

Lord's Day Service



At Church of the King on March 1st, 2026

The 8th 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

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

"Jehovah has made known His salvation; His righteousness He has revealed in the sight of the nations. He has remembered His mercy and His faithfulness to the house of Israel; All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Shout joyfully to Jehovah, all the earth; Break forth in song, rejoice, and sing praises. Sing to Jehovah with the harp, With the harp and the sound of a psalm, With trumpets and the sound of a horn; Shout joyfully before Jehovah, the King."

Psalm 98:2-6

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

O worship the King all glorious above,	My soul praise Jehovah, speak good of His name
O gratefully sing his power and His love.	So passing in glory, that great is your fame,
Our shield and defender, the ancient of days,	Jehovah our great God, how do you appear;
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.	Majesty and honor, in you shine most clear.

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

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

Amen!

Jehovah be with you!

And also with you!

Jesus was received up into heaven,

And sat down at the right hand of God!

Confession of Sins: Where God Cleanses Us In Christ

"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." 1 John 1:9

The Call for Confession From God's Word:

"Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment. Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me." Psalm 51:1-5

God's People Sing our Hymn of Confession:

[congregation standing]

O Lord, My God, Most Earnestly

Psalm 63

THIRD MODE MELODY (C.M.D.)
Thomas Tallis, 1567; alt.

Psalter, 1912
rev. Psalter Hymnal, 1987

1. O Lord, my God, most ear- nest - ly I seek Your ho - ly face,
2. The lov - ing - kind - ness of my God is more than life to me,
3. Be - neath the sha - dow of Your wings I sing my joy and praise.

With - in Your house a - gain to see the glo - ries of Your grace.
So I will praise You all my days and pray con - tin - ual - ly.
Your right hand is my strong sup - port through trou - bled nights and days.

A - part from — You I long and thirst and naught can sat - is - fy;
In You my — soul is sat - is - fied, my dark - ness turns to light,
All those who — seek my life will fall; my life is in Your hand.

I wan - der — in a des - ert — land where all the streams are dry.
and joy - ful — med - i - ta - tions — fill the watch - es of the night.
God's king and — peo - ple will re - joice; in vic - t'ry they will stand.

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 Prayer of Confession:

Almighty God our heavenly Father. You are completely holy and just in all Your ways. In Your love You have given us every good gift, most of all the Gift of your Son Jesus. Yet we are often unthankful, and fail to love You with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength. In the same way, we take one another for granted, we become unthankful for the people you have lovingly brought into our lives, and we grumble and dispute, thus failing to love one another as we ought. Forgive us our sins, we beseech You, and cleanse us, for the sake of Jesus whom You sent to be our Savior and Lord. Make us a thankful people, now and throughout our lives. We ask this through the merits of our Savior, Jesus Christ. 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]

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.

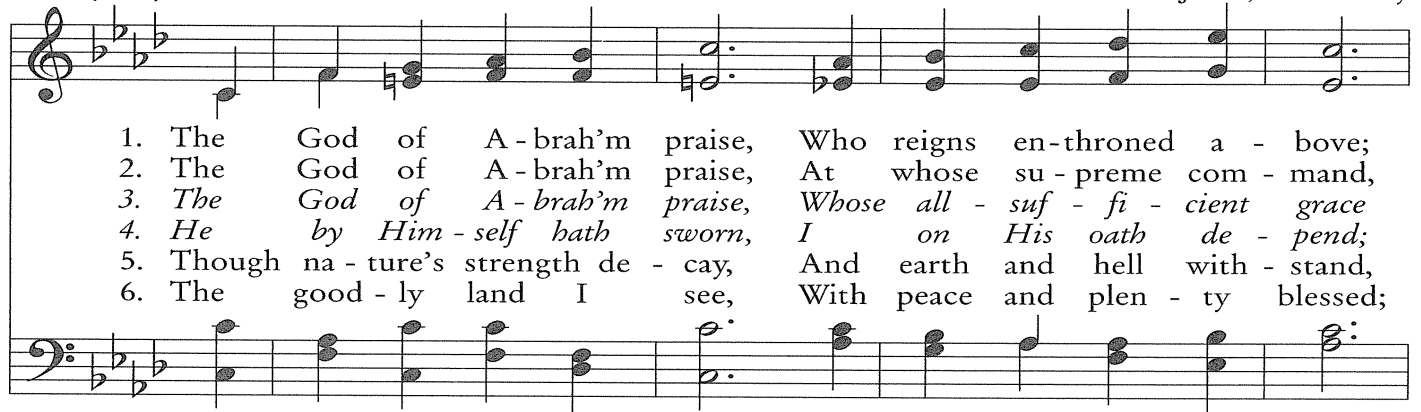
Truly it is proper and right that we should at all times and in all places give praise to you O LORD. And so, with the angels and all the company of heaven and with the Church, as she gathers throughout the world this day, we praise and magnify your glorious name, evermore praising you & singing:

God's People Sing a Hymn of Thanks:

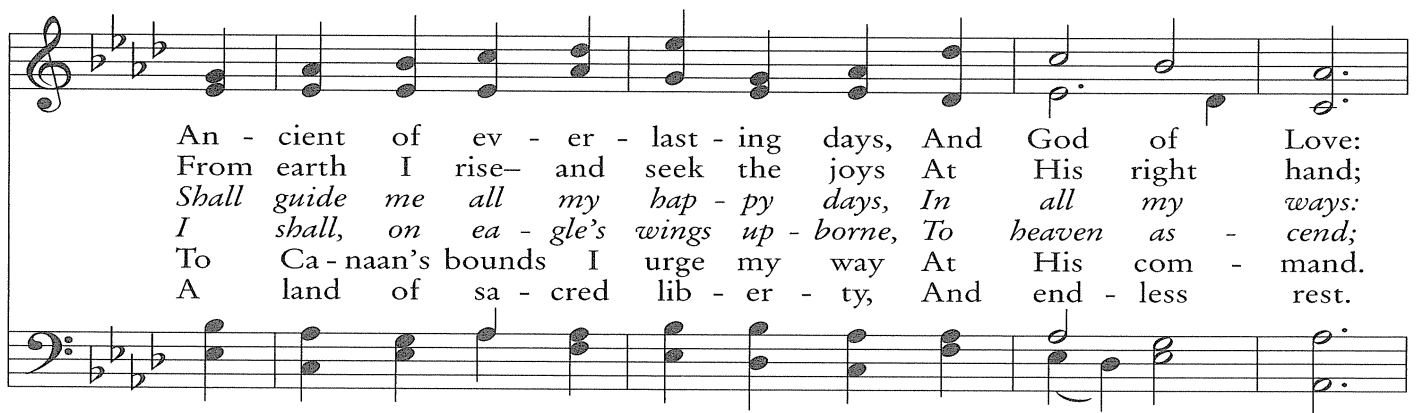
The God of Abraham Praise

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Jewish melody
arr. Meyer Lyon, 1780

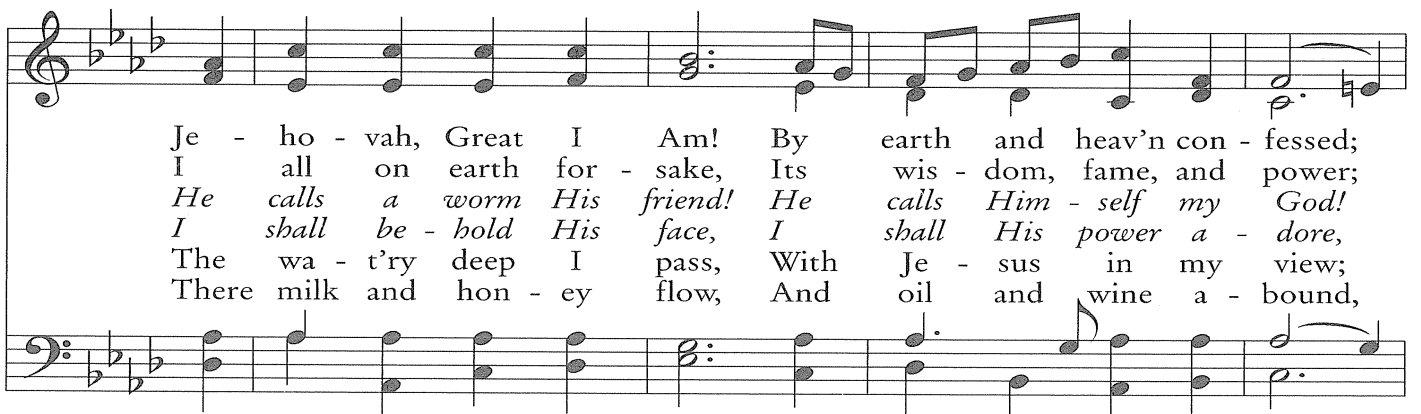
Thomas Olivers, c. 1765
a Christian paraphrase of the *Yigdal*
of Daniel ben Judah, 14th century



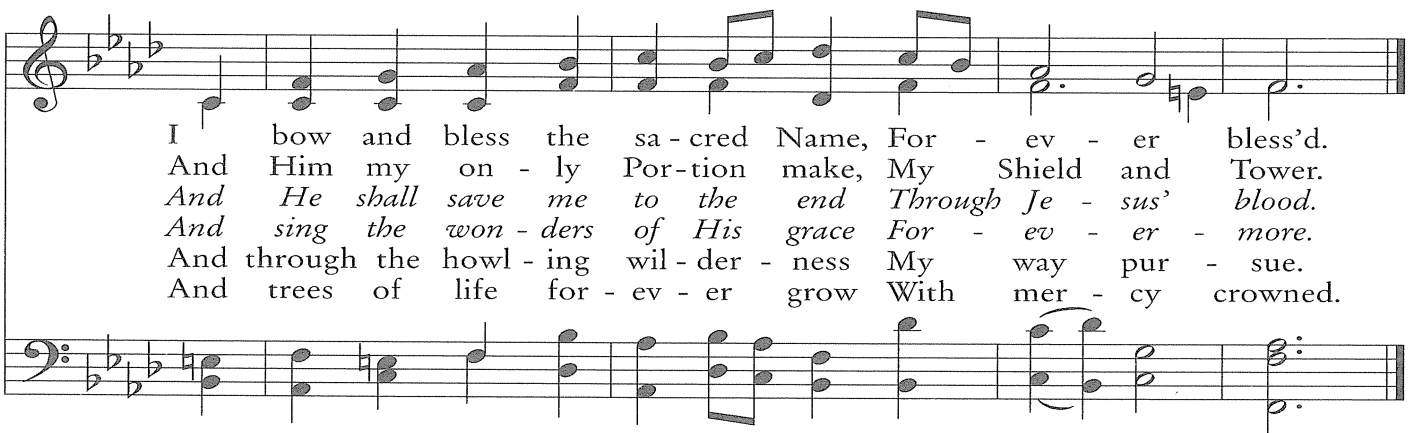
1. The God of A - brah'm praise, Who reigns en - throned a - bove;
2. The God of A - brah'm praise, At whose su - preme com - mand,
3. *The God of A - brah'm praise, Whose all - suf - fi - cient grace*
4. *He by Him - self hath sworn, I on His oath de - pend;*
5. Though na - ture's strength de - cay, And earth and hell with - stand,
6. The good - ly land I see, With peace and plen - ty blessed;



An - cient of ev - er - last - ing days, And God of Love:
From earth I rise - and seek the joys At His right hand;
Shall guide me all my hap - py days, In all my ways:
I shall, on ea - gle's wings up - borne, To heaven as - cend;
To Ca - naan's bounds I urge my way At His com - mand.
A land of sa - cred lib - er - ty, And end - less rest.



Je - ho - vah, Great I Am! By earth and heav'n con - fessed;
I all on earth for - sake, Its wis - dom, fame, and power;
He calls a worm His friend! He calls Him - self my God!
I shall be - hold His face, I shall His power a - dore,
The wa - t'ry deep I pass, With Je - sus in my view;
There milk and hon - ey flow, And oil and wine a - bound,



I bow and bless the sa - cred Name, For - ev - er bless'd.
And Him my on - ly Por - tion make, My Shield and Tower.
And He shall save me to the end Through Je - sus' blood.
And sing the won - ders of His grace For - ev - er - more.
And through the howl - ing wil - der - ness My way pur - sue.
And trees of life for - ev - er grow With mer - cy crowned.

Consecration: Where God Equips & Prepares His People

The law of Jehovah is perfect, converting the soul; The testimony of Jehovah is sure, making wise the simple; The statutes of Jehovah are right, rejoicing the heart; The commandment of Jehovah is pure, enlightening the eyes; The fear of Jehovah is clean, enduring forever; The judgments of Jehovah are true and righteous altogether. "Ps 19:7-9

THE LORD CONSECRATES US BY HIS WORD John 2:1-25

[2:1] On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Now both Jesus and His disciples were invited to the wedding.

And when they ran out of wine, the mother of Jesus said to Him, "They have no wine." Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does your concern have to do with Me? My hour has not yet come."

His mother said to the servants, "Whatever He says to you, do *it*." Now there were set there six waterpots of stone, according to the manner of purification of the Jews, containing twenty or thirty gallons apiece.

Jesus said to them, "Fill the waterpots with water." And they filled them up to the brim. And He said to them, "Draw *some* out now, and take *it* to the master of the feast." And they took *it*.

When the master of the feast had tasted the water that was made wine, and did not know where it came from (but the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom.

And he said to him, "Every man at the beginning sets out the good wine, and when the *guests* have well drunk, then the inferior. You have kept the good wine until now!"

This beginning of signs Jesus did in Cana of Galilee, and manifested His glory; and His disciples believed in Him. After this He went down to Capernaum, He, His mother, His brothers, and His disciples; and they did not stay there many days.

Now the Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. And He found in the temple those who sold oxen and sheep and doves, and the money changers doing business. When He had made a whip of cords, He drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and the oxen, and poured out the changers' money and overturned the tables.

And He said to those who sold doves, "Take these things away! Do not make My Father's house a house of merchandise!"

Then His disciples remembered that it was written, "*Zeal for Your house has eaten Me up.*"

So the Jews answered and said to Him, "What sign do You show to us, since You do these things?"

Jesus answered and said to them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up."

Then the Jews said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will You raise it up in three days?"

But He was speaking of the temple of His body. Therefore, when He had risen from the dead, His disciples remembered that He had said this to them; and they believed the Scripture and the word which Jesus had said.

Now when He was in Jerusalem at the Passover, during the feast, many believed in His name when they saw the signs which He did.

But Jesus did not commit Himself to them, because He knew all *men*, and had no need that anyone should testify of man, for He knew what was in man.

My Heart Has Found a Ready Theme

Psalm 45

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Heinrich Schütz, 1661

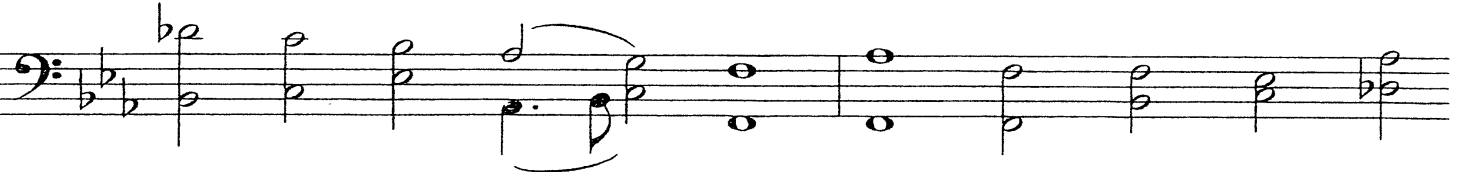
Douglas Wilson, 2002



1. My heart has found a ready theme, A song
 2. So gird Your sword up on Your thigh, O great
 3. Your throne, O God, almighty God, Your throne
 4. The spirit came from palaces Of
 5. Your beauty shall the King desire, He is
 6. And she is ushered to the King In bright



of sweet composing; My tongue a pen to
 Lord and majestic! Ride forth in glory
 is everlasting. The scepter of Your
 vory worked and fashioned, And that aroma
 your Lord and husband, And you shall serve Him
 and glorious raiment And all her bridesmaids



praise the King With praises never ending.
 and in strength. And in Your glory riding,
 righteously hand sustains Your righteous kingdom.
 made You glad To greet the royal wedding.
 all your days, With gladness you shall worship.
 fol low her With gladness and rejoicing.



And You, the King, Are far more fair Than all the sons
 Be - cause of truth, Hu - mil - i - ty, And right - eous - ness
 You love the right And hate all sin— So God, Your God
 King's daugh - ters were A - mong the maids. At Your right hand
 A gift from Tyre Her daugh - ter brings, And so the rich
 And they shall come With - in the gates, The pa - lace gates,

Of mor - tal men, And grace Your God is pour - ing Up - on Your
 You con - quer all. And in Your rid - ing rich - ly Your right hand
 A - noint - ed You And poured the oil of glad - ness Be - yond the
 Did stand the queen, The queen in gold of O - phir. O daugh - ter
 En - treat you now; They bring to you pe - ti - tions. A daugh - ter
 To see the King. So do not mourn or sor - row, To fill the

mouth and on Your lips. You have been blessed for - ev - er;
 teach - es awe - some things. Your foes are pierced with ar - rows,
 rank of all Your friends. The spic - es of Your gar - ments
 bear, in - cline your ear; So now for - get your peo - ple,
 to the King is here And gold - en is her - cloth - ing,
 place your fa - thers left Your chil - dren shall be princ - es,

You are the King and blessed, For - ev - er blessed, a - men.
 And un - der You they fall, They fall be - neath Your feet.
 Are cas - si - a and myrrh And al - oes deep and rich.
 For - get your fa - ther's house And take your hus - band's name.
 Em - broid - ered here with gold, Em - broid - ered now with care.
 And I will mag - ni - fy Your name for - ev - er - more.

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

"Guidelines for Supporting Widows"

From Pastor Zak Graves

Based on 1 Timothy 5:3-16

God's People Sing a Hymn of Response:

[congregation standing]

To God the Holy Spirit Let Us Pray

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German *Leise*, c. 1100

Johann Walter, *Geystliche gesangk Buchleyn*, 1524

st. 1, author unknown, c. 1250

st. 2-4, Martin Luther, 1524

tr. *Worship Supplement*, 1969, adapt.

1. To God the Ho - ly Spir - it let us pray
2. O sweet - est Love, your grace on us be - stow;
3. Tran - scen - dent Com - fort in our ev - 'ry need,
4. Shine in our hearts, O Spir - it pre - cious light;

Most of all for faith up - on our way
Set our hearts with sa - cred fire a - glow
Help us nei - ther scorn nor death to heed
Teach us Je - sus Christ to know a - right

That he may de - fend us when life is end - ing
That with hearts u - nit - ed we love each oth - er,
That we may not fal - ter nor cour - age fail us,
That we may a - bide in the Lord who bought us,

And from ex - ile home we are wend - ing.
Ev - 'ry strang - er, sis - ter, and broth - er. Lord have mer - cy.
When the foe shall taunt and as - sail - us.
Till to our true home he has brought us.

Response to God's Word Through the Tribute Offering: [read in unison]

“Give to Jehovah the glory due His name; bring an offering, and come into His courts. Oh, worship Jehovah 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. Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; Let the sea roar, and all its fullness; Let the field be joyful, and all that is in it. Then all the trees of the woods will rejoice before Jehovah. For He is coming to judge the earth. He shall judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with His truth.” Psalm 96:8-13

Presenting Our Tithes and Offerings:

With the singing of Psalm 30:4-5 & the Doxology

Words composed by Brenda Fisher

**1: Sing praise you saints unto the Lord; 2: His wrath is in a moment past;
His name is one to be adored. His favor through all life will last.
Give thanks unto His holy name. Weeping may still endure a night,
At every mem'ry of that name. But joy comes with the morning light.**

**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:

Tony Gonzales

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

**Our Father,
Which art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name.
Thy Kingdom come.
Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from the evil one,
For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power and the glory forever: AMEN**
[Matthew 6:9-13]

Communion: Where God Communes With His People

"The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ?

The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ?" 1 Corinthians 10:16

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

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

Piano

The image shows a piano accompaniment for 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 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-ci-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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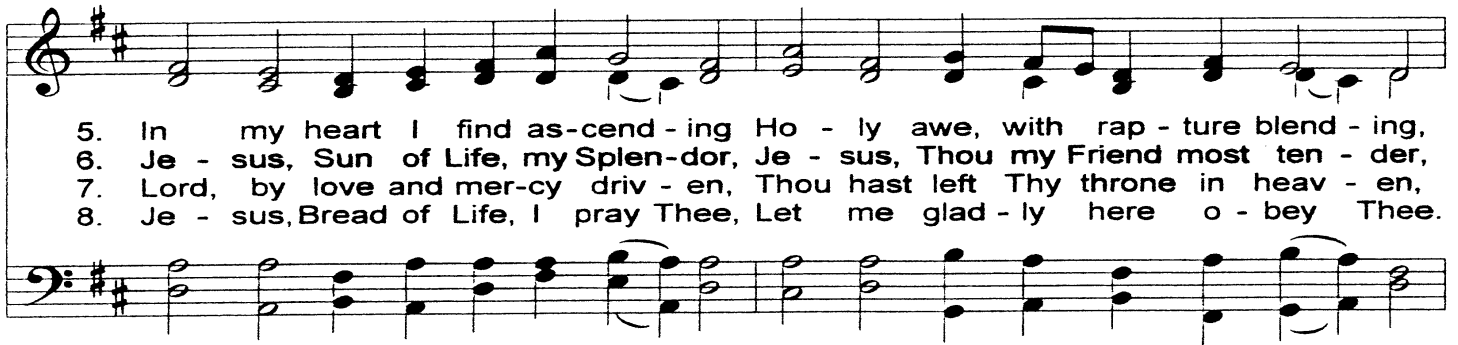
THE LORD COMMUNES WITH US AT HIS TABLE: (Peace Offering, Gift of Life)

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

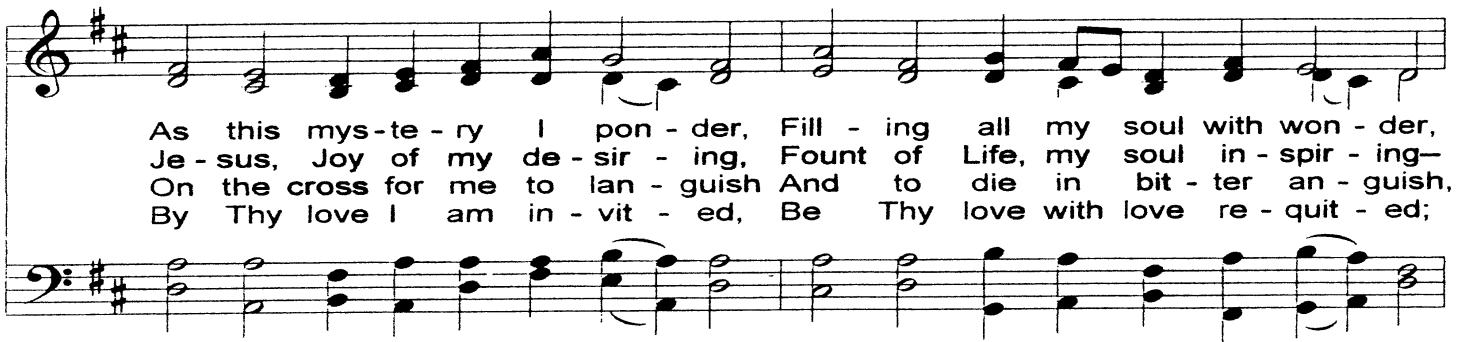
God's People Sing a Hymn of Thanks and Celebration:

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

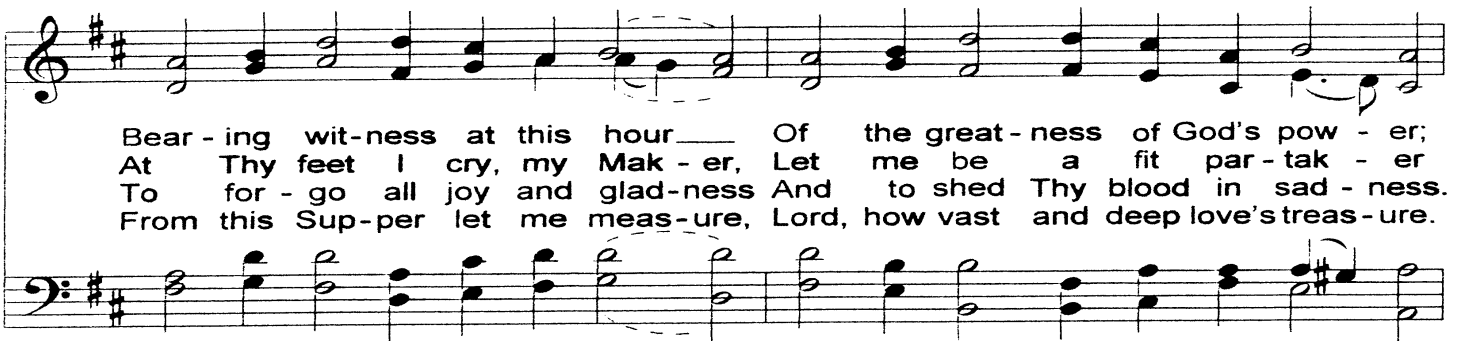
Soul, Adorn Thyself with Gladness



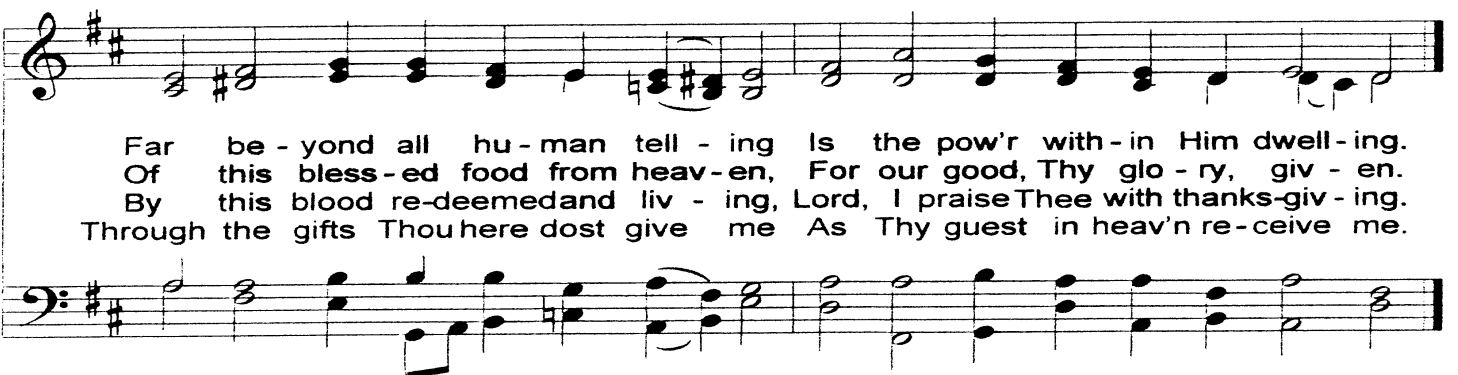
5. In my heart I find as-cend-ing Ho - ly awe, with rap - ture blend - ing,
6. Je - sus, Sun of Life, my Splen-dor, Je - sus, Thou my Friend most ten - der,
7. Lord, by love and mer-cy driv - en, Thou hast left Thy throne in heav - en,
8. Je - sus, Bread of Life, I pray Thee, Let me glad - ly here o - bey Thee.



As this mys-te - ry I pon - der, Fill - ing all my soul with won - der,
Je - sus, Joy of my de - sir - ing, Fount of Life, my soul in - spir - ing,
On the cross for me to lan - guish And to die in bit - ter an - guish,
By Thy love I am in - vit - ed, Be Thy love with love re - quit - ed;



Bear - ing wit-ness at this hour — Of the great - ness of God's pow - er;
At Thy feet I cry, my Mak - er, Let me be a fit par - tak - er
To for - go all joy and glad-ness And to shed Thy blood in sad - ness.
From this Sup - per let me meas - ure, Lord, how vast and deep love's treas - ure.



Far be - yond all hu - man tell - ing Is the pow'r with - in Him dwell - ing.
Of this bless - ed food from heav - en, For our good, Thy glo - ry, giv - en.
By this blood re - deemed and liv - ing, Lord, I praise Thee with thanks - giv - ing.
Through the gifts Thou here dost give me As Thy guest in heav'n re - ceive me.

Feasting At The Lord's Table: A simple act of obedience on the 1st day of a new Week
Partaking of the Bread together -- Giving Thanks -- Partaking of the Wine

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

Commissioning: Where God Sends Out His People

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

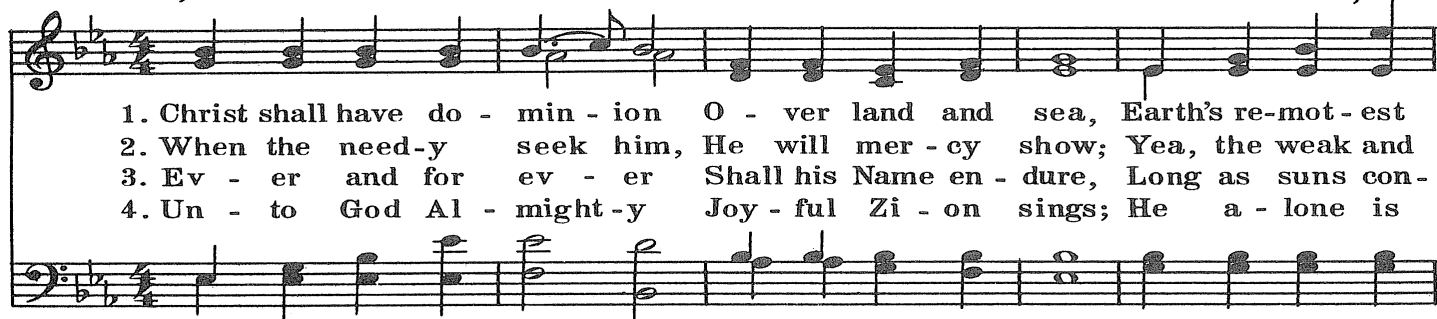
God's People Prepare to be Sent Forth with Singing:

Christ Shall Have Dominion

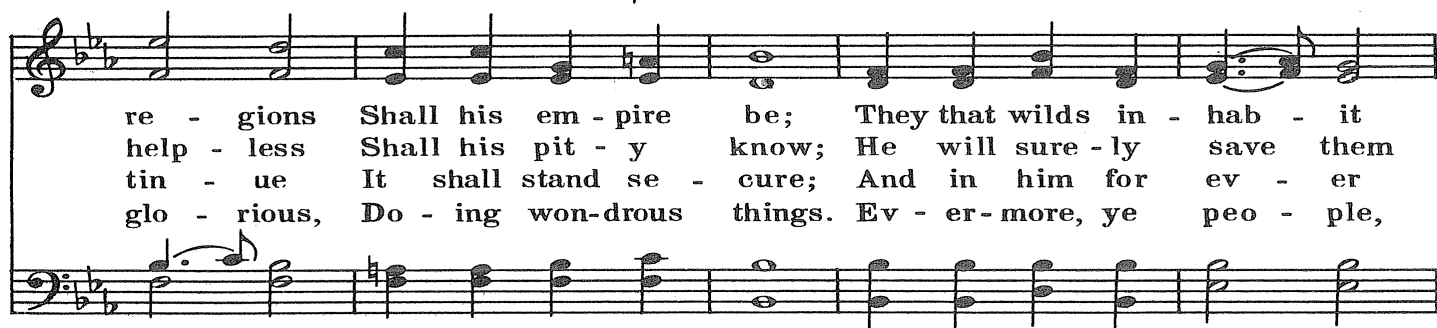
He shall have dominion also from sea to sea. . . Psalm 72:8

From PSALM 72:8-14, 17-19
The Psalter, 1912

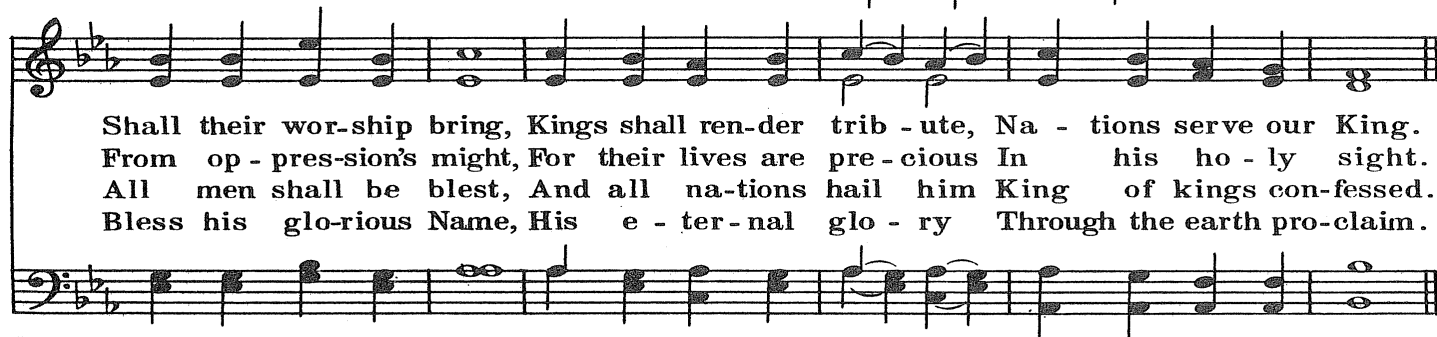
Sir Arthur S. Sullivan, 1871



1. Christ shall have do - min - ion O - ver land and sea, Earth's re - mot - est
2. When the need - y seek him, He will mer - cy show; Yea, the weak and
3. Ev - er and for ev - er Shall his Name en - dure, Long as suns con -
4. Un - to God Al - might - y Joy - ful Zi - on sings; He a - lone is

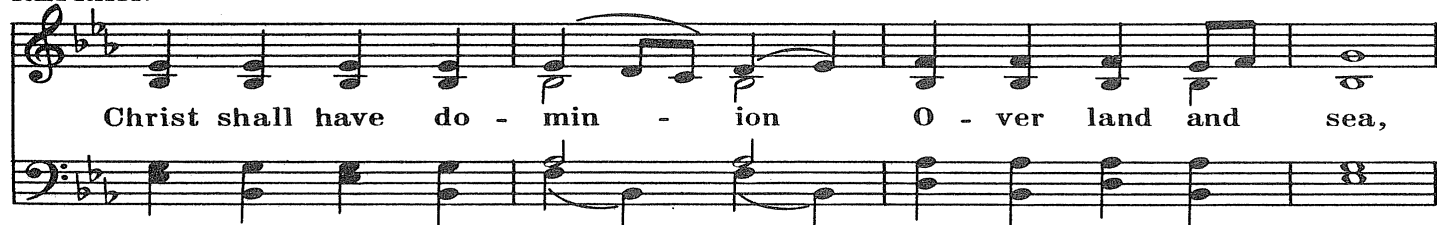


re - gions Shall his em - pire be; They that wilds in - hab - it
help - less Shall his pit - y know; He will sure - ly save them
tin - ue It shall stand se - cure; And in him for ev - er
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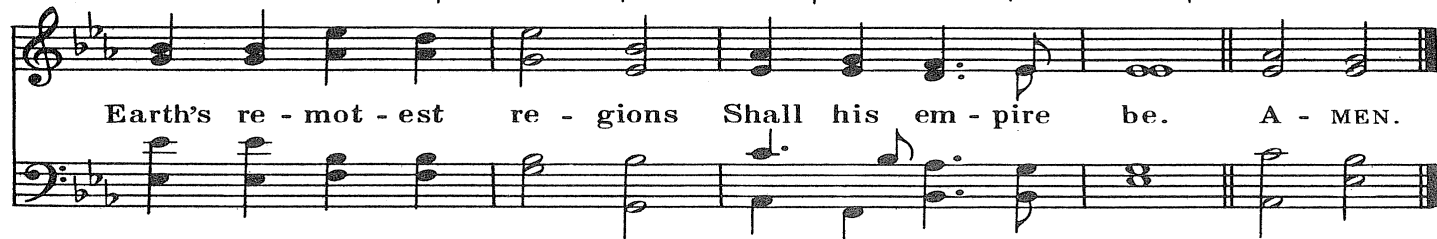


Shall their wor - ship bring, Kings shall ren - der trib - ute, Na - tions serve our King.
From op - pres - sion's might, For their lives are pre - cious In his ho - ly sight.
All men shall be blest, And all na - tions hail him King of kings con - fessed.
Bless his glo - rious Name, His e - ter - nal glo - ry Through the earth pro - claim.

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Christ shall have do - min - ion O - ver land and sea,



Earth's re - mot - est re - gions Shall his em - pire be. 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

“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

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 light- 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**

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26. What do you believe when you say, “I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth”? **That the eternal Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who of nothing made heaven and earth with all that is in them,[1] who likewise upholds, and governs them by His eternal counsel and providence,[2] is for the sake of Christ, His Son, my God and my Father,[3] in whom I so trust as to have no doubt that He will provide me with all things necessary for body and soul;[4] and further, that whatever evil He sends upon me in this valley of tears, He will turn to my good;[5] for He is able to do it, being Almighty God,[6] and willing also, being a faithful Father.[7]**

[1] Gen. 1:31; Ps. 33:6; *Col. 1:16;

*Heb. 11:3. [2] Ps. 104:2–5; Matt. 10:30; Heb. 1:3; Ps. 115:3; *Acts 17:24–25. [3] Jn. 1:12; Rom. 8:15; Gal. 4:5–7; Eph.

1:5; *Eph. 3:14–16; *Matt. 6:8. [4] Ps. 55:22; Matt. 6:25–26; Lk. 12:22–24; Ps. 90:1–2. [5] Rom. 8:28; *Acts 17:27–28.

[6] Rom. 10:12.

[7] Matt. 7:9–11; *Num. 23:19.