

Lord's Day Service



At Church of the King on August 16th, 2026

The 12th Sunday of Ordinary Time

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]

"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)

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

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:

2 pages

The Singing of Psalm 51; verses 1-10

EVENING HYMN (S.M.)
Elisha West, 1802

Tate and Brady
A New Version of the Psalms of David, 1696

1. 1Have mer - cy, God, on - me, As Thou wert ev - er kind;
2. 2Wash off my foul of - fense, And cleanse me from my sin;

Melody

(Soprano) Let
3For me, op - pressed with
I con - fess my

(Alto) Let
3For me, op - pressed with
I con - fess my

(Tenor) Let
3For me, op - pressed with loads of guilt, Thy
I con - fess my crime, and see How

(Bass) Let
3For me, op - pressed with loads of guilt, Thy
I con - fess my crime, and see How

wont - ed mer - cy
great my guilt has

me, op - pressed with
I con - fess my

loads of guilt, Thy
crime, and see How

wont - ed mer - cy
great my guilt has

find.
been.

Let
3For me, op - pressed with
I con - fess my

loads of guilt,
crime, and see

find. been. Thy How wont - ed my mer - cy has find. been.

Thy How wont great - - - ed my guilt has find. been.

loads of crime, and guilt, see Thy How wont great my guilt has find. been.

Thy How wont great - - - ed my mer - cy has find. been.

3. 4A•gainst Thee, Lord, a•lone,
And on•ly in Thy sight,
Have I trans•gressed, and, though con•
demned
Must own Thy judg•ment right.

4. 5In guilt each part was formed
Of all this sin•ful frame;
In guilt I was con•ceived, and born
The heir of sin and shame.

5. 6Yet Thou, whose search•ing eye
Doth in•ward truth re•quire,
In sec•ret did with wis•dom's laws
My ten•der soul in•spire.

6. 7With hys•sop purge me, Lord,
And so I clean shall be;
I shall with snow in white•ness vie,
When pur•i•fied by Thee.

7. 8Make me to hear with joy
Thy kind for•giv•ing voice;
That so the bones which Thou hast broke
May with fresh strength re•joice.

8. 9Blot out my cry•ing sins,
Nor me in an•ger view;
10Cre•ate in me a heart that's clean;
An up•right mind re•new.

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. _____

The musical score is written on three systems of staves. Each system has a treble and bass staff. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The first system contains the first line of lyrics. The second system contains the second line of lyrics. The third system contains the third line of lyrics, with blank lines for a solo or instrumental part.

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them up un - to the Lord!

The musical score is written on two staves, treble and bass. The key signature has two flats. The melody is in the treble staff, and the bass staff provides harmonic support.

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God!

It is pro - per and right to do so.

The musical score is written on two staves, treble and bass. The key signature has two flats. The melody is in the treble staff, and the bass staff provides harmonic support.

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:

O Sing a New Song to the LORD

Psalm 98

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

The Book of Psalms for Singing, 1973

1. O sing a new song to the LORD, For
won-ders He has done, For won - ders He has done;
His right hand and His ho - ly arm
The
The vic - tor - y have won, The vic - tor - y have
The vic - tor - y have won, The
The vic - tor - y have
vic - tor - y have won, The vic - tor - y have won, The

The musical score is written for a two-part setting (Soprano and Bass) in G major (one sharp). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a mix of eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics are printed below the staves, with some words hyphenated across measures. The piece concludes with a final cadence on the word 'The'.

won, The vic - - - tor - y have won.

vic - - - - - tor - y have won.

won, The vic - - - tor - y have won.

vic - - - - - tor - y have won.

2. The great salvation wrought by Him
Jehovah has made known.
His justice in the nations' sight
He openly has shown.
3. He mindful of His grace and truth
To Isr'el's house has been.
The great salvation of our God
All ends of earth have seen.
4. O all the earth, sing to the LORD
And make a joyful sound.
Lift up your voice aloud to him;
Sing psalms! Let joy resound!
5. With harp make music to the LORD;
With harp a psalm O sing!
With horn and trumpet raise a shout
Before the LORD, the King.
6. Let seas in all their vastness roar,
The world, its living horde.
Let rivers clap, let mountains sing
Their joy before the LORD!
7. Because He comes, He surely comes,
The judge of earth to be!
With justice He will judge the world,
All men with equity.

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 5:17-32

[5:17] Then the high priest rose up, and all those who were with him, 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.

God's People Respond with a Hymn of Faith:

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Robert Robinson, 1758

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Asahel Nettleton, 1825



1. Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Tune my heart to sing thy grace;
2. Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer; Hith-er by thy help I'm come;
3. O to grace how great a debt - or Dai - ly I'm con - strained to be;



Streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, Call for songs of loud - est praise.
And I hope, by thy good pleas - ure, Safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
Let that grace now, like a fet - ter, Bind my wan - d'ring heart to thee.



Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, Sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove;
Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger, Wan - d'ring from the fold of God:
Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, Prone to leave the God I love;



Praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, Mount of God's un - chang - ing love.
He, to res - cue me from dan - ger, In - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, Seal it for thy courts a - bove. A - MEN.



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

"Jesus Cleanses the Temple"

from Pastor Paul Liberati

Based on John 2:13-17

God's People Respond with a Hymn:

God Moves in a Mysterious Way

UNION (C.M.)

Alexander Gillet, *Harmonia Sacra*, 1867

William Cowper, 1774

1. God moves in a mys - te - rious way His
2. Deep in un - fath - om - a - ble mines Of
3. Ye fear - ful saints, fresh cour - age take; The
4. Judge not the Lord by fee - ble sense, But
5. His pur - pos - es will rip - en fast, Un -
6. Blind un - be - lief is sure to err And

Melody

won - ders to per - form; He plants His foot - steps
nev - er fail - ing skill He treas - ures up His
clouds ye so much dread Are big with mer - cy
trust Him for His grace; Be - hind a frown - ing
fold - ing ev - ery hour; The bud may have a
scan His work in vain; God is His own in -

in the sea And rides up - on the storm.
bright de - signs And works His sov - ereign will.
and shall break In bles - sings on your head.
prov - i - dence He hides a smil - ing face.
bit - ter taste, But sweet will be the flower.
ter - pre - ter, And He will make it plain.

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 100:4-5 & the Doxology

Words composed by William Kethe, 1561

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| 1: O enter then His gates with praise;
Approach with joy His courts unto;
Praise laud and bless His Name always,
For it is seemly, so to do. | 2: For why! The Lord our God is good;
His mercy is forever sure;
His truth at all times firmly stood,
And shall from age to age endure. |
|---|--|

- 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 Ordination and Installation of Gabriel Stein as Deacon

“Now in those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplying, there arose a complaint against the Hebrews by the Hellenists, because their widows were neglected in the daily distribution. Then the twelve summoned the multitude of the disciples and said, "It is not desirable that we should leave the word of God and serve tables. Therefore, brethren, seek out from among you seven men of good reputation, full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business; but we will give ourselves continually to prayer and to the ministry of the word." Acts 6:1-4

“Likewise deacons must be reverent, not double-tongued, not given to much wine, not greedy for money, holding the mystery of the faith with a pure conscience. But let these also first be tested; then let them serve as deacons, being found blameless. Likewise their wives must be reverent, not slanderers, temperate, faithful in all things. Let deacons be the husbands of one wife, ruling their children and their own houses well. For those who have served well as deacons obtain for themselves a good standing and great boldness in the faith which is in Christ Jesus.” 1 Timothy 3:8-13

The Great Prayer, Concluding With the Lord's Prayer:

Walter Arroyo

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

**Our Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come.
Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.**

And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from the evil one,

For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power and the glory forever: AMEN [Matthew 6:9-13]

Communion: Where God Communes With His People

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

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

Preparation for Communion:

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

Our Confession of Faith - The Apostle's Creed

[sung with music by Amber Bartels]

Piano

The musical score is written for piano in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of ten systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are written below the notes. The score begins with a piano introduction and ends with a final Amen. The lyrics are: I be-lieve in God the Fa-ther Al-migh-ty, Ma-ker of hea-ven and earth; And in Je-sus Christ, His on-ly be-got-ten Son, our Lord; Who was con-ceived by the Ho-ly Spi-rit, born of the vir-gin Ma-ry, Suf-fered un-der Pon-tius Pi-late, was dru-cti-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-migh-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 ev-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)

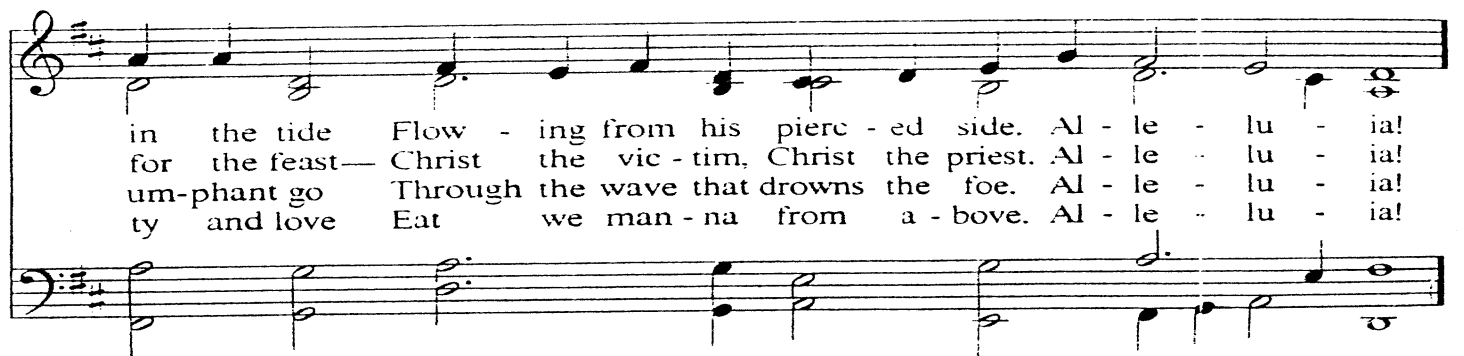
At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing



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-phiant 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

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!

2 pages

Why Do the Heathen Nations Vainly Rage?

Psalm 2

POURQUOI FONT BRUIT (10 11. 10 11. 11 10. 11 10)

Douglas Wilson, 2000

Strasbourg, 1539

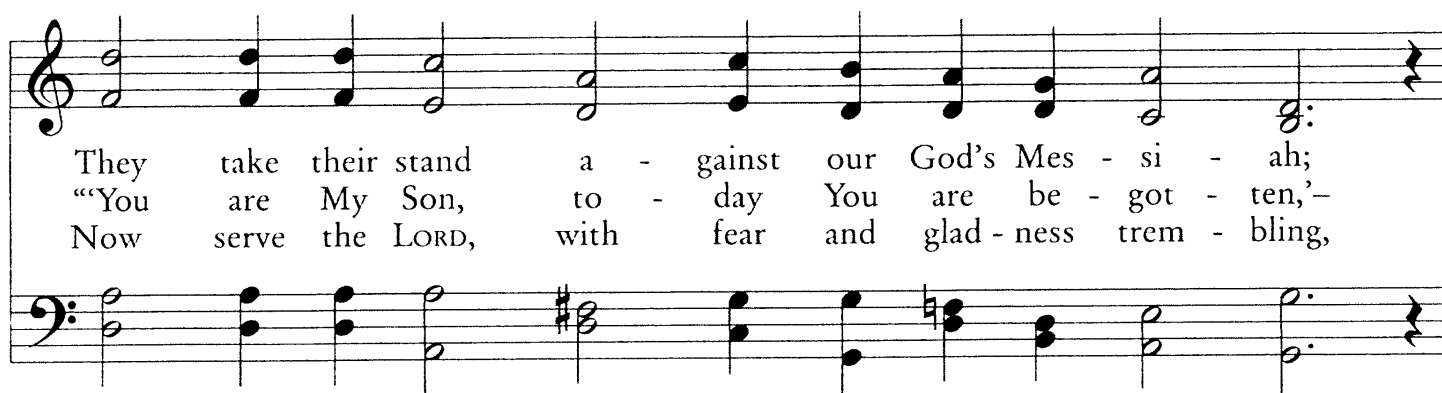
arr. Claude Goudimel, 1564; alt.

1. Why do the heath - en na - tions vain - ly rage?
2. He speaks to them in right - eous, ho - ly wrath;
3. “The na - tions come; You are the on - ly Heir,

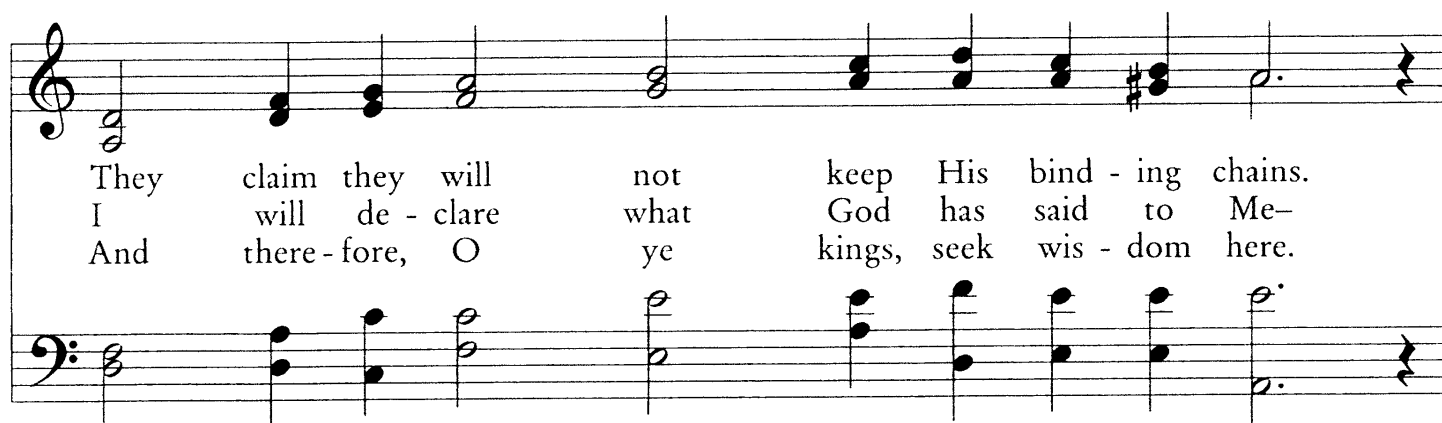
What pride - ful schemes are they in vain de - vis - ing?
God vex - es them and shows His great dis - pleas - ure.
The ends of earth will be Your own pos - ses - sion

The kings of earth and rul - ers all en - gage
“Yet have I set My King up on the path
And bro - ken with a rod of i - ron there,

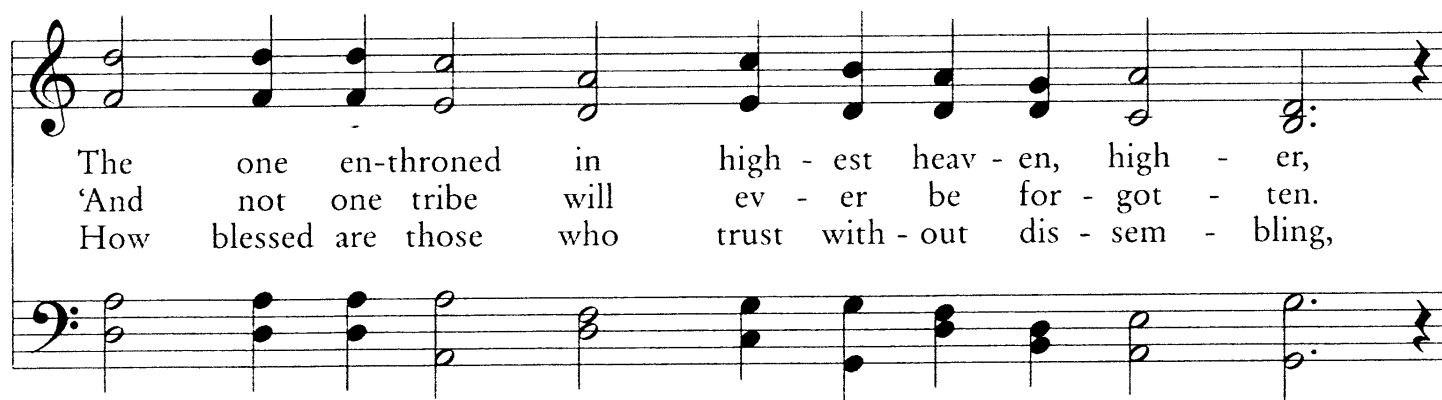
In e - vil plots, and in their sin con - triv - ing,
That up - ward winds to Zi - on, My own treas - ure.”
Re - bel - lious pot - ter - y comes to de - struc - tion.”



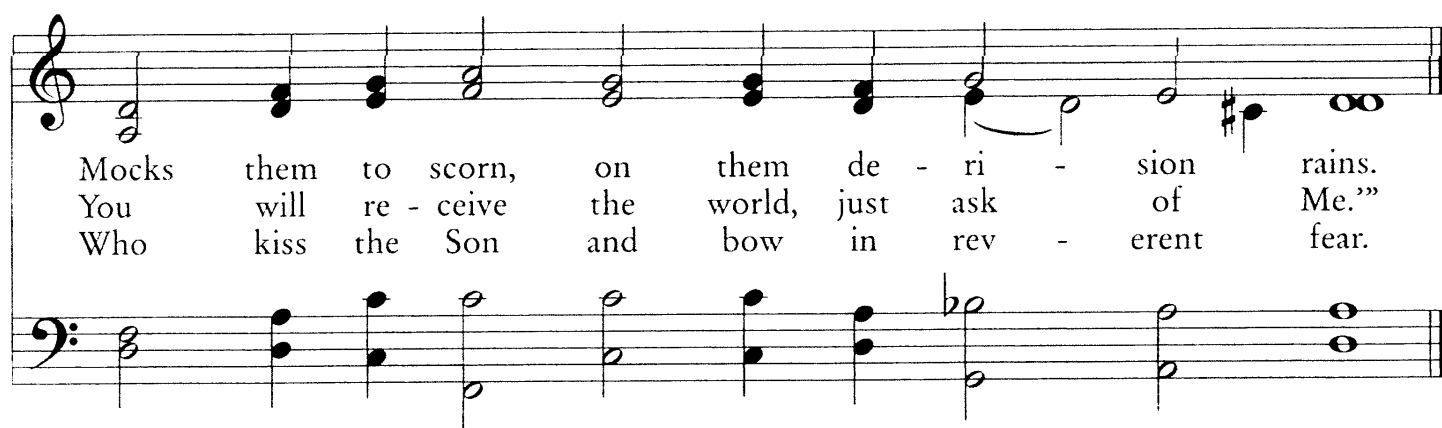
They take their stand a - gainst our God's Mes - si - ah;
 "You are My Son, to - day You are be - got - ten," -
 Now serve the LORD, with fear and glad - ness trem - bling,



They claim they will not keep His bind - ing chains.
 I will de - clare what God has said to Me -
 And there - fore, O ye kings, seek wis - dom here.



The one en - throned in high - est heav - en, high - er,
 'And not one tribe will ev - er be for - got - ten.
 How blessed are those who trust with - out dis - sem - bling,



Mocks them to scorn, on them de - ri - sion rains.
 You will re - ceive on the world, just ask of Me."
 Who kiss the Son and bow in rev - erent fear.

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 33

88. In how many things does true repentance or conversion consist?

In two things:

the dying of the old man,[1] and the making alive of the new. [1] Rom. 6:4–6; Eph. 4:22–24; Col. 3:5–10; 1 Cor. 5:7.

89. What is the dying of the old man?

Heartfelt sorrow for sin, causing us to hate and turn from it always more and more.[1] [1] Rom. 8:13; Joel 2:13.

90. What is the making alive of the new man?

Heartfelt joy in God through Christ,[1] causing us to take delight in living according to the will of God in all good works.[2]

[1] Rom. 5:1; 14:17; Isa. 57:15. [2] Rom. 8:10–11; Gal. 2:20; *Rom. 7:22.

91. What are good works?

Those only which proceed from true faith,[1] and are done according to the law of God,[2] unto His glory,[3] and not such as rest on our own opinion [4] or the commandments of men.[5] [1] Rom. 14:23.

[2] 1 Sam. 15:22; Eph. 2:10. [3] 1 Cor. 10:31. [4] Deut. 12:32; Ezek. 20:18, 20; Isa. 29:13. [5] Matt. 15:9; *Num. 15:39.

92. What is the law of God? **“And God spoke all these words, saying:”**

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First Commandment **“I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. You shall have no other gods before Me.”**

Second Commandment **“You shall not make for yourself a carved image—any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; you shall not bow down to them nor serve them. For I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generations of those who hate Me, but showing mercy to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments.”**

Third Commandment **“You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain, for the Lord will not hold him guiltless who takes His name in vain.”**

Fourth Commandment **“Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord your God. In it you shall do no work: you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your male servant, nor your female servant, nor your cattle, nor your stranger who is within your gates. For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it.”**

Fifth Commandment **“Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long upon the land which the Lord your God is giving you.”**

Sixth Commandment **“You shall not murder.”**

Seventh Commandment **“You shall not commit adultery.”**

Eighth Commandment **“You shall not steal.”**

Ninth Commandment **“You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.”**

Tenth Commandment **“You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, nor his male servant, nor his female servant, nor his ox, nor his donkey, nor anything that is your neighbor’s.”¹**

[1] Ex. 20; Deut. 5; *Matt. 5:17–19; *Rom. 10:5; *Rom. 3:31; *Ps. 119:9.

The Heidelberg Catechism

Questions 1–5

1. What is your only comfort in life and in death? **That I, with body and soul, both in life and in death,[1] am not my own,[2] but belong to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ,[3] who with His precious blood [4] has fully satisfied for all my sins,[5] and redeemed me from all the power of the devil;[6] and so preserves me [7] that without the will of my Father in heaven not a hair can fall from my head;[8] indeed, that all things must work together for my salvation.[9] Wherefore, by His Holy Spirit, He also assures me of eternal life,[10] and makes me heartily willing and ready from now on to live unto Him.[11]**[1] Rom. 14:7–8. [2] 1Cor. 6:19. [3] 1Cor. 3:23. [4] 1Pet. 1:18–19. [5] 1Jn. 1:7; 2:2. [6] 1Jn. 3:8. [7] Jn. 6:39. [8] Matt. 10:29–30; Lk. 21:18. [9] Rom. 8:28. [10] 2Cor. 1:21–22; Eph. 1:13–14; Rom. 8:16. [11] Rom. 8:1

2. How many things are necessary for you to know, that in this comfort you may live and die happily? **Three things:[1] First, the greatness of my sin and misery.[2] Second, how I am redeemed from all my sins and misery.[3] Third, how I am to be thankful to God for such redemption.[4]** [1] Lk. 24:46–47; 1 Cor. 6:11; Tit. 3:3–7. [2] Jn. 9:41; 15:22. [3] Jn. 17:3. [4] Eph. 5:8–11; 1 Pet. 2:9–12; Rom. 6:11–14; *Rom. 7:24–25; *Gal. 3:13; *Col. 3:17.

3. From where do you know your misery? **From the Law of God.[1]** [1] Rom. 3:20; *Rom. 7:7.

4. What does the Law of God require of us? **Christ teaches us in sum, Matthew 22, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.”[1]** [1] Matt. 22:37–40; Lk. 10:27. *Deut. 6:5. *Gal. 5:14.

5. Can you keep all this perfectly? **No,[1] for I am prone by nature to hate God and my neighbor.[2]** [1] Rom. 3:10–12, 23; 1 Jn. 1:8, 10. [2] Rom. 8:7; Eph. 2:3