



# Lord's Day Service

Church of the King

Celebrating Ascension Sunday on May 17th, 2026

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

*"You shall worship no other god, for Jehovah, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God" Exodus 34:14*

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

*"Praise Jehovah! Praise God in His sanctuary; Praise Him in His mighty firmament! Praise Him for His mighty acts; Praise Him according to His excellent greatness! Praise Him with the sound of the trumpet; Praise Him with the lute and harp! Praise Him with the timbrel and dance; Praise Him with stringed instruments and flutes! Praise Him with loud cymbals; Praise Him with clashing cymbals! Let everything that has breath praise Jehovah. Praise Jehovah!" Psalm 150*

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

O worship the King all glorious above,	O measureless Might! Ineffable Love!
O gratefully sing his power and His love.	While angels delight to hymn thee above;
Our shield and defender, the ancient of days,	The humbler creation, though feeble their lays,
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.	With true adoration shall lisp to thy praise.

**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

"I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said,  
I will confess my transgressions to Jehovah, and You forgave the iniquity of my sin." Psalm 32:5

## **The Call For Confession From God's Word:** I Peter 1:13-16

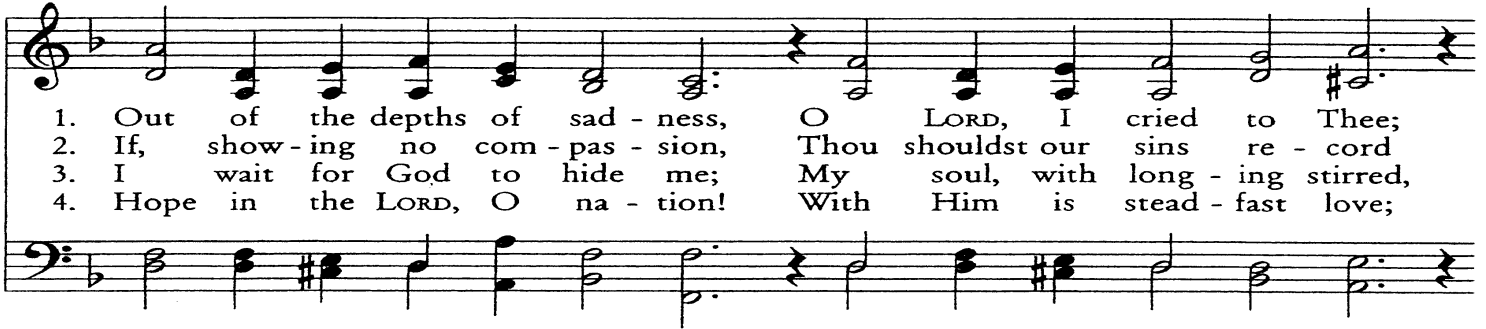
"Therefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and rest your hope fully upon the grace that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ; as obedient children, not conforming yourselves to the former lusts, as in your ignorance; but as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, because it is written, "Be holy, for I am holy.""

## **God's People Sing Our Hymn of Confession:** [congregation standing] **Out of the Depths of Sadness**

Psalm 130

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Strasbourg, 1539  
harm. Claude Goudimel, 1564; alt.

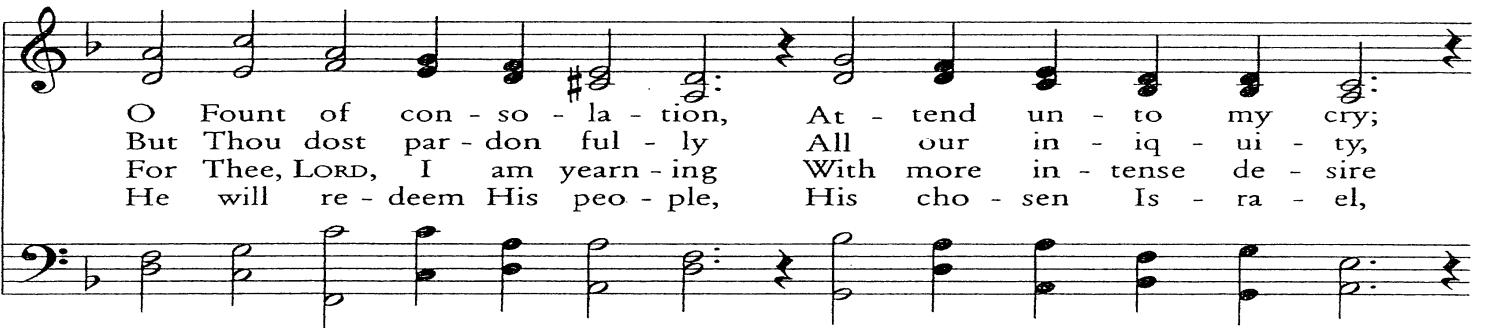
Dewey Westra, 1931; rev.



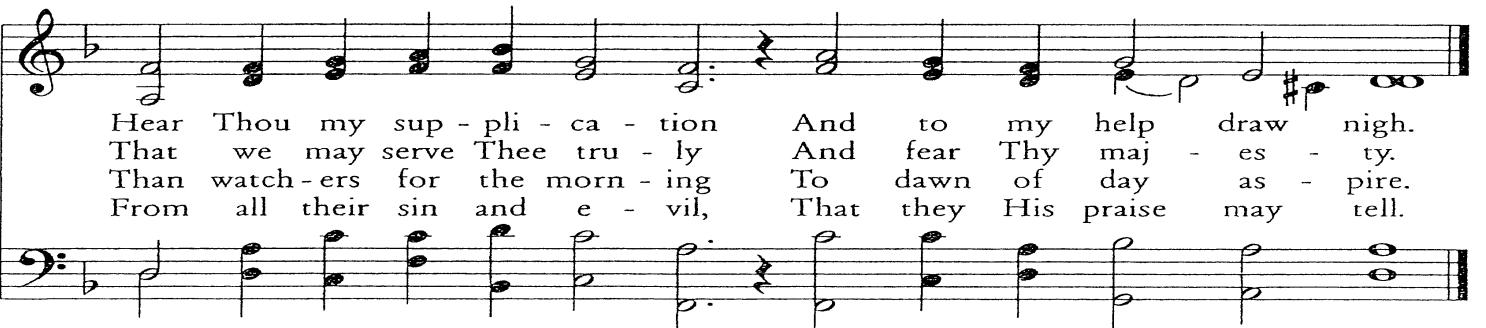
1. Out of the depths of sad - ness, O LORD, I cried to Thee;  
2. If, show - ing no com - pas - sion, Thou shouldst our sins re - cord  
3. I wait for God to hide me; My soul, with long - ing stirred,  
4. Hope in the LORD, O na - tion! With Him is stead - fast love;



Thou Who canst fill with glad - ness, Lend now Thy ear to me.  
And mark all our trans - gres - sions, Who then could stand, O Lord?  
Shall hope, what - e'er be - tide me, In His un - fail - ing word.  
His plen - te - ous sal - va - tion He'll send you from a - bove.



O Fount of con - so - la - tion, At - tend un - to my cry;  
But Thou dost par - don ful - ly All our in - iq - ui - ty,  
For Thee, LORD, I am yearn - ing With more in - tense de - sire  
He will re - deem His peo - ple, His cho - sen Is - ra - el,



Hear Thou my sup - pli - ca - tion And to my help draw nigh.  
That we may serve Thee tru - ly And fear Thy maj - es - ty.  
Than watch - ers for the morn - ing To dawn of day as - pire.  
From all their sin and e - vil, That they His praise may tell.

**Silent Confession:** *If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:8-9*  
Those who are willing and able are invited to kneel for our time of confession.

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

**O Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against our neighbors, in thought word and deed, in the evil we have done and in the good we have not done, through ignorance, through weakness, and through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, who died for the sins of His people: Forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

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

“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”  
Romans 6:5-11

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** 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]

Stand up and bless Jehovah your God Forever and ever! "Blessed be Your glorious name, Which is exalted above all blessing and praise!" Nehemiah 9:5b

## Now Shall My Inward Joys Arise

AFRICA (C.M.)  
William Billings, 1778

Isaac Watts, 1707

The musical score is written in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of a vocal line and a bass line. The vocal line is in treble clef, and the bass line is in bass clef. The melody is marked '(Melody)'. The lyrics are arranged in six systems, each with a vocal line and a bass line. The lyrics are as follows:

1. Now shall my in - ward joys a - rise,  
2. God on His thirs - ty Zi - on hills,  
3. Why do we then in - dulge our fears,  
4. Can a kind wo - man e'er for - get  
5. "Yet," saith the LORD, "Should na - ture change  
6. "Deep on the palms of both My hands

(Melody)

And burst in - to a song  
Some mer - cy drops has thrown,  
Su - spi - cions and com - plaints?  
The in - fant of her womb,  
And mo - thers mon - sters prove,  
I have en - grav'd Her name;

Al - migh - ty love in - spires my heart,  
And sol - emn oaths have bound His love  
Is He a God, and shall His love  
A - mong a thou sand ten - der grace  
Zi - on still dwells up on the thoughts  
My hands shall raise Her ru - in'd Heart,  
walls,

And plea - sure - tunes my tongue.  
To show'r Sal - va - tion down.  
Grow wear - y of His saints?  
Her suck - ling have no room?  
Of Ev - er - last - ing Love."  
And build Her bro - ken frame."

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

*“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.” 1 Peter 1:3-5*

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

### **The Disciples Witness the Ascension of Jesus**

#### ***Responsive readings from the Gospels & Acts***

Luke 24:46-53 “Then [Jesus] said to them, “Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day, and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

**And you are witnesses of these things. Behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high.”**

And He led them out as far as Bethany, and He lifted up His hands and blessed them.

**Now it came to pass, while He blessed them, that He was parted from them and carried up into heaven. And they worshiped Him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and were continually in the temple praising and blessing God.”**

Acts 1:4-11 “And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, “which,” He said, “you have heard from Me; for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

**Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, “Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?”**

And He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority. But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

**Now when He had spoken these things, while they watched, He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight.**

And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel, who also said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven?”

**This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven.”**

[Mark 16:19] So then, after the Lord had spoken to them,

**He was received up into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of God.**

# God's People Respond With a Hymn of Faith:

*"Make a joyful shout to the Lord, all you lands! Serve the Lord with gladness;  
Come before His presence with singing." Psalm 100*

## Up through Endless Ranks of Angels

ASCENDED TRIUMPH (8 7. 8 7. 8 7.)  
Henry V. Gerike, 1973

Jaroslav. J Vajda, 2006

1. Up through end - less ranks of an - gels, Cries of tri - umph —  
2. Death - de - stroy ing, life - re - stor - ing, Prov - en e - qual —  
3. To our lives of wan - ton wan - d'ring Send Your Spir - it —  
4. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Oh, to breathe the —

in His ears, To His heav'n ly throne as - cend - ing,  
to our need, Now for us be - fore the Fa - ther  
prom - ised guide; Through our lives of fear and fail - ure  
Spir - it's grace! Al - le - lu - ia al - le - lu - ia!

Hav - ing van - quished all their fears, Christ looks down up -  
As our broth - er in - ter - cede; Flesh that for our  
With Your pow'r and love a - bide; Wel - come us, as  
Oh, to see the Fa - ther's face! Al - le - lu - ia,

on world His faith - ful, Leav - ing them in hap - py tears.  
You were wel - comed, Liv - ing, for the wound - ed plead!  
al - le - lu - ia! Oh, to feel the Son's em - brace!  
Eas - ter - tide.

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

### **Celebrating the Ascension of Christ Into Heaven**

#### ***The responsive reading of Revelation 5***

[5:1] And I saw in the right hand of Him who sat on the throne a scroll written inside and on the back, sealed with seven seals. Then I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, "Who is worthy to open the scroll and to loose its seals?" And no one in heaven or on the earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll, or to look at it. So I wept much, because no one was found worthy to open and read the scroll, or to look at it.

**But one of the elders said to me, "Do not weep. Behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has prevailed to open the scroll and to loose its seven seals."**

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."**

Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels around the throne, the living creatures, and the elders; and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice:

**"Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom, and strength and honor and glory and blessing!"**

And every creature which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, I heard saying: "Blessing and honor and glory and power Be to Him who sits on the throne, And to the Lamb, forever and ever!"

**Then the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the twenty-four elders fell down and worshiped Him who lives forever and ever.**

## **God's People Respond With a Hymn of Preparation:**

**Behold the Glories of the Lamb**

**2 pages**

# Behold the Glories of the Lamb

DESERT [LYNGHAM] (C.M. rep.)  
Thomas Jarman, c. 1803

Isaac Watts, c. 1688

1. Be - hold the glo - - - ries of the

Lamb A - midst His Fa-ther's throne, A - midst His

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And songs be - fore un -

## Behold the Glories of the Lamb

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2. Worthy the Lamb that died, they cry,  
 To be exalted thus;  
 Worthy the Lamb, let us reply;  
 For He was slain for us.

3. Thou hast redeemed us with Thy blood,  
 And set the pris'ners free;  
 Thou mad'st us kings and priests to God,  
 And we shall reign with Thee.

4. To Him who sits upon the throne,  
 The God whom we adore,  
 And to the Lamb that once was slain,  
 Be glory evermore.

"Blessed is the man whom You instruct, O Lord, And teach out of Your law." Psalm 94:12

## "Kiss the Son"

From **Pastor Paul Liberati**

Based on **Psalm 2**

**God's People Sing a Hymn of Praise:**

[congregation standing]

### Christ High-Ascended Now in Glory Seated

ISTE CONFESSOR (11. 11. 11. 5)

Rouen Church Melody

har. Healy Willan, 1880-1968

Timothy Dudley-Smith, B. 1926

1. Christ high - as - cend - ed, now in glo - ry seat - ted, Throned and ex -  
2. Christ from the Fa - ther ev - 'ry pow'r pos - sess - sing, Who on His  
3. *Christ, who in dy - ing won for us sal - va - tion,* Lives now the  
4. Christ in His splen - dor, all do - min - ion gain - ing, Christ with His  
5. As at His part - ing, joy shall ban - ish griev - ing, Faith in His

alt - ed, vic - to - ry com - let - ed, Death's dread do - min - ion  
Cho - sen lift - ed hands in bless - ing, Sends forth His ser - vants,  
*first - born of the new cre - a - tion;* To win dis - ci - ples  
peo - ple ev - er - more re - main - ing, Christ to all a - ges  
pres - ence strength - en our be - liev - ing, Filled with His Spir - it,

fi - nal - ly de - feat - ed, We are His wit - ness - es.  
still in faith con - fess - ing, We are His wit - ness - es.  
*out of ev - 'ry na - tion,* We are His wit - ness - es.  
glo - ri - ous - ly reign - ing, We are His wit - ness - es.  
love and pow'r re - ceiv - ing, We are His wit - ness - es.

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

**“But the end of all things is at hand; therefore be serious and watchful in your prayers. And above all things have fervent love for one another, for “love will cover a multitude of sins.” Be hospitable to one another without grumbling. As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. If anyone speaks, let him speak as the oracles of God. If anyone ministers, let him do it as with the ability which God supplies, that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belong the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.”** 1 Peter 4: 7-11

**The Collection of Our Tithes and Offerings  
With the Singing of Psalm 24:1-4 & the Doxology**

*Words composed by Brenda Fisher*

**1: Earth is the Lord's, all it contains.      2: Who may stand in God's Holy place?  
The world and those on its terrains.      Who may ascend before His face?  
For on the seas He founded it,              He has a pure heart and clean hands.  
And on the waters stablished it.          He worships God, keeps His commands.**

**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**

Simeon Harris

**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 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 1, 8, 16, 25, 35, 43, 52, and 60. 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 cru-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."

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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*

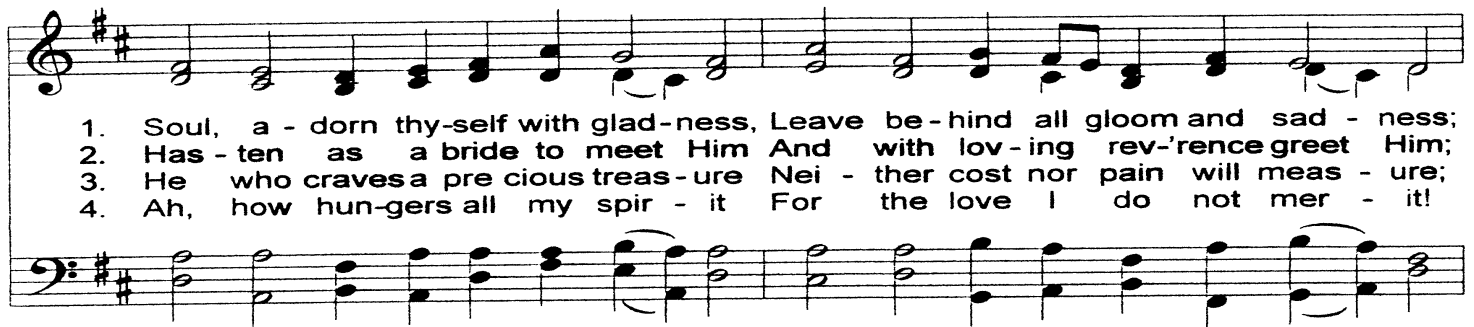
**God's People Sing a Hymn of Thanks and Celebration:**

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

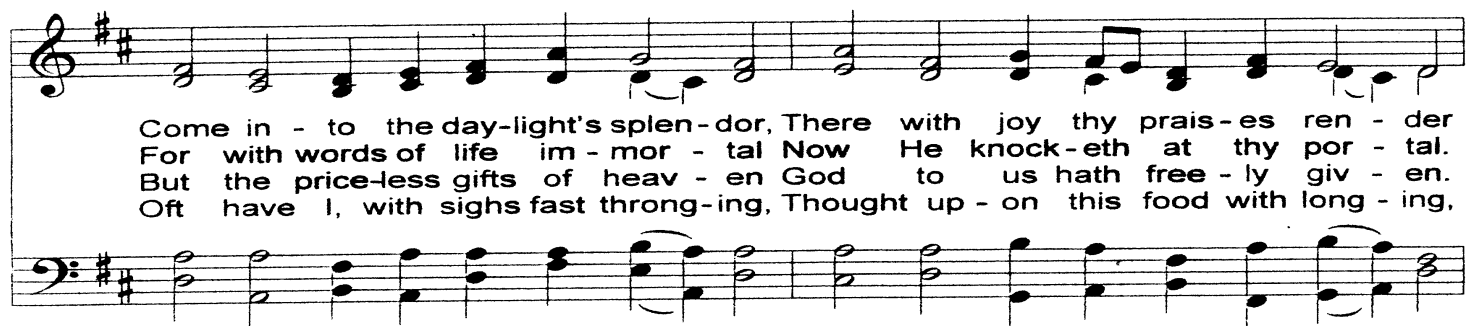
**Soul, Adorn Thyself with Gladness**

SCHMÜCKE DICH (L.M.D.)  
Johann Crüger, 1649

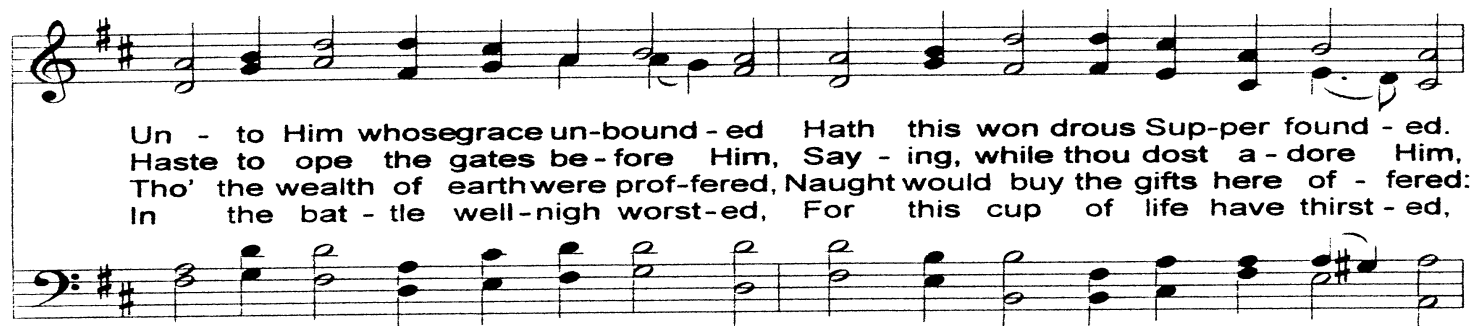
Johann Franck, 1649  
tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1858; alt.



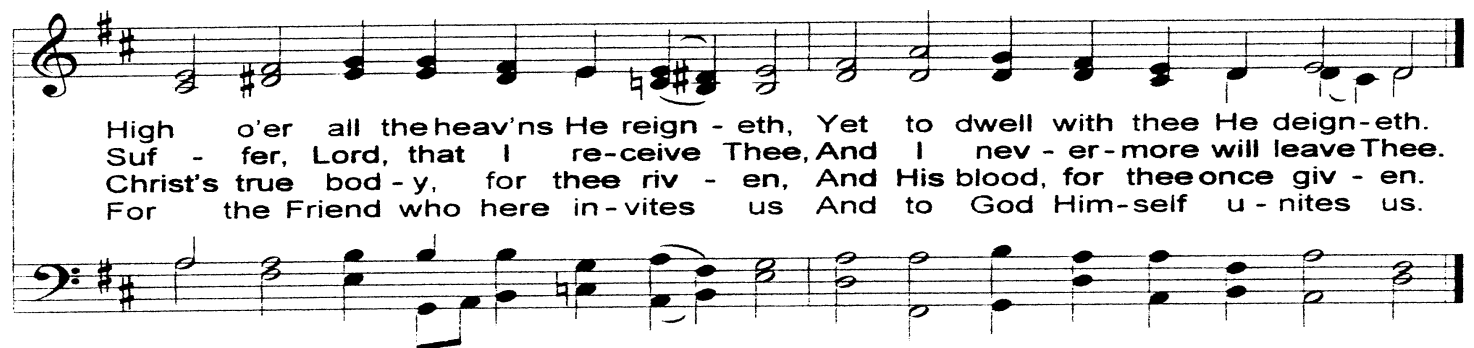
1. Soul, a - dorn thy-self with glad-ness, Leave be - hind all gloom and sad - ness;  
2. Has - ten as a bride to meet Him And with lov - ing rev-'rence greet Him;  
3. He who craves a pre cious treas - ure Nei - ther cost nor pain will meas - ure;  
4. Ah, how hun - gers all my spir - it For the love I do not mer - it!



Come in - to the day-light's splen - dor, There with joy thy prais - es ren - der  
For with words of life im - mor - tal Now He knock - eth at thy por - tal.  
But the price - less gifts of heav - en God to us hath free - ly giv - en.  
Oft have I, with sighs fast throng - ing, Thought up - on this food with long - ing,



Un - to Him whose grace un - bound - ed Hath this won drous Sup - per found - ed.  
Haste to ope the gates be - fore Him, Say - ing, while thou dost a - dore Him,  
Tho' the wealth of earth were prof - ered, Naught would buy the gifts here of - fered.  
In the bat - tle well - nigh worst - ed, For this cup of life have thirst - ed,



High o'er all the heav'ns He reign - eth, Yet to dwell with thee He deign - eth.  
Suf - fer, Lord, that I re - ceive Thee, And I nev - er - more will leave Thee.  
Christ's true bod - y, for thee riv - en, And His blood, for thee once giv - en.  
For the Friend who here in - vites us And to God Him - self u - nites us.

**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*

“All Your works shall praise You, O Jehovah, and Your saints shall bless You. They shall speak of the Glory of Your Kingdom, and talk of Your Power, to make known to the sons of men His Mighty Acts, And the Glorious Majesty of His Kingdom. Your Kingdom is an Everlasting Kingdom, And Your Dominion endures throughout all generations.” *Psalm 145:10-13*

### **Final Responsive Reading Daniel 7:1-14**

[7:1] In the first year of Belshazzar king of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head *while* on his bed. Then he wrote down the dream, telling the main facts.

**Daniel spoke, saying, “I saw in my vision by night, and behold, the four winds of heaven were stirring up the Great Sea. “And four great beasts came up from the sea, each different from the other.**

“The first *was* like a lion, and had eagle's wings. I watched till its wings were plucked off; and it was lifted up from the earth and made to stand on two feet like a man, and a man's heart was given to it.

**“And suddenly another beast, a second, like a bear. It was raised up on one side, and *had* three ribs in its mouth between its teeth. And they said thus to it: ‘Arise, devour much flesh!’**

“After this I looked, and there was another, like a leopard, which had on its back four wings of a bird. The beast also had four heads, and dominion was given to it.

**“After this I saw in the night visions, and behold, a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, exceedingly strong. It had huge iron teeth; it was devouring, breaking in pieces, and trampling the residue with its feet. It *was* different from all the beasts that *were* before it, and it had ten horns.**

“I was considering the horns, and there was another horn, a little one, coming up among them, before whom three of the first horns were plucked out by the roots. And there, in this horn, *were* eyes like the eyes of a man, and a mouth speaking pompous words.

**“I watched till thrones were put in place, and the Ancient of Days was seated; His garment *was* white as snow, and the hair of His head *was* like pure wool.**

His throne *was* a fiery flame, its wheels a burning fire; A fiery stream issued and came forth from before Him.

**A thousand thousands ministered to Him; Ten thousand times ten thousand stood before Him.**

**The court was seated, And the books were opened.**

“I watched then because of the sound of the pompous words which the horn was speaking; I watched till the beast was slain, and its body destroyed and given to the burning flame. “As for the rest of the beasts, they had their dominion taken away, yet their lives were prolonged for a season and a time.

**“I was watching in the night visions, and behold, *One* like the Son of Man, coming with the clouds of heaven! He came to the Ancient of Days, and they brought Him near before Him.**

Then to Him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve Him.

**His dominion *is* an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and His kingdom *the one* which shall not be destroyed.**

God's People Respond With a Hymn:

# Mighty Lord, Extend Your Kingdom

MIGHTY LORD (8 7. 8 7. 4 7. w/repeat)

Joseph Cottle, 1828

Gregory D. Wilbur, 2003

1. Might - y Lord, ex - tend Your king - dom, Be the truth with tri - umph crowned;  
2. By Your arm, e - ter - nal Fa - ther, Scat - ter far the shades of night;  
3. Come in all Your Spir - it's po - wer; Come, Your reign on earth re - store;

Let the lands that sit in dark - ness Hear the glo - rious gos - pel sound,  
Let the great Im - man - uel's king - dom O - pen like the morn - ing light;  
In Your strength ride forth and con - quer, Still ad - vanc - ing more and more,

From our bor - ders, From our bor - ders To the earth's re - mot - est bound.  
Let all bar - riers, Let all bar - riers Yield be - fore Your Heav'n - ly might.  
Till all peo - ple, Till all peo - ple Shall Your ho - ly name a - dore.

## **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 Holy Spirit Lord’s Day 20**

53. What do you believe concerning the “Holy Spirit”?

**First, that He is co-eternal God with the Father and the Son.[1] Second, that He is also given unto me:[2] by true faith makes me a partaker of Christ and all His benefits,[3] comforts me,[4] and shall abide with me forever.[5]**

[1] Gen. 1:2; Isa. 48:16; 1 Cor. 3:16; 6:19; Acts 5:3–4. [2] Matt. 28:19; 2 Cor. 1:21–22. [3] 1 Pet. 1:2; 1 Cor. 6:17. [4] Acts 9:31.

[5] Jn. 14:16; 1 Pet. 4:14; \*1 Jn. 4:13; \*Rom. 15:13.