



Lord's Day Service

Church of the King

Celebrating Pentecost Sunday on May 24th 2026

Call to Worship: Where God Calls Us Into His Presence

"But the hour is coming, and now is when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth." John 4:23,24

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

Praise Jehovah! For it is good to sing praises to our God; For it is pleasant, and praise is beautiful. Jehovah builds up Jerusalem; He gathers together the outcasts of Israel. He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds. He counts the number of the stars; He calls them all by name. Great is our Lord, and mighty in power; His understanding is infinite. Jehovah lifts up the humble; He casts the wicked down to the ground. Psalm 147:1-6
Come and Worship Jehovah of Hosts!

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 and John 3:34, 35]

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

The Lord be with you!
And also with you!

He whom God has sent speaks the words of God,
For God does not give the Spirit by measure

The Father loves the Son and has given all things into His hand.
He who believes in the Son has everlasting life

Confession of Sins: Where God Cleanses Us In Christ

The Call for Confession from God's Word:

"This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin. 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. If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us." I John 1:5-10

God's People Sing our Hymn of Confession:

2 pages [congregation standing]

As the Hart, About to Falter

Psalm 42:1-7

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Dewey Westra, 1931; rev.

Genevan Psalter, 1551

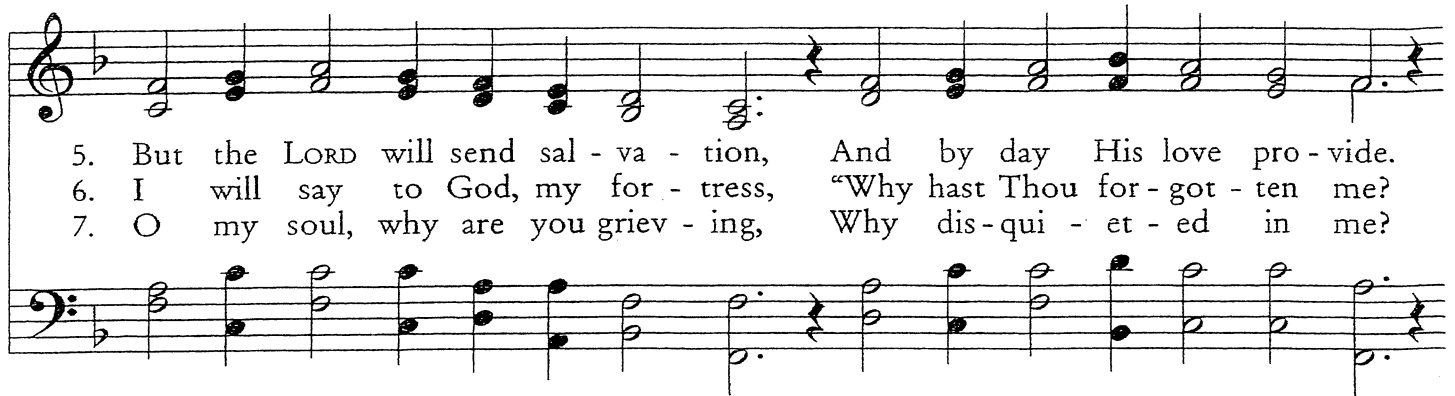
harm. Johann Crüger, 1658

1. As the hart, a - bout to fal - ter, In its trem - bling ag - o - ny,
2. Bit - ter tears of la - men - ta - tion Are my food by night and day.
3. O my soul, why are you griev - ing, Why dis - qui - et - ed in me?
4. From the land be - yond the Jor - dan, With my soul cast down in me,

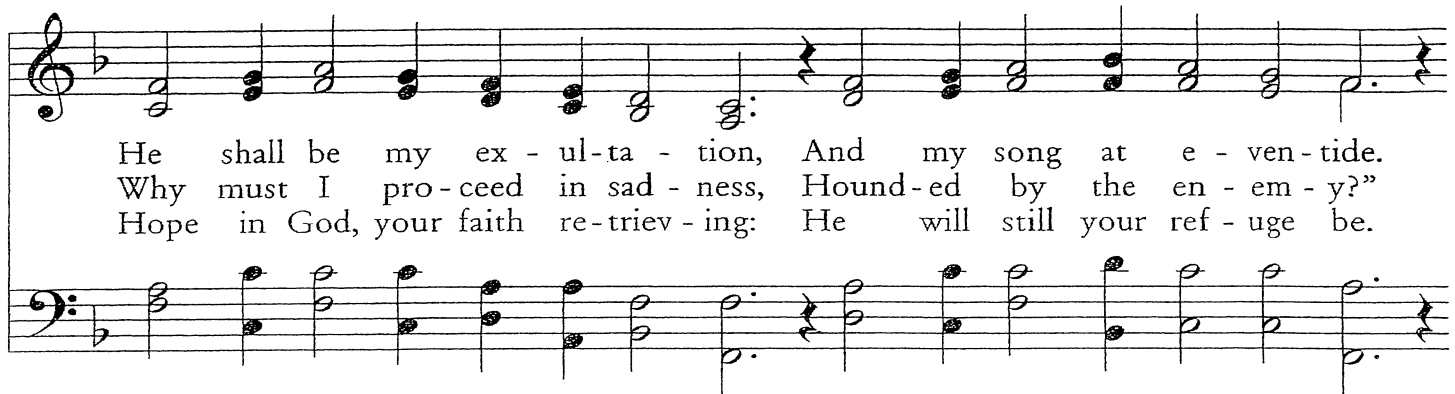
Longs for flow - ing streams of wa - ter, So, O God, I long for Thee.
In my deep hu - mil - i - a - tion "Where is now your God?" they say.
Hope in God, your faith re - triev - ing: He will still your ref - uge be.
From Mount Mi - zar and Mount Her - mon I will yet re - mem - ber Thee.

Yes, a - thirst for Thee I cry; God of life, O when shall I
Oh, my soul's poured out in me, When I bring to mem - o - ry
I a - gain shall laud His grace For the com - fort of His face:
As the wa - ters plunge and leap, Deep re - ech - oes un - to deep;

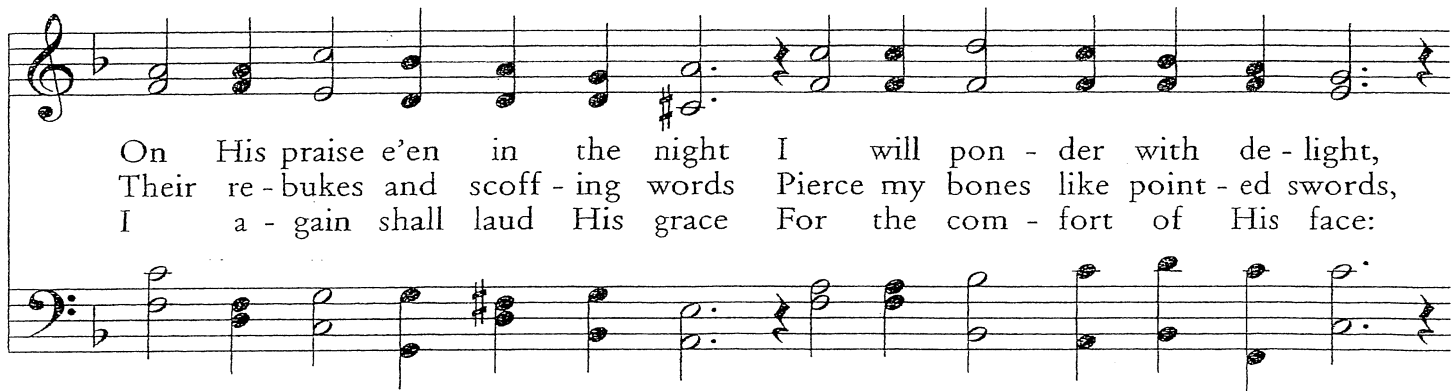
Come a - gain to stand be - fore Thee In Thy tem - ple and a - dore Thee?
How the throngs I would as - sem - ble, Shout - ing prais - es in Thy tem - ple.
He will show His help and fa - vor, For He is my God and Sav - ior.
All Thy waves and bil - lows roar - ing O'er my trou - bled soul are pour - ing.



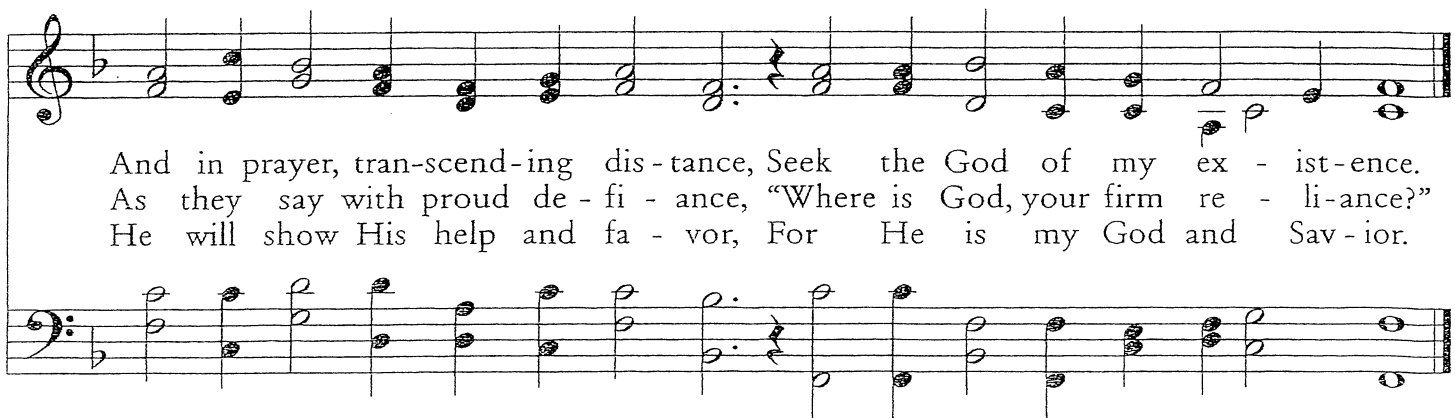
5. But the LORD will send sal - va - tion, And by day His love pro - vide.
 6. I will say to God, my for - tress, "Why hast Thou for - got - ten me?
 7. O my soul, why are you griev - ing, Why dis - qui - et - ed in me?"



He shall be my ex - ul - ta - tion, And my song at e - ven - tide.
 Why must I pro - ceed in sad - ness, Hound - ed by the en - em - y?"
 Hope in God, your faith re - triev - ing: He will still your ref - uge be.



On His praise e'en in the night I will pon - der with de - light,
 Their re - bukes and scoff - ing words Pierce my bones like point - ed swords,
 I a - gain shall laud His grace For the com - fort of His face:



And in prayer, tran - scend - ing dis - tance, Seek the God of my ex - ist - ence.
 As they say with proud de - fi - ance, "Where is God, your firm re - li - ance?"
 He will show His help and fa - vor, For He is my God and Sav - ior.

Silent Confession: "This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief." 1 Tim. 1:15

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

Corporate Confession:

Almighty God our heavenly Father, Your goodness to us is without limit. Your mercy to us is beyond our comprehension. Your gift of Your Son to us is unsurpassable. We confess that too often we take these most excellent blessings of Your grace for granted. We then become unthankful, and fail to love and obey You. Forgive us and cleanse us from our sins, O Lord, for Jesus' sake. And restore us to love You whole-heartedly, and our neighbors as ourselves, as You have taught us. Amen.

Arise and Receive the Assurance of Pardon & Forgiveness:

"[And Peter said to them] "Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ." Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Men and brethren, what shall we do?" Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call."" Acts 2:36-39

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]

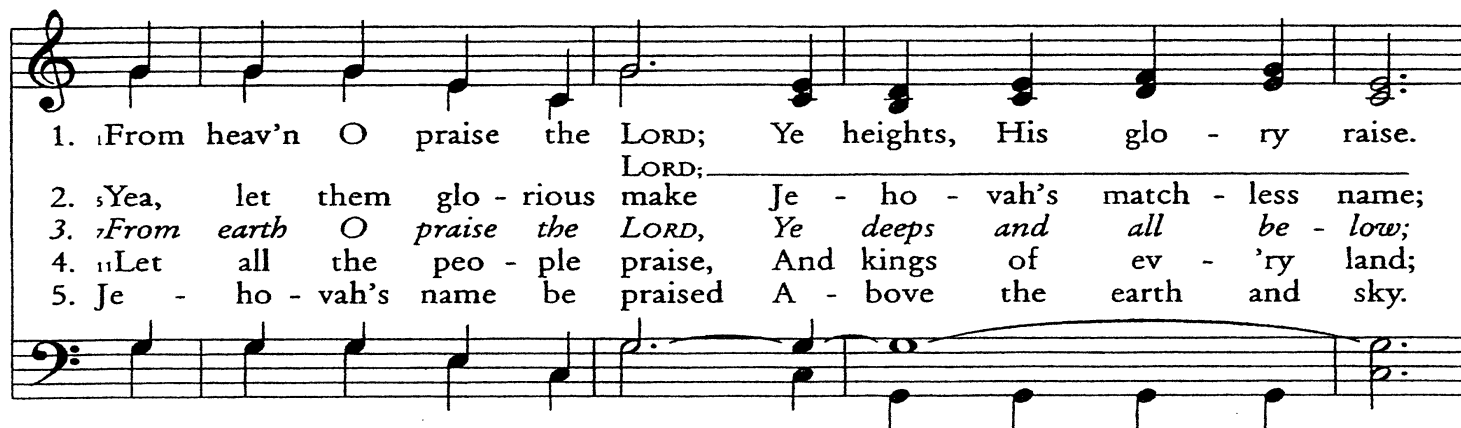
From Heav'n O Praise the LORD

Psalm 148

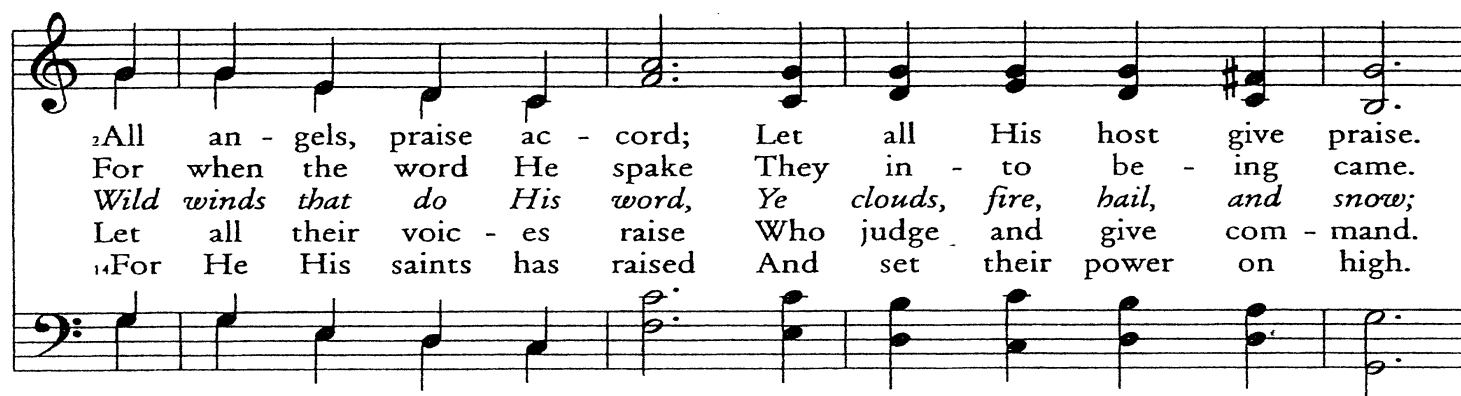
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Horatio R. Palmer, 1834-1907

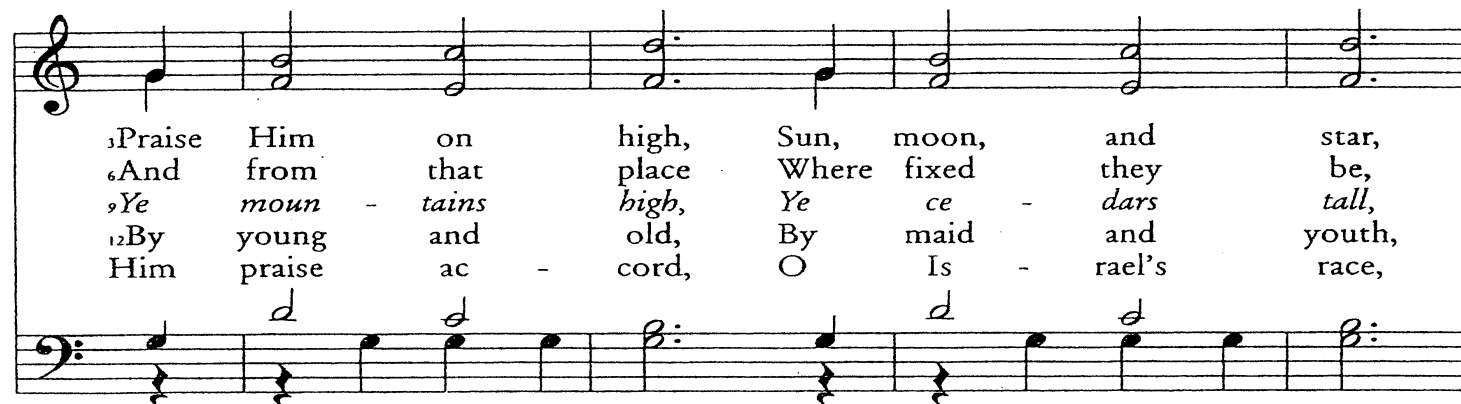
The Book of Psalms for Singing, 1973



1. From heav'n O praise the LORD; Ye heights, His glo - ry raise.
LORD;
2. Yea, let them glo - rious make Je - ho - vah's match - less name;
3. From earth O praise the LORD, Ye deeps and all be - low;
4. Let all the peo - ple praise, And kings of ev - 'ry land;
5. Je - ho - vah's name be praised A - bove the earth and sky.



2 All an - gels, praise ac - cord; Let all His host give praise.
For when the word He spake They in - to be - ing came.
Wild winds that do His word, Ye clouds, fire, hail, and snow;
Let all their voic - es raise Who judge and give com - mand.
4 For He His saints has raised And set their power on high.



5 Praise Him on that high, Sun, moon, and star,
6 And from that place Where fixed they be,
7 Ye moun - tains high, Ye ce - dars tall,
8 By young and old, By maid and youth,
Him praise ac - cord, O Is - rael's race,



Sun, moon, and star, 4 Ye heav'n's a - far, And cloud - y sky.
Where fixed they be, By His de - cree They can - not pass.
Ye ce - dars tall, 10 Beasts great and small, And birds that fly.
By maid and youth, 11 His name in truth Should be ex - tolled.
O Is - rael's race, Near to His grace. Praise ye the LORD.

Consecration: Where God Equips & Prepares His People

"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God" Romans 12:1,2

THE LORD CONSECRATES US BY HIS WORD:

The Coming of the Spirit at Pentecost Acts 2:1-21

[2:1) When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.

And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting.

Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them.

And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

And there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men, from every nation under heaven.

And when this sound occurred, the multitude came together, and were confused, because everyone heard them speak in his own language.

Then they were all amazed and marveled, saying to one another, "Look, are not all these who speak Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each in our own language in which we were born? Parthians and Medes and Elamites, those dwelling in Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya adjoining Cyrene, visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes,

Cretans and Arabs--we hear them speaking in our own tongues the wonderful works of God." So they were all amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "Whatever could this mean?"

Others mocking said, "They are full of new wine."

But Peter, standing up with the eleven, raised his voice and said to them, "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and heed my words. For these are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day.

But this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: 'And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, That I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your young men shall see visions, Your old men shall dream dreams.

And on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days; And they shall prophesy.

I will show wonders in heaven above and signs in the earth beneath: Blood and fire and vapor of smoke. The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the coming of the great and awesome day of the Lord.

And it shall come to pass that whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

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

Gracious Spirit, Dwell With Me!

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Conrad Kocher, 1838
arr. William H. Monk, 1861

Thomas T. Lynch, 1855

1. Gra - cious Spi - rit, dwell with me! I my - self would gra - cious be;
2. Truth - ful Spi - rit, dwell with me! I my - self would truth - ful be;
3. *Might - y Spi - rit, dwell with me!* I *my - self would might - y be;*
4. Ho - ly Spi - rit, dwell with me! I my - self would ho - ly be;
5. Lov - ing Spi - rit, dwell with me! I my - self would lov - ing be.

And with words that help and heal Would Thy life in mine re - veal;
And with wis - dom kind and clear Let Thy life in mine ap - pear;
Might - y so as to pre - vail, Where un - aid - ed man must fail;
Sep - a - rate from sin I would Choose and cher - ish all things good,
Pa - tient, kind and help - ful to Those to whom Your love is due,

And with ac - tions bold and meek Would for Christ my Sav - ior speak.
And with ac - tions broth - er - ly Speak my Lord's sin - cer - i - ty.
Ev - er, by a might - y hope, Press - ing on and bear - ing up.
And what - ev - er I can be Give to Him Who gave me Thee!
And with words en - cour - ag - ing May to them Your strength - ning bring.

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

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

“What the Father Promised”

From **Jacob Stabler**

based on **Acts 2:1-21, 33, 38-39**

Acts 2:1-21 (page 6 above) 2:22-39 below (NKJV)

22 “Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a Man attested by God to you by miracles, wonders, and signs which God did through Him in your midst, as you yourselves also know— **23** “Him, being delivered by the determined purpose and foreknowledge of God, you have taken by lawless hands, have crucified, and put to death; **24** “whom God raised up, having loosed the pains of death, because it was not possible that He should be held by it. **25** “For David says concerning Him:

*‘I foresaw the LORD always before my face,
For He is at my right hand, that I may not be shaken.
26 Therefore my heart rejoiced, and my tongue was glad;
Moreover my flesh also will rest in hope.
27 For You will not leave my soul in Hades,
Nor will You allow Your Holy One to see corruption.
28 You have made known to me the ways of life;
You will make me full of joy in Your presence.’*

29 “Men *and* brethren, let *me* speak freely to you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. **30** “Therefore, being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that of the fruit of his body, according to the flesh, He would raise up the Christ to sit on his throne, **31** “he, foreseeing this, spoke concerning the resurrection of the Christ, that His soul was not left in Hades, nor did His flesh see corruption. **32** “This Jesus God has raised up, of which we are all witnesses. **33** “Therefore being exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He poured out this which you now see and hear. **34** “For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he says himself:

*‘The LORD said to my Lord,
“Sit at My right hand,
35 Till I make Your enemies Your footstool.’”*

36 “Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ.” **37** Now when they heard *this*, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Men *and* brethren, what shall we do?” **38** Then Peter said to them, “Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. **39** “For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call.”

Notes:

God's People Sing a Hymn of Praise:

[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.

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

“And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers. Then fear came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were done through the Apostles. Now all who believed were together, and had all things in common, and sold their possessions and goods, and divided them among all, as anyone had need. So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.”

Acts 2:42-47

**The Collection of Our Tithes and Offerings
With the Singing of Psalm 24:3-6 & the Doxology**

Words composed by Brenda Fisher

**1: Who may stand in God's Holy place? 2: He shall have blessing from the Lord.
Who may ascend before His face? Righteousness is his sure reward.
He has a pure heart and clean hands. Jacob you are who seek God's place.
He worships God, keeps His commands. True sons are you who seek God's face.**

**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

Damell Kendrick

**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:

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

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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-might-ty; From

52
thence He shall come to judge the liv-ing and the dead. I be-lieve in the Ho-ly Spi-rit;

60
I be-lieve a ho-ly catholic 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 musical score is written for piano in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of nine systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are printed below the notes. Measure numbers 8, 16, 25, 35, 43, 52, 60, and 70 are indicated at the beginning of their respective systems. The piece concludes with a final chord in G major.


THE LORD COMMUNES WITH US AT HIS TABLE: (Peace Offering, Gift of Life)

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

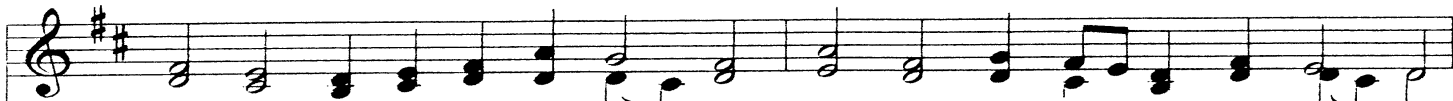

God's People Sing a Hymn of Thanks and Celebration:

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

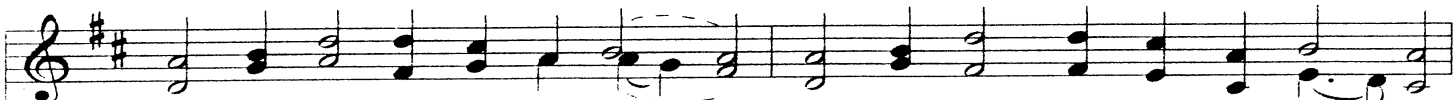

Soul, Adorn Thyself with Gladness




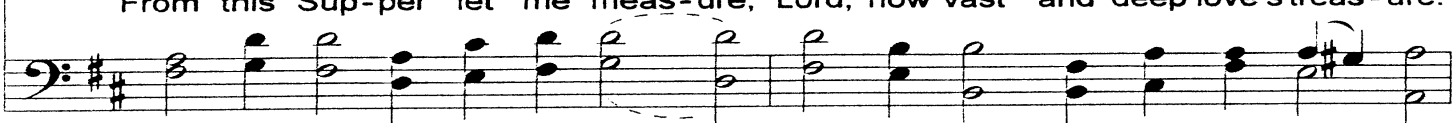
5. In my heart I find as-cend - ing Ho - ly awe, with rap - ture blend - ing,
6. Je - sus, Sun of Life, my Splen - dor, Je - sus, Thou my Friend most ten - der,
7. Lord, by love and mer - cy driv - en, Thou hast left Thy throne in heav - en,
8. Je - sus, Bread of Life, I pray Thee, Let me glad - ly here 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 - deem - ed 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." | Corinthians 11:26

Commissioning: Where God Sends Out His People

“Then He said, “To what shall we liken the kingdom of God? Or with what parable shall we picture it? It is like a mustard seed which, when it is sown on the ground, is smaller than all the seeds on earth; but when it is sown, it grows up and becomes greater than all herbs, and shoots out large branches, so that the birds of the air may nest under its shade.” Mark 4:30-32

Final Responsive Reading Galatians 5:13-6:10

Love and the Fruit of the Spirit

[13] [Paul speaking] “For you, brethren, have been called to liberty;

Only do not use liberty as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.

For all the law is fulfilled in one word, *even* in this:

“You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”

But if you bite and devour one another, beware lest you be consumed by one another! I say then:

Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish.

But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, idolatry,

Sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, envy,

Murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told *you* in time past,

That those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.

And those *who are* Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.”

Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.

[6:1] **Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who *are* spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted.**

Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

For if anyone thinks himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself. But let each one examine his own work, and then he will have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another.

For each one shall bear his own load.

Let him who is taught the word share in all good things with him who teaches. Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life

And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith.

God's People Respond With Singing

*"Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises!
For God is the King of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm!" Psalm 147:5, 6*

Come Down, O Love Divine

DOWN AMPNEY (6 6 11. 6 6 11)
Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

Bianco da Siena, d. 1434
tr. Richard F. Littledale, 1867

1. Come down, O Love di - vine; Seek Thou this soul of mine
2. Oh, let it free - ly burn, Till world - ly pas - sions turn
3. Let ho - ly char - i - ty Mine out - ward ves - ture be,
4. And so the yearn - ing strong, With which the soul will long,

And vis - it it with Thine own ar - dor glow - ing;
To dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing;
And low - li - ness be - come mine in - ner cloth - ing -
Shall far out - pass the pow'r of hu - man tell - ing;

O Com - fort - er, draw near; With - in my heart ap - pear
And let Thy glo - rious light Shine ev - er on my sight,
True low - li - ness of heart, Which takes the hum - bler part,
No soul can guess the grace Till he be - come the place

And kin - dle it, Thy ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.
And clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.
And o'er its own short - com - ings weeps with loath - ing.
Where - in the Ho - ly Spir - it makes His dwell - ing.

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.” *1 Thessalonians 5:23,24 & 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 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 21

54. What do you believe concerning the “holy, catholic Church”?

That out of the whole human race,[1] from the beginning to the end of the world,[2] the Son of God,[3] by His Spirit and Word,[4] gathers, defends, and preserves for Himself unto everlasting life a chosen communion [5] in the unity of the true faith;[6] and that I am and forever shall remain a living member of this communion.[7] [1] Gen. 26:4. [2] Jn. 10:10. [3] Eph. 1:10–13. [4] Rom. 1:16; Isa. 59:21; Rom. 10:14–17; Eph. 5:26. [5] Rom. 8:29–30; Matt. 16:18; Eph. 4:3–6. [6] Acts 2:46; Ps. 71:18; 1 Cor. 11:26; Jn. 10:28–30; 1 Cor. 1:8–9. [7] 1 Jn. 3:21; 1 Jn. 2:19; *Gal. 3:28.

55. What do you understand by the “communion of saints”?

First, that believers, one and all, as members of the Lord Jesus Christ, are partakers with Him in all His treasures and gifts;[1] second, that each one must feel himself bound to use his gifts readily and cheerfully for the advantage and welfare of other members.[2] [1] 1 Jn. 1:3. [2] 1 Cor. 12:12–13, 21; 13:5–6; Phil. 2:4–6; *Heb. 3:14.

56. What do you believe concerning the “forgiveness of sins”?

That God, for the sake of Christ’s satisfaction,[1] will no more remember my sins, nor the sinful nature with which I have to struggle all my life long;[2] but graciously imputes to me the righteousness of Christ, that I may nevermore come into condemnation.[3] [1] 1 Jn. 2:2. [2] 2 Cor. 5:19, 21; Rom. 7:24–25; Ps. 103:3, 10–12; Jer. 31:34; Rom. 8:1–4. [3] Jn. 3:18; *Eph. 1:7; *Rom. 4:7–8; 7:18.

Westminster Shorter Catechism (Questions 1-11)

Q. 1. What is the chief end of man?

A. Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him forever.

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Cor. 10:31; Rom. 11:36; Ps. 73:25-28.

Q. 2. What rule has God given to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him?

A. The Word of God, which is contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, is the only rule to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him. 2 Tim. 3:16; Eph. 2:20; 1 John 1:3-4.

Q. 3. What do the Scriptures principally teach?

A. The Scriptures principally teach what man is to believe concerning God, and what duty God requires of man. 2 Tim. 1:13; 2 Tim. 3:16.

Q. 4. What is God?

A. God is a Spirit, infinite, eternal, and unchangeable, in his being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness, and truth. John 4:24; Job 11:7-9; Ps. 90:2; Jas. 1:17; Ex. 3:14; Ps. 147:5; Rev. 4:8; 15:4; Ex. 34:6-7.

Q. 5. Are there more Gods than one?

A. There is but one only, the living and true God. Deut. 6:4; Jer. 10:10.

Q. 6. How many persons are there in the Godhead?

A. There are three persons in the Godhead; the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost; and these three are one God, the same in substance, equal in power and glory. 1 John 5:7; Matt. 28:19.

Q. 7. What are the decrees of God?

A. The decrees of God are, his eternal purpose, according to the counsel of his will, whereby, for his own glory, he has foreordained whatsoever comes to pass. Eph. 1:4,11; Rom. 9:22-23.

Q. 8. How does God execute his decrees?

A. God executes his decrees in the works of creation and providence.

Ps. 148:8; Isa. 40:26; Dan. 4:35; Acts 4:24-28, Rev. 4:11

Q. 9. What is the work of creation?

A. The work of creation is, God's making all things of nothing, by the word of his power, in the space of six days, and all very good. Gen. 1; Heb. 11:3.

Q. 10. How did God create man?

A. God created man, male and female, after his own image, in knowledge, righteousness, and holiness, with dominion over the creatures. Gen. 1:26-28; Col. 3:10; Eph. 4:24.

Q. 11. What are God's works of providence?

A. God's works of providence are, his most holy, wise, and powerful preserving and governing all his creatures, and all their actions.

Ps. 145:17; Ps. 104:24; Isa. 28:29; Heb. 1:3; Ps. 103:19; Matt. 10:29-31.