



# Lord's Day Service

*At Church of the King on April 19th, 2026*

*The 2nd Sunday after Easter*

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

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

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

*"Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way which He consecrated for us, through the veil, that is, His flesh, and having a High Priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful." Hebrews 10:19-23* **Come Boldly Worship the King of Kings!**

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

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

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

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

*Jehovah be with you!* **And also with you!**

*God spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets,*  
**God has in these last days spoken to us by His Son.**  
*Whom He has appointed heir of all things,*  
**Through whom also He made the worlds.**

# Confession of Sins: Where God Cleanses Us In Christ

“Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us” Hebrews 12:1a

## The Call For Confession From God’s Word:

Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Hebrews 4:14-16

## God’s People Sing our Hymn of Confession:

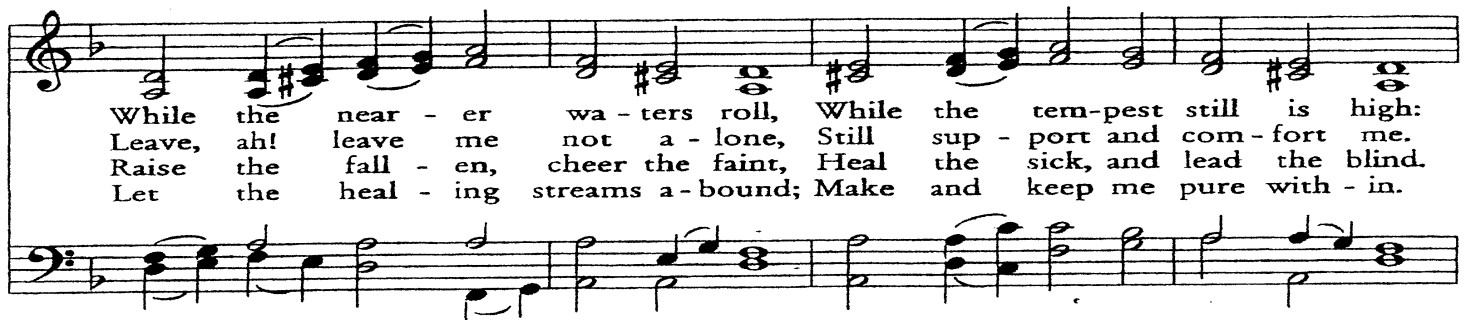
### Jesus, Lover of My Soul

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Joseph Parry, 1879

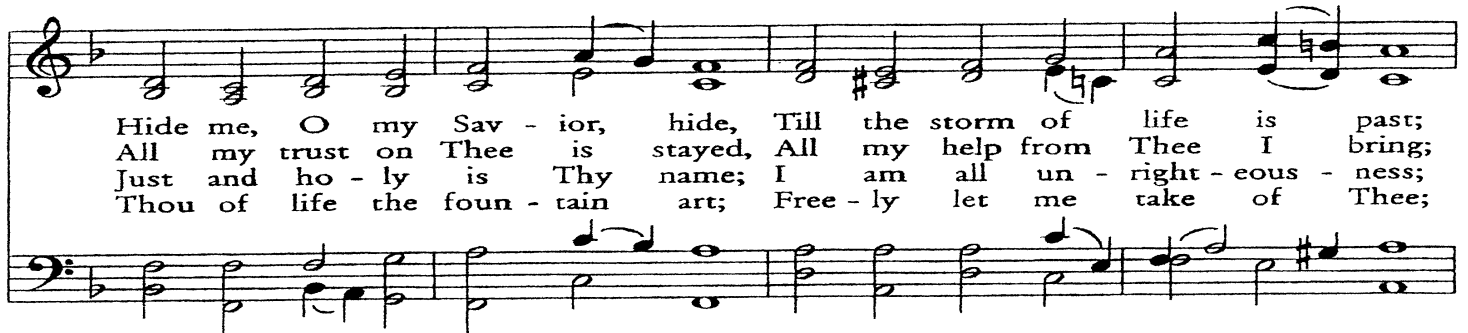
Charles Wesley, 1740



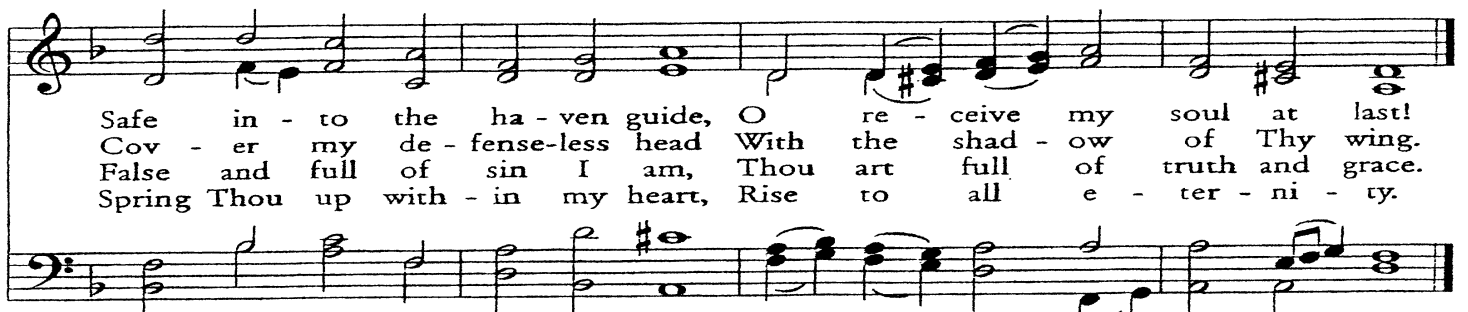
1. Je - sus, lov - er of my soul, Let me to Thy bo - som fly,  
2. Oth - er ref - uge have I none; Hangs my help - less soul on Thee;  
3. Thou, O Christ, art all I want; More than all in Thee I find:  
4. Plen - teous grace with Thee is found, Grace to cov - er all my sin;



While the near - er wa - ters roll, While the tem - pest still is high:  
Leave, ah! leave me not a - lone, Still sup - port and com - fort me.  
Raise the fall - en, cheer the faint, Heal the sick, and lead the blind.  
Let the heal - ing streams a - bound; Make and keep me pure with - in.



Hide me, O my Sav - ior, hide, Till the storm of life is past;  
All my trust on Thee is stayed, All my help from Thee I bring;  
Just and ho - ly is Thy name; I am all un - right - eous - ness;  
Thou of life the foun - tain art; Free - ly let me take of Thee;



Safe in - to the ha - ven guide, O re - ceive my soul at last!  
Cov - er my de - fense - less head With the shad - ow of Thy wing.  
False and full of sin I am, Thou art full of truth and grace.  
Spring Thou up with - in my heart, Rise to all e - ter - ni - ty.

**Silent Confession:** *"We desire that each one of you show the same diligence to the full assurance of hope until the end, that you do not become sluggish, but imitate those who through faith and patience inherit the promises." Hebrews 6:11,12*

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

### **Corporate Prayer of Confession:**

**Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred, and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have broken your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us. But have mercy upon us, as miserable sinners, O Lord. Spare us, O Lord, for we humbly confess our faults. Grant unto us the grace of repentance, according to your promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for Christ's dear sake, that we may hereafter live godly, righteous, and sober lives; to the glory of your holy Name. AMEN!**

### **Arise and Receive the Assurance of Pardon & Forgiveness:**

"Thus God, determining to show more abundantly to the heirs of promise the immutability of His counsel, confirmed it by an oath, that by two immutable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we might have strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold of the hope set before us. This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which enters the Presence behind the veil, where the forerunner has entered for us, even Jesus, having become High Priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek." Hebrews 6:17-20

Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for our sins and to be raised for our justification; and for His sake forgives us all our sins. This I declare in the name and authority of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Having confessed our sins with faith in the completed work of Christ on our behalf, we are forgiven; we have been cleansed and clothed in the righteousness of Jesus. And not only that, we are now **in Christ** and **in Him** you 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: We Praise You and Acknowledge You**

1 We praise You and ac - knowl - edge You, O God, to be the Lord,  
 2 The band of the a - pos - tles in glo - ry sing Your praise;  
 3 You, Christ, are King of glo - ry, the ev - er - last - ing Son,  
 4 You sit in splen - did glo - ry, en - throned at God's right hand,

The Fa - ther ev - er - last - ing, by all the earth a - dored.  
 The fel - low - ship of proph - ets their death - less voic - es raise.  
 Yet You, with bound - less love, sought to res - cue ev - 'ry - one:  
 Up - hold - ing earth and heav - en by forc - es You com - mand.

To You all an - gel pow - ers cry a - loud, the heav - ens sing,  
 The mar - tyrs of Your king - dom, a great and no - ble throng,  
 You laid a - side Your glo - ry, were born of vir - gin's womb,  
 We know that You will come as our Judge that fi - nal day,

The cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim their prais - es to You bring:  
 Sing with the ho - ly Church through - out all the world this song:  
 Were cru - ci - fied for us and were placed in - to a tomb;  
 So help Your ser - vants You have re - deemed by blood, we pray;

"O ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;  
 "O all - ma - jes - tic Fa - ther, Your true and on - ly Son,  
 Then by Your res - ur - rec - tion You won for us re - priev -  
 May we with saints be num - bered where prais - es nev - er end,

Your maj - es - ty and glo - ry fill the heav - ens and the earth!"  
 And Ho - ly Spir - it, Com - fort - er— for - ev - er Three in One!"  
 You o - pened heav - en's king - dom to all who would be - lieve.  
 In glo - ry ev - er - last - ing. A - men, O Lord, a - men!

## Consecration: Where God Equips & Prepares His People

*“Now this is the main point of the things we are saying: We have such a High Priest, who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens, a Minister of the sanctuary and of the true tabernacle which the Lord erected, and not man... For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put My laws in their mind and write them on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.” Hebrews 8:1,2,10*

**THE LORD CONSECRATES US BY HIS WORD:** Acts 5:12-42 Obey God and Not Men [5:12] And through the hands of the apostles many signs and wonders were done among the people. And they were all with one accord in Solomon's Porch. Yet none of the rest dared join them, but the people esteemed them highly.

**And believers were increasingly added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, so that they brought the sick out into the streets and laid *them* on beds and couches, that at least the shadow of Peter passing by might fall on some of them. Also a multitude gathered from the surrounding cities to Jerusalem, bringing sick people and those who were tormented by unclean spirits, and they were all healed.**

Then the high priest rose up, and all those who *were* with him (which is the sect of the Sadducees), and they were filled with indignation, and laid their hands on the apostles and put them in the common prison.

**But at night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out, and said, “Go, stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this life.” And when they heard *that*, they entered the temple early in the morning and taught. But the high priest and those with him came and called the council together, with all the elders of the children of Israel, and sent to the prison to have them brought.**

But when the officers came and did not find them in the prison, they returned and reported, saying, “Indeed we found the prison shut securely, and the guards standing outside before the doors; but when we opened them, we found no one inside!”

**Now when the high priest, the captain of the temple, and the chief priests heard these things, they wondered what the outcome would be. So one came and told them, saying, “Look, the men whom you put in prison are standing in the temple and teaching the people!”**

Then the captain went with the officers and brought them without violence, for they feared the people, lest they should be stoned. And when they had brought them, they set *them* before the council. And the high priest asked them, saying, “Did we not strictly command you not to teach in this name? And look, you have filled Jerusalem with your doctrine, and intend to bring this Man's blood on us!”

**But Peter and the *other* apostles answered and said: “We ought to obey God rather than men. “The God of our fathers raised up Jesus whom you murdered by hanging on a tree. “Him God has exalted to His right hand *to be* Prince and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. “And we are His witnesses to these things, and *so also is* the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey Him.”**

**33** When they heard *this*, they were furious and plotted to kill them. Then one in the council stood up, a Pharisee named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law held in respect by all the people, and commanded them to put the apostles outside for a little while. And he said to them: “Men of Israel, take heed to yourselves what you intend to do regarding these men. “For some time ago Theudas rose up, claiming to be somebody. A number of men, about four hundred, joined him. He was slain, and all who obeyed him were scattered and came to nothing. “After this man, Judas of Galilee rose up in the days of the census, and drew away many people after him. He also perished, and all who obeyed him were dispersed.

**“And now I say to you, keep away from these men and let them alone; for if this plan or this work is of men, it will come to nothing; “but if it is of God, you cannot overthrow it—lest you even be found to fight against God.”**

And they agreed with him, and when they had called for the apostles and beaten *them*, they commanded that they should not speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. So they departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for His name. And daily in the temple, and in every house, they did not cease teaching and preaching Jesus *as* the Christ.

God's People Respond with a Hymn of Faith:

**All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!**

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1. All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate  
 2. Crown Him, ye mar - tyrs of your God, Who from His al - tar  
 3. Ye cho - sen seed of Is - rael's race, Ye ran - somed from the  
 4. Sin - ners, whose love can ne'er for - get The worm - wood and the  
 5. Let ev - 'ry kin - dred, ev - 'ry tribe On this ter - res - trial  
 6. Oh, that with yon - der sa - cred throng We at His feet may

fall; Let an - gels pros - trate fall; Bring forth the roy - al di - a -  
 call, Who from His al - tar call; Ex - tol the Stem of Jes - se's  
*fall, Ye ran - somed from the fall, Hail Him who saves you by His*  
*gall, The worm - wood and the gall, Go, spread your tro - phies at His*  
 ball, On this ter - res - trial ball, To Him all maj - es - ty as -  
 fall! We at His feet may fall! We'll join the ev - er - last - ing

dem, And crown Him,  
 rod, And crown Him, crown Him, crown Him, crown Him,  
 grace, And crown Him, crown Him, crown Him, crown Him,  
 feet, And crown Him, crown Him, crown Him, crown Him,  
 crite, And crown Him, crown Him, crown Him, crown Him,  
 song, And crown Him, crown Him, crown Him, crown Him,

crown Him, crown Him, crown Him, And crown Him Lord of all!

Music: James Ellor (1819-1899)  
 Text: st. 1-4, Edward Perronet, 1780; st. 5 & 6, John Rippon, 1787

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

*"For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart." Hebrews 4:12*

**"The Art of Contentment"**

from Pastor Paul Liberati

Based on 1 Timothy 6:6-10

**God's People Respond with a Hymn:**

**It Is Well with My Soul**

*The peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Phil. 4:7*

1. When peace, like a riv - er, at - tend - eth my way, when sor - rows like  
2. Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let this blest as -  
3. My sin— O the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought!—my sin, not in  
4. O Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled

sea bil - lows roll; what - ev - er my lot, thou hast taught me to say,  
sur - ance con - trol, that Christ has re - gard - ed my help - less es - tate,  
part, but the whole, is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more;  
back as a scroll, the trump shall re - sound and the Lord shall de - scend,

**REFRAIN**  
"It is well, it is well with my soul."  
and has shed his own blood for my soul. It is well  
praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! It is well  
"E - ven so"— it is well with my soul.

with my soul; with my soul; it is well, it is well with my soul.

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

“For this Melchizedek, king of Salem, priest of the Most High God, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings and blessed him, to whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all, first being translated "king of righteousness," and then also king of Salem, meaning "king of peace," without father, without mother, without genealogy, having neither beginning of days nor end of life, but made like the Son of God, remains a priest continually. Now consider how great this man was, to whom even the patriarch Abraham gave a tenth of the spoils.” Hebrews 7:1-4

**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:**

Kris Folz

*“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

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

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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-migh-ty; From

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thence He shall come to judge the liv-ing and the dead. I be-lieve in the Ho-ly Spi-rit;

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I be-lieve a ho-ly cath-olic Church, the com-mun-ion of saints, the for-give-ness of sins; the

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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)

**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  
Clean wa - ter on our  
From sky a - gain,  
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 a - gain, Our God feeds all the sons of men.  
heads 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 © COWPER 8 8. 8 8. w/ repeat

**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

Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us have grace, by which we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear. For our God *is* a consuming fire. Let brotherly love continue. Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so *doing* some have unwittingly entertained angels. Remember the prisoners as if chained with them—those who are mistreated—since you yourselves are in the body also. Marriage *is* honorable among all, and the bed undefiled; but fornicators and adulterers God will judge. *Let your conduct be* without covetousness; *be* content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, “*I will never leave you nor forsake you.*” Hebrews 12:28-13:5

## God's People Go Forth Singing!

Psalm 20

DER HERR ERHÖR DICH (8 7. 8 7. 8 7. 8 7. 7)  
Heinrich Schütz, 1661

Douglas Wilson, 2001

1. The LORD hear thee in trou - bled times, May Ja - cob's God de - fend thee,  
2. We will re - joice; sal - va - tion comes! In God's name lift our ban - ners.  
3. Some al - ways trust in char - i - ots And oth - ers trust in hors - es,

And send out strength from Zi - on's hill And from His sanc - tu - ar - y.  
May God ful - fill all thy re - quests And lift up all thy ban - ners.  
But we re - call our LORD and God, Strong past our own re - sourc - es.

May He re - call thine of - fer - ings, With all thy sac - ri - fic - es,  
Thus now I know God saves His own, God saves His own a - noin - ted.  
Our en - e - mies have fall - en low But we are held and up - right.

And grant thee all thy heart's de - sire, Ful - fill - ing all thy  
He al - ways hears, with His right hand He comes from heav'n a -  
So save us, LORD, our God and King As we in trou - ble

pur - pose, As His good grace suf - fic - es.  
bove us, And in the strength ap - point - ed.  
call Thee, As we in trou - ble call Thee.

## God Blesses His People – The Benediction:

[congregation standing]

“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 – Lord’s Day 16

40. Why was it necessary for Christ to suffer “death”? **Because the justice and truth<sup>1</sup> of God required that satisfaction for our sins could be made in no other way than by the death of the Son of God.<sup>2</sup>**

[1] Gen. 2:17. [2] Heb. 2:9; \*Rom. 6:23.

41. Why was He “buried”? **To show thereby that He was really dead.<sup>1</sup>** [1] Matt. 27:59–60; Jn. 19:38–42; Acts 13:29.

42. Since, then, Christ died for us, why must we also die? **Our death is not a satisfaction for our sin, but only a dying to sin and an entering into eternal life.<sup>1</sup>** [1] Jn. 5:24; Phil. 1:23; Rom. 7:24–25.

43. What further benefit do we receive from the sacrifice and death of Christ on the cross? **That by His power our old man is with Him crucified, slain, and buried;<sup>1</sup> so that the evil lusts of the flesh may no more reign in us,<sup>2</sup> but that we may offer ourselves unto Him a sacrifice of thanksgiving.<sup>3</sup>** [1] Rom. 6:6–8; Col. 2:12. [2] Rom. 6:12. [3] Rom. 12:1; \*2 Cor. 5:15.

44. Why is it added: “He descended into hell”? **That in my greatest temptations I may be assured that Christ my Lord, by His inexpressible anguish, pains, and terrors, which He suffered in His soul on the cross and before, has redeemed me from the anguish and torment of hell.<sup>1</sup>** [1] Isa. 53:10; Matt. 27:46; \*Ps. 18:5; 116:3.