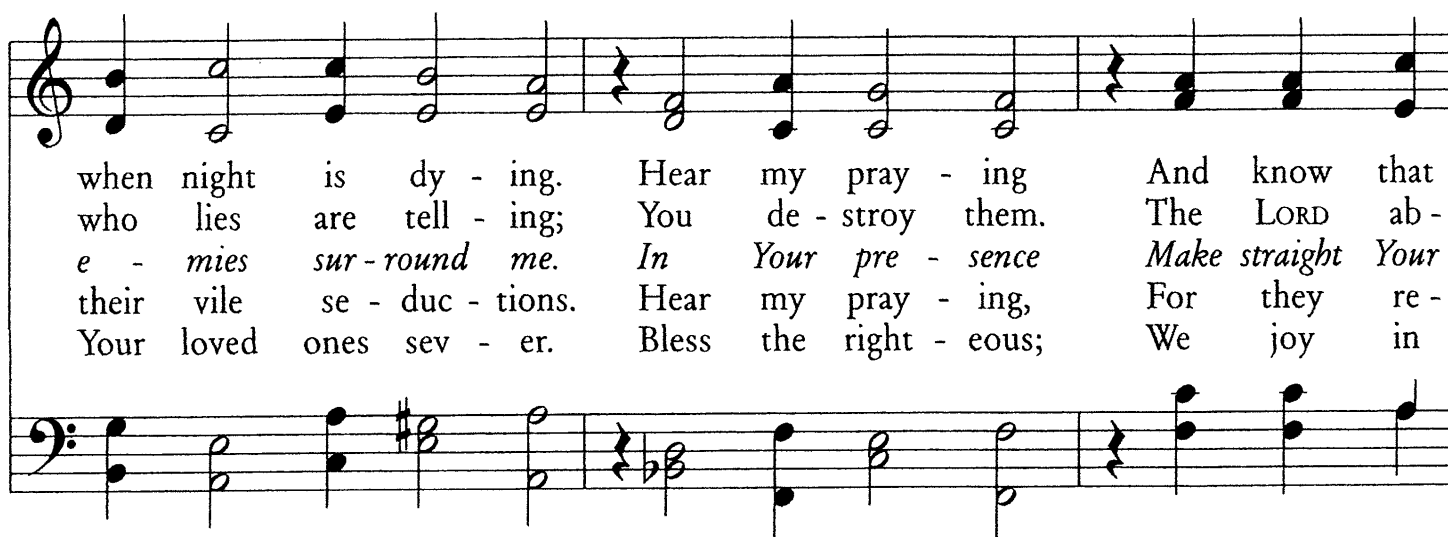
1. Give ear, O LORD, to all my thoughts And words,  
2. For You are not a God who winks At e -  
3. *But as for me, I come to You, And in*  
4. Their mouths are foul, their in - ward parts Are noth -  
5. But let those men who trust in You, Re - joice

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:** "And do you think this, O man, you who judge those practicing such things, and doing the same, that you will escape the judgment of God? Or do you despise the riches of His goodness, forbearance, and longsuffering, not knowing that the goodness of God leads you to repentance? Roman 2:3-4

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

## Corporate Prayer of Confession:

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

## Assurance of Pardon and Forgiveness:

"But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life. And not only that, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation." Romans 5:9-11

As an officer in Christ's Church, ministering in His name, I now proclaim to us the forgiveness of sins, and declare, according to the Scriptures that having truly trusted in Jesus, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, that our sins are not only forgiven on earth, but also in heaven throughout eternity.

I must also state to any here, who are not truly confessing sin and have no desire to live in obedience to Jesus Christ: Your sins are held against you in the Holy Judgement of God. You cannot be forgiven, unless you repent and seek forgiveness through the sacrifice and obedience of Jesus Christ. This I declare in the Name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen. **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. And so, with the angels and all the company of heaven and with the Church, as she gathers throughout the world this day, we praise and magnify your glorious name, evermore praising you & singing:

**Psalm 95**

Thomas Tallis

Dec. = Men  
Can. = Women

*Full*

O come, let us sing un - to the LORD; let us heart - i - ly re - joi - ce in the.

Strength of our sal - va - tion. Let us come be - fore His pres - ence with thanks - giv - ing; and show -

*Dec.* *Can.*

our - selves glad in Him with psalms. For the LORD is a great God; and a great King a -

*Dec.* *Can.*

bove all gods. In His hand are all the cor - ners of the earth; and the strength of the hills is

*Dec.* *Can.* *Dec.*

His al - so. The sea is His, and He made it; and His hands pre - par - ed the dry land. O come, let us

*Can.* *Dec.* *Can.*

wor - ship and fall down, and kneel be - fore the LORD our mak - er. For He is the LORD our God; and

*Full* *Dec.*

we are the peo - ple of His pas - ture, and the sheep of His hands. To - day if ye will

*Can.*

hear His voice, hard - en not your hearts as in the pro - vo - ca - tion, and as in the

*Dec.* *Can.*

day of temp - ta - tion in the wil - der ness; When your fa - thers tempt - ed Me, prov - ed Me, and saw.

*Dec.* *Can.*

My works. For - ty years long was I griev - ed with this gen - er - a - tion, — and said, It

*Full*

is a peo - ple that do err in their hearts, for they have not known. — My ways: un - to whom I

swore in My wrath, that they should — not en - ter in - to My — rest.

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 Sacrament of Baptism:**

The Roome Family presents **Ava Rose**;  
The Voloshin Family presents **Jane Alla**;  
The Stabler Family presents **Hazel Marie**;

For Baptism into the Name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit;

*"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*

*"Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call." Acts 2:38, 39*

*Moreover, brethren, I do not want you to be unaware that all our fathers were under the cloud, all passed through the sea, all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them, and that Rock was Christ. I Corinthians 10:1-4*

### **Hymn of Thanks: *Beneath the Blood-Stained Doorpost***

*Based on Exodus 12, words attributed to Harry Ironside, sung to the tune of O Sacred Head Now Wounded*

***Beneath the blood-stained doorpost I with my children stand;  
A messenger of evil is passing through the land.  
There is no other refuge from the destroyer's face;  
Beneath the blood-stained doorpost shall be our hiding place.***

***My Savior, for my dear ones I claim Thy promise true.  
The Lamb is "for the household"—the children's Savior too.  
On earth the little children once felt Thy touch divine;  
Beneath the blood-stained doorpost Thy blessing give to mine.***

***O Thou who gave them, guard them, those wayward little feet,  
The wilderness before them, the ills of life to meet.  
My mother love is helpless, I trust them to Thy care!  
Beneath the blood-stained doorpost, oh, keep me ever there!***

# 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*

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

### ***Responsive reading of Romans 8:18-39***

The Love of Christ

For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy *to be compared* with the glory which shall be revealed in us. For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God.

**For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected *it* in hope; Because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.**

For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now.

**Not only *that*, but we also who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body. For we were saved in this hope, but hope that is seen is not hope; for why does one still hope for what he sees?**

But if we hope for what we do not see, we eagerly wait for *it* with perseverance.

**Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.**

Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit *is*, because He makes intercession for the saints according to *the will of God*.

**And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose. For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.**

Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.

**What then shall we say to these things?**

If God is for us, who can be against us?

**He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?**

Who shall bring a charge against God's elect?

**It is God who justifies.**

Who is he who condemns?

**It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us.**

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?

**Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written: "For Your sake we are killed all day long; We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter."**

Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.

**For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

# These Great Things

Words by R.C. SPROUL

Music by JEFF LIPPENCOTT

1. How can it be this truth di - vine de - clared by God a - bove? That  
2. Called by our Lord in pur - posed ends no trag - ed - y shall win; No  
3. Fore - known by Him with hearts made new, to His Son we con - form. No  
4. First He did choose and called He then to sure - ly jus - ti - fy; For

all — things by His grand de - sign work good for us by love.  
curse — for those He calls His friends; He saved us from our sins.  
pow'r — on earth can this un - do for those He's made re - born.  
those of the faith be - yond our ken He soon will glo - ri - fy.

What shall we say to these great things of mys - ter - y sub - lime? That if

He is for us we can sing, now and for all time.

# 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*

## "The Importance of Good Doctrine"

From Pastor Paul Liberati

Based on 1 Timothy 4:1-5

### God's People Sing a Hymn of Response

[congregation standing]

### That Man Is Blest Who, Fearing God

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

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

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

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

## **Member Covenant Signing:                      Song Li**

*"Then the king stood in his place and made a covenant before the Lord, to follow the Lord, and to keep His commandments and His testimonies and His statutes with all his heart and all his soul, to perform the words of the covenant that were written in this book. And he made all who were present in Jerusalem and Benjamin take a stand. So the inhabitants of Jerusalem did according to the covenant of God, the God of their fathers."  
II Chronicles 34:31,32*

*"And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers."  
Acts 2:42*

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

**"But now I am going to Jerusalem to minister to the saints. For it pleased those from Macedonia and Achaia to make a certain contribution for the poor among the saints who are in Jerusalem. It pleased them indeed, and they are their debtors. For if the Gentiles have been partakers of their spiritual things, their duty is also to minister to them in material things. Therefore, when I have performed this and have sealed to them this fruit, I shall go by way of you to Spain. But I know that when I come to you, I shall come in the fullness of the blessing of the gospel of Christ. Romans 15:25-29**

## **Presenting Our Tithes and Offerings:**

### **With the Singing of Psalm 100:4-5 & the Doxology**

*Words composed by William Kethe, 1561*

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| <b>1: O enter then His gates with praise;<br/>Approach with joy His courts unto;<br/>Praise laud and bless His Name always,<br/>For it is seemly, so to do.</b>           | <b>2: For why! The Lord our God is good;<br/>His mercy is forever sure;<br/>His truth at all times firmly stood,<br/>And shall from age to age endure.</b> |
| <b>3: Praise God from Whom all blessings flow,<br/>Praise Him all creatures here below.<br/>Praise Him above ye heavenly host,<br/>Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.</b> |  |

## **Presenting our Petitions & the Lord's Prayer:**

Ed Love

*"Jehovah has heard my supplication; Jehovah will receive my prayer." Psalm 6:9*

## *Communion: Where God Communes With His People*

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

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

Piano

The image shows a piano accompaniment for the Apostle's Creed. It consists of eight 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 systems are numbered 8, 16, 25, 35, 43, 52, 60, and 70. The lyrics are: 'I be-lieve in God the Fa-ther Al-migh-ty, Ma-ker of hea-ven and earth; And in Je-sus Christ, His on-ly be-got-ten Son, our Lord, Who was con-ceived by the Ho-ly Spi-rit, born of the vir-gin Ma-ry, Suf-fered un-der Pon-tius Pi-late, was dru-bi-fied, dead and bur-ied; He de-scend-ed In-to hell, the third day He rose a-gain from the dead; He as-cend-ed In-to heav-en, and sit-teth at the right hand of God the Fath-er Al-might-ty; From thence He shall come to judge the liv-ing and the dead. I be-lieve in the Ho-ly Spi-rit, I be-lieve a ho-ly cath-olic Church, the com-mun-ion of saints, the for-give-ness of sins; the re-sur-rec-tion of the bo-dy, and the life ey-er-last-ing. A-men.'

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

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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

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Pi-late, was dru-bi-fied, dead and bur-ied; He de-scend-ed In-to

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

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heav-en, and sit-teth at the right hand of God the Fath-er Al-might-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, on 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.

From sky, from earth, from sky a - gain, Our God feeds all the sons of men.  
Clean wa - ter 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.  
We know all this was kindly meant;  
We taste the Word and sacrament.

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

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**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

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, even though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea; *Though* its waters roar *and* be troubled, *though* the mountains shake with its swelling. *Selah* There is a river whose streams shall make glad the city of God, the holy *place* of the tabernacle of the Most High. God is in the midst of her, she shall not be moved; God shall help her, just at the break of dawn. The nations raged, the kingdoms were moved; He uttered His voice, the earth melted. Jehovah of hosts is with us; The God of Jacob is our refuge. *Selah* Psalm 46:1-7

## God's People Are Sent Forth Singing:

### God the Lord Is Known in Judah

Psalm 76

NEANDER (8 7. 8 7. 8 7)  
Joachim Neander, 1680

The Book of Psalms for Singing, 1973

1. <sup>1</sup>God the Lord is known in Ju - dah; Great His name in  
 2. <sup>4</sup>Ex - cel - lent art Thou and glo - rious Com - ing from the  
 3. <sup>4</sup>Horse and char - iot low are ly - ing In the sleep of  
 4. <sup>8</sup>When from heav'n Thy sen - tence sound - ed, All the earth in  
 5. <sup>11</sup>Make your vows now to Je - ho - vah; Pay your God what

Is - ra - el; <sup>2</sup>His pa - vil - ion is in Sa - lem;  
 hills of prey. <sup>5</sup>Thou hast spoiled the val - iant - heart - ed;  
 death's dark night. Ja - cob's God, Thou didst re - buke them;  
 fear was still, <sup>9</sup>While to save the meek and low - ly  
 is His own; All men, bring your gifts be - fore Him;

His a - bode on Zi - on hill. <sup>3</sup>There He broke the  
 Wrapt in sleep of death are they. Might - y men have  
<sup>7</sup>Thou art fear - ful in Thy might. When Thine an - ger  
 God in judg - ment wrought His will. <sup>10</sup>Ev'n the wrath of  
 Fear is due to Him a - lone; <sup>12</sup>He brings low the

bow and ar - rows, Bade the sword and shield be still.  
 lost their cun - ning; None are read - y for the fray.  
 once is ris - en, Who may stand be - fore Thy sight?  
 man shall praise Thee; What re - mains is kept from ill.  
 pride of princ - es; Kings shall trem - ble at His frown.

## 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*

**“The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.” 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- tles, 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 – Second Part: Man’s Redemption Lord’s Day 5

12. Since, then, by the righteous judgment of God we deserve temporal and eternal punishment, how may we escape this punishment and be again received into favor? **God wills that His justice be satisfied;[1] therefore, we must make full satisfaction to that justice, either by ourselves or by another.[2]** [1] Ex. 20:5; 23:7. [2] Rom. 8:3–4.

13. Can we ourselves make this satisfaction? **Certainly not; on the contrary, we daily increase our guilt.[1]** [1] Job 9:2–3; 15:15–16; Matt. 6:12; \*16:26.

14. Can any mere creature make satisfaction for us? **None; for first, God will not punish any other creature for the sin which man committed;[1] and further, no mere creature can sustain the burden of God’s eternal wrath against sin [2] and redeem others from it.** [1] Heb. 2:14–18. [2] Ps. 130:3.

15. What kind of mediator and redeemer, then, must we seek? **One who is a true [1] and righteous man,[2] and yet more powerful than all creatures, that is, one who is also true God.[3]** [1] 1 Cor. 15:21–22, 25–26. [2] Jer. 13:16; Isa. 53:11; 2 Cor. 5:21; Heb. 7:15–16 [3] Isa. 7:14; Heb. 7:26.