

Lord's Day Service



*At Church of the King on March 15th, 2026
The 10th 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]

"I was in the Spirit on the Lord's Day, and I heard behind me a loud voice, as of a trumpet, saying, "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last," ...Then I turned to see the voice that spoke with me. And having turned I saw seven golden lampstands, and in the midst of the seven lampstands One like the Son of Man, clothed with a garment down to the feet and girded about the chest with a golden band. His head and hair were white like wool, as white as snow, and His eyes like a flame of fire; His feet were like fine brass, as if refined in a furnace, and His voice as the sound of many waters; He had in His right hand seven stars, out of His mouth went a sharp two-edged sword, and His countenance was like the sun shining in its strength." Revelation 1:10-16

Come Worship the Alpha and Omega!

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

O worship the King all glorious above,	Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail
O gratefully sing his power and His love.	In Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail;
Our shield and defender, the ancient of days,	Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.	Our maker, defender, redeemer, and friend.

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

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

Amen!

Jehovah be with you!

And also with you!

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty

Which was and is and is to come;

Give glory, laud and honor to Him that sits on the throne

Who lives for ever and ever!

Confession of Sins: Where God Cleanses Us In Christ

"Have mercy upon me, O God, According to Your loving kindness; According to the multitude of Your tender mercies, Blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin." Psalm 51:1-2

The Call for Confession from God's Word:

"And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead. But He laid His right hand on me, saying to me, "Do not be afraid; I am the First and the Last. I am He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. And I have the keys of Hades and of Death." Revelation 1:17, 18

God's People Sing our Hymn of Confession:

[congregation standing]

Be Not Far Off, for Grief Is Near

Psalm 22:11-20

KINGSFOLD (C.M.D.)

Melody collected by Lucy Broadwood

harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

The Book of Psalms for Singing, 1973

1. Be not far off, for grief is near, And none to help is found;
2. My strength is on - ly bro - ken clay; My mouth and tongue are dry,
3. My bones are plain for me to count; men see me and they stare.

For bulls of Ba - shan in their strength Now cir - cle me a - round.
For in the ver - y dust of death You there make me to lie.
My clothes a - mong them they di - vide, And gam - ble for their share.

Their li - on - jaws they o - pen wide, And roar to tear their prey.
For see how dogs en - cir - cle me! On eve - ry side there stands
Now hur - ry, O my Strength, to help! Do not be far, O LORD!

My heart is wax, my bones un - knit, My life is poured a - way.
A broth - er - hood of cru - el - ty; They pierce my feet and hands.
But snatch my soul from rag - ing dogs, And spare me from the sword.

Silent Confession: "Do not remember the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions;

According to Your mercy remember me, For Your goodness' sake, O Lord." Psalm 25:7

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

Corporate Prayer of Confession:

O most merciful God, we acknowledge that your Son Jesus comes as the Alpha and Omega the First and the Last, the one who knows all things and the one who has the keys of Hades and of Death. We confess that as the Apostle John we must fall at His feet as dead under the weight of our sin. In the light of His Righteousness we see our sins, both our sins of omission where things ought to have been done and our sins of commission where we have violated your Holy Laws and Commandments. We humbly ask for your forgiveness and ask to be cleansed by the blood of the Lamb who was slain from the foundation of the world. Amen.

Arise and Receive the Assurance of Pardon & Forgiveness:

"And I looked, and behold, in the midst of the throne and of the four living creatures, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as though it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent out into all the earth. Then He came and took the scroll out of the right hand of Him who sat on the throne. Now when He had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each having a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. And they sang a new song, saying: "You are worthy to take the scroll, And to open its seals; For You were slain, And have redeemed us to God by Your blood out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation, and have made us kings and priests to our God; And we shall reign on the earth." Revelation 5:6-10

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 your sins. This I declare in the name and authority of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Having confessed our sins with faith in the completed work of Christ on our behalf, we are forgiven; we have been cleansed and clothed in the righteousness of Jesus. And not only that, we are now **in** Christ and **in** Him we are in the heavenly places, in the very midst of the blessed Trinity with the Saints of all the ages, from every tongue, tribe and nation prepared to worship in the beauty of holiness.

Come, let us worship the Lord!

Come Bless the Father:

Come bless the Fath - er, all you ser - vants of the Son, who stand by the Spir - it in the House of the Lord. Lift up your hands to the Ho - ly Place and bless your God. May the Lord _____ bless you from Zi - on, He Who made hea - ven and earth. _____

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them up un - to the Lord!

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God!

It is pro - per and right to do so.

Truly it is proper and right that we should at all times and in all places give praise to you O LORD. 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:

[congregation standing]

Before Thee Let My Cry Come Near

Psalm 119:169-176

RUSSIA (L.M.)
Daniel Read, 1786

The Book of Psalms for Singing, 1973

1. ¹⁶⁹Be - fore Thee let my cry come near, O LORD; true to Thy word, teach
 2. ¹⁷¹Since Thou Thy stat - utes teach - est me, O let my lips Thy praise con -

Melody

(Soprano) ¹⁷⁰Be -
¹⁷²Yea,

me.
fess.

(Alto) ¹⁷⁰Be - fore Thee let my
¹⁷²Yea, of Thy word my

(Tenor) ¹⁷⁰Be - fore Thee let my plead - ing come; True
¹⁷²Yea, of Thy word my tongue would sing, For

(Bass) ¹⁷⁰Be - fore Thee let my plead - ing come; True to Thy prom - ise,
¹⁷²Yea, of Thy word my tongue would sing, For Thy com - mands are

fore Thee let my plead - ing come; True to Thy prom - ise, res - cue me.
of Thy word my tongue would sing, For Thy com - mands are right - eous - ness.

plead - ing come; True to Thy prom - ise, res - cue me.
tongue would sing, For Thy com - mands are right - eous - ness.

to Thy prom - ise, res - cue me, True to Thy prom - ise, res - cue me.
Thy com - mands are right - eous - ness, For Thy com - mands are right - eous - ness.

res - cue me, True to Thy prom - ise, res - cue me.
right - eous - ness, For Thy com - mands are right - eous - ness.

3. ¹⁷³Be ready with Thy hand to help,
Because Thy precepts are my choice.
¹⁷⁴I've longed for Thy salvation, LORD,
And in Thy holy law rejoice.

4. ¹⁷⁵O let Thine ordinances help;
My soul shall live and praise Thee yet.
¹⁷⁶A straying sheep, Thy servant, seek,
For Thy commands I ne'er forget.

Consecration: Where God Equips & Prepares His People

After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" All the angels stood around the throne and the elders and the four living creatures, and fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying: "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom, Thanksgiving and honor and power and might, Be to our God forever and ever. Amen." Revelation 7:9-12

THE LORD CONSECRATES US BY HIS WORD

Romans 6:1-23

[6:1] What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound?

Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it? Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be *in the likeness* of His resurrection,

Knowing this, that our old man was crucified with *Him*, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin. For he who has died has been freed from sin.

Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him, knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more.

Death no longer has dominion over Him. For *the death* that He died, He died to sin once for all; but *the life* that He lives, He lives to God. Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it in its lusts. And do not present your members *as* instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and your members *as* instruments of righteousness to God. For sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under grace. What then? Shall we sin because we are not under law but under grace?

Certainly not! Do you not know that to whom you present yourselves slaves to obey, you are that one's slaves whom you obey, whether of sin *leading* to death, or of obedience *leading* to righteousness?

But God be thanked that *though* you were slaves of sin, yet you obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine to which you were delivered. And having been set free from sin, you became slaves of righteousness. I speak in human *terms* because of the weakness of your flesh.

For just as you presented your members *as* slaves of uncleanness, and of lawlessness *leading* to *more* lawlessness, so now present your members *as* slaves *of* righteousness for holiness.

For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. What fruit did you have then in the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things *is* death.

But now having been set free from sin, and having become slaves of God, you have your fruit to holiness, and the end, everlasting life. For the wages of sin *is* death, but the gift of God *is* eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

God's People Respond with a Hymn of Faith:

"Oh, give thanks to the Lord! Call upon His name; Make known His deeds among the peoples!
Sing to Him, sing psalms to Him; Talk of all His wondrous works!" Psalm 105:1-2

To God the Holy Spirit Let Us Pray

NUN BITTEN WIR (10 9. 11 9. 4)

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.

"Our Member Covenant", Part 1

From **Pastor Paul Liberati**

Based on **Various Texts**

God's People Sing a Hymn of Praise:

4 pages [congregation standing]

I Bind unto Myself Today

St. Patrick's Breastplate

ST. PATRICK (L.M.D.)
From an ancient Irish hymn melody
Charles Villiers Stanford, 1902

Ascribed to St. Patrick, 372-466
tr. Cecil Frances Humphreys Alexander, 1889

Unison



1. I bind un - to my - self to - day The strong name



of the Trin - i - ty, By in - vo - ca - tion



of the same, The Three in One, and One in Three.

Saint Patrick's Breastplate

2. I bind this day to me for - ev - er, By pow'r of
 3. I bind un - to my - self the pow'r Of the great
 4. *I bind un - to my - self to - day The vir - tues*
 5. *I bind un - to my - self to - day The pow'r of*
 6. A - gainst the de - mon snares of sin, The vice that
 7. A - gainst all Sa - tan's spells and wiles, A - gainst false

faith, Christ's In - car - na - tion; His bap - tism in the
 love of Cher - u - bim; The sweet "Well done" in
of the star - lit heav - en, The glo - rious sun's life -
God to hold and lead, His eye to watch, His
 gives temp - ta - tion force, The na - tural lusts that
 words of her - e - sy, A - gainst the knowl - edge

Jor - dan riv - er; His death on the Cross for my sal - va - tion;
 judg - ment hour; The serv - ice of the Ser - a - phim;
giv - ing ray, The white - ness of the moon at e - ven,
might to stay, His ear to heark - en to my need.
 war with - in, The hos - tile men that mar my course;
 that de - files, A - gainst the heart's i - dol - a - try,

His burst - ing from the spic - ed tomb; His rid - ing
 Con - fes - sors' faith, A - pos - tles' word, The Pa - triarchs'
The flash - ing of the light - ning free, The whirl - ing
The wis - dom of my God to teach, His hand to
 Or few or man - y, far or nigh, In ev - 'ry
 A - gainst the wiz - ard's e - vil craft, A - gainst the

up the heav'n - ly way; His com - ing at the day of
 prayers, the Proph - ets' scrolls, All good deeds done un - to the
wind's tem - pes - tuous shocks, *The sta - ble earth,* *the deep salt*
guide, His shield to ward; *The word of God to give me*
 place, and in all hours, A - gainst their fierce hos - til - i -
 death - wound and the burn - ing, The chok - ing wave, the poi - soned

doom; I bind un - to my - self to - day.
 Lord, And pu - ri - ty of vir - gin souls.
sea, A - round the old un - dy - ing rocks.
speech, His heav'n - ly host to be my guard.
 ty, I bind to me these ho - ly pow'rs.
 shaft, Pro - tect me, Christ, till Thy re - turning.

Part 2

DEIRDRE (L.M.)

Adapted from an ancient Irish melody

8. Christ be with me, Christ with-in me, Christ be - hind me, Christ be - fore me,
 Christ be - neath me, Christ a - bove me, Christ in qui - et, Christ in dan - ger,

Christ be - side me, Christ to win me, Christ to com - fort and re - store me,
 Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stran - ger.

Saint Patrick's Breastplate

Unison

9. I bind un - to my - self the name, The strong name of the

Trin - i - ty, By in - vo - ca - tion of the same, The

Three in One, and One in Three. Of whom all na - ture

hath cre - a - tion; E - ter - nal Fa - ther, Spir - it, Word: Praise to the

Lord of my sal - va - tion, Sal - va - tion is of Christ the Lord.

God Receives Our Tithes and Gifts as a 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, "Jehovah 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 100:1-3, & the Doxology

Words composed by William Kethe, 1561

1: All people that on earth do dwell, Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice. Him serve with mirth, His praise forth tell; Come ye before Him and rejoice.	2: Know that the Lord is God indeed; Without our aid He did us make; We are His folk, He doth us feed, And for His sheep He doth us take.
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**5: 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.**

Presenting our Petitions & the Lord's Prayer:

Jacob Stabler

Therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.” Hebrews 4:16

**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

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)

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing Praise to
2 Praise we him, whose love di - vine Gives his
3 Where the pas - chal blood is poured Death's dread
4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Pas - chal

our vic - to - rious king. Who has washed us
sa - cred blood for wine. Gives his bod - y
an - gel sheathes the sword: Is - rael's hosts tri -
vic - tim. pas - chal bread: With sin - cer - i -

in the tide Flow - ing from his pierc - ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!
for the feast— Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest. Al - le - lu - ia!
um-phant go Through the wave that drowns the foe. Al - le - lu - ia!
ty and love Eat we man - na from a - bove. Al - le - lu - ia!

5 Mighty Victim from the sky,
Hell's fierce pow'rs beneath you lie;
You have conquered in the fight,
You have brought us life and light.
Alleluia!

6 Now no more can death appall,
Now no more the grave enthrall;
You have opened paradise,
And your saints in you shall rise.
Alleluia!

7 Easter triumph, Easter joy!
This alone can sin destroy;
From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,
Newborn souls in you to be.
Alleluia!

8 Father, who the crown shall give,
Savior, by whose death we live,
Spirit, guide through all our days:
Three in One, your name we praise.
Alleluia!

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

“Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war. His eyes were like a flame of fire, and on His head were many crowns. He had a name written that no one knew except Himself. He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God. And the armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, followed Him on white horses. Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations. And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. And He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.” Revelation 19:11-16

God's People Respond with Singing:

Rejoice, the Lord Is King

DARWALL (6 6. 6 6. 4 4. 4 4)
John Darwall, 1770

Charles Wesley, 1746; alt.

1. Re - joice, the Lord is King: Your Lord and King a - dore! Re -
2. Je - sus the Sav - ior reigns, The God of truth and love: When
3. *His king - dom can - not fail. He rules o'er earth and heav'n; The*
4. He sits at God's right hand Till all his foes sub - mit, And
5. Re - joice in glo - rious hope! Our Lord, the Judge, shall come, And

joice, give thanks, and sing, And tri - umph ev - er - more.
He had purged our stains, He took His seat a - bove.
keys of death and hell Are to our Je - sus giv'n. Lift up your
bow to His com - mand, And fall be - neath His feet.
take His ser - vants up To their e - ter - nal home.

heart, Lift up your voice! Re - joice, a - gain I say, re - joice!

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-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 – God the Son Lord’s Day 11

29. Why is the Son of God called “Jesus,” that is, Savior?
salvation is not to be sought or found in any other.[2]

Because He saves us from all our sins,[1] and because
[1] Matt. 1:21; Heb. 7:25. [2] Acts 4:12; *Lk. 2:10–11.

30. Do those also believe in the only Savior Jesus, who seek their salvation and welfare from “saints,” themselves, or anywhere else? No; although they make their boast of Him, yet in their deeds they deny the only Savior Jesus;[1] for either Jesus is not a complete Savior, or they who by true faith receive this Savior, must have in Him all that is necessary to their salvation.[2] [1] 1 Cor. 1:13, 30–31; Gal. 5:4. [2] Isa. 9:7; Col. 1:20; 2:10; Jn. 1:16; *Matt. 23:28.