

Lord's Day Service



*At Church of the King on July 26th, 2026
The 9th 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]

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

Come Worship the Alpha and Omega!

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

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

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

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

Amen!

Jehovah be with you!

And also with you!

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty

Which was and is and is to come;

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

Who lives for ever and ever!

Confession of Sins: Where God Cleanses Us In Christ

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

The Call for Confession from God's Word:

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

God's People Sing our Hymn of Confession:

[congregation standing]

O Lord, My God, Most Earnestly

Psalm 63

THIRD MODE MELODY (C.M.D.)

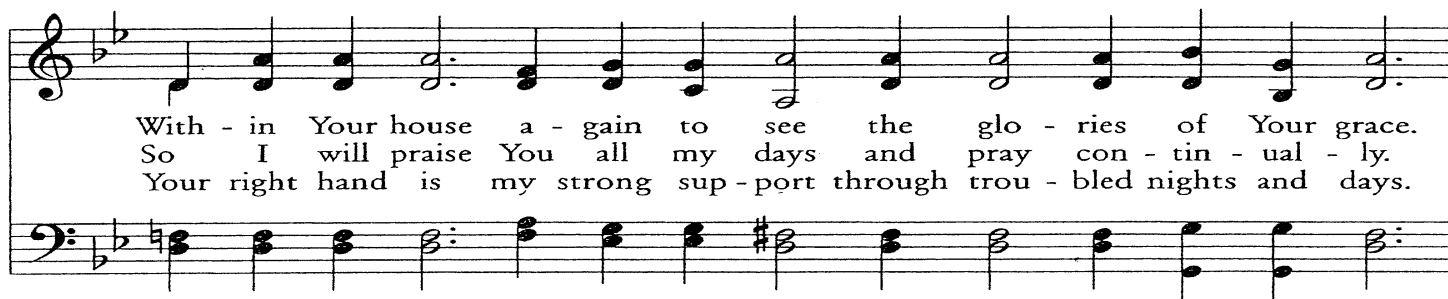
Thomas Tallis, 1567; alt.

Psalter, 1912

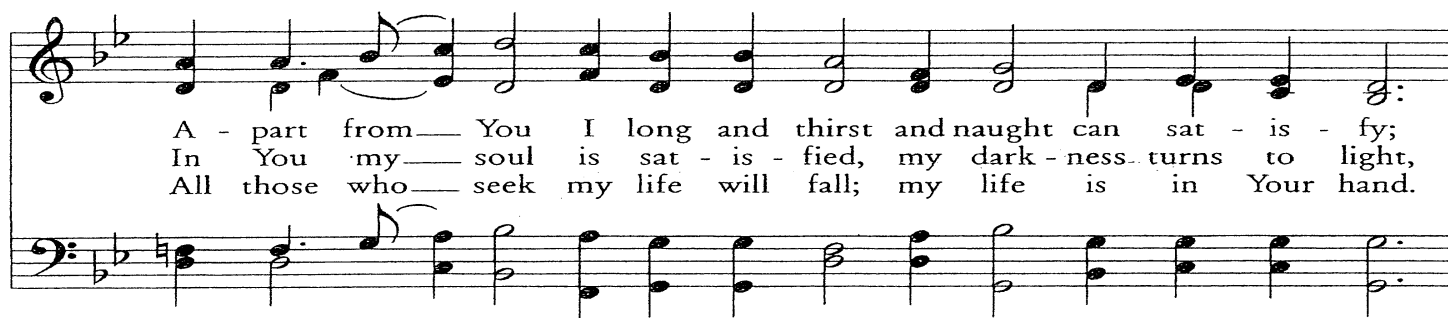
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1. O Lord, my God, most ear-nest - ly I seek Your ho - ly face,
2. The lov - ing - kind - ness of my God is more than life to me,
3. Be - neath the sha - dow of Your wings I sing my joy and praise.



With - in Your house a - gain to see the glo - ries of Your grace.
So I will praise You all my days and pray con - tin - ual - ly.
Your right hand is my strong sup - port through trou - bled nights and days.



A - part from— You I long and thirst and naught can sat - is - fy;
In You my— soul is sat - is - fied, my dark - ness turns to light,
All those who— seek my life will fall; my life is in Your hand.



I wan - der— in a des - ert— land where all the streams are dry.
and joy - ful— med - i - ta - tions— fill the watch - es of the night.
God's king and— peo - ple will re - joice; in vic - t'ry they will stand.

Silent Confession: "Do not remember the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions;
According to Your mercy remember me, For Your goodness' sake, O Lord." Psalm 25:7
Those who are willing and able are invited to kneel for our time of confession.

Corporate Prayer of Confession:

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

Arise and Receive the Assurance of Pardon & Forgiveness:

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

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

Come, let us worship the Lord!

Come Bless the Father:

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

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them up un - to the Lord!

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God!

It is pro - per and right to do so.

Truly it is proper and right that we should at all times and in all places give praise to you O LORD. And so, with the angels and all the company of heaven and with the Church, as she gathers throughout the world this day, we praise and magnify your glorious name, evermore praising you & singing:

My Soul, Thy Great Creator Praise

Selections from Psalm 104

BRIDGEWATER (L.M).

Issac Watts, 1707

Lewis Edson, 1782

1. My soul, thy great Cre - a - tor praise; — When clothed in His ce - les - tial rays, —

He in full maj - est - y — ap -

He in full He in full maj - est - y ap - pears, And like a

He in full maj - est - y ap - pears, And, like a robe, His glo - ry

pears, And like a robe His glo - ry wears.

maj - est - y ap - pears, And like a robe His glo - ry wears.

robe His glo - ry wears, And like a robe His glo - ry wears.

wears, And like a robe His glo - ry wears.

2. The heav'ns are for his curtains spread,
The unfathomed deep he makes his bed.
Clouds are his chariot when he flies
On wingèd storms across the skies.
3. Angels, whom his own breath inspires,
His ministers, are flaming fires;
And swift as thought their armies move
To bear his vengeance or his love.
4. Vast are thy works, Almighty Lord;
All nature rests upon thy word,
And the whole race of creatures stands
Waiting their portion from thy hands.
5. But when thy face is hid, they mourn,
And, dying, to their dust return;
Both man and beast their souls resign;
Life, breath, and spirit, all is thine.
6. Yet thou canst breathe on dust again,
And fill the world with beasts and men;
A word of thy creating breath
Repairs the wastes of time and death.
7. In thee my hopes and wishes meet,
And make my meditations sweet;
Thy praises shall my breath employ,
Till it expire in endless joy.
8. While haughty sinners die accursed,
Their glory buried with their dust,
I to my God, my heav'nly King,
Immortal hallelujahs sing.

The Sacrament of Baptism:

The Following Households Present Their Children
For Baptism into the Name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit

The Graves household presents **Scout Elizabeth;**

The Pagan household presents **Silas Benjamin and Gwen Renee;**

The Stoddard household presents **Sage Lauren;**

The Houston household presents **Archer James;**

The Ryan household presents **Harper Grace, Declan Ray and Nathaniel David;**

The Stafford household presents **Kelly Christine, Matthew Barrett and
William Jesse.**

"Then they also brought infants to Him that He might touch them; but when the disciples saw it, they rebuked them. But Jesus called them to Him and said, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God. "Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it." Luke 18:15-17

"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 2:38, 39

Moreover, brethren, I do not want you to be unaware that all our fathers were under the cloud, all passed through the sea, all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them, and that Rock was Christ. I Corinthians 10:1-4

Hymn of Thanks: *Beneath the Blood-Stained Doorpost*

Based on Exodus 12, words attributed to Harry Ironside, sung to the tune of O Sacred Head Now Wounded

***Beneath the blood-stained doorpost I with my children stand;
A messenger of evil is passing through the land.
There is no other refuge from the destroyer's face;
Beneath the blood-stained doorpost shall be our hiding place.***

***My Savior, for my dear ones I claim Thy promise true.
The Lamb is "for the household"—the children's Savior too.
On earth the little children once felt Thy touch divine;
Beneath the blood-stained doorpost Thy blessing give to mine.***

***O Thou who gave them, guard them, those wayward little feet,
The wilderness before them, the ills of life to meet.
My mother love is helpless, I trust them to Thy care!
Beneath the blood-stained doorpost, oh, keep me ever there!***

Consecration: Where God Equips & Prepares His People

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

THE LORD CONSECRATES US BY HIS WORD

Psalms 127 & 128

Psalm 127 A Songs of Ascents. Of Solomon

[127:1] Unless Jehovah builds the house,

They labor in vain who build it;

Unless Jehovah guards the city,

The watchman stays awake in vain.

It is vain for you to rise up early,

To sit up late, to eat the bread of sorrows; For so He gives His beloved sleep.

Behold, children are an heritage from Jehovah,

The fruit of the womb is a reward.

Like arrows in the hand of a warrior, so are the children of one's youth.

Happy is the man who has his quiver full of them; They shall not be ashamed, but shall speak with their enemies in the gate.

Psalm 128 A Song of Ascents

[128:1] Blessed is every one who fears Jehovah, who walks in His ways.

When you eat the labor of your hands, you shall be happy, and it shall be well with you.

Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine in the very heart of your house, your children like olive plants all around your table.

Behold, thus shall the man be blessed who fears Jehovah.

Jehovah bless you out of Zion, and may you see the good of Jerusalem all the days of your life.

Yes, may you see your children's children. Peace be upon Israel!

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

The God of Abraham Praise

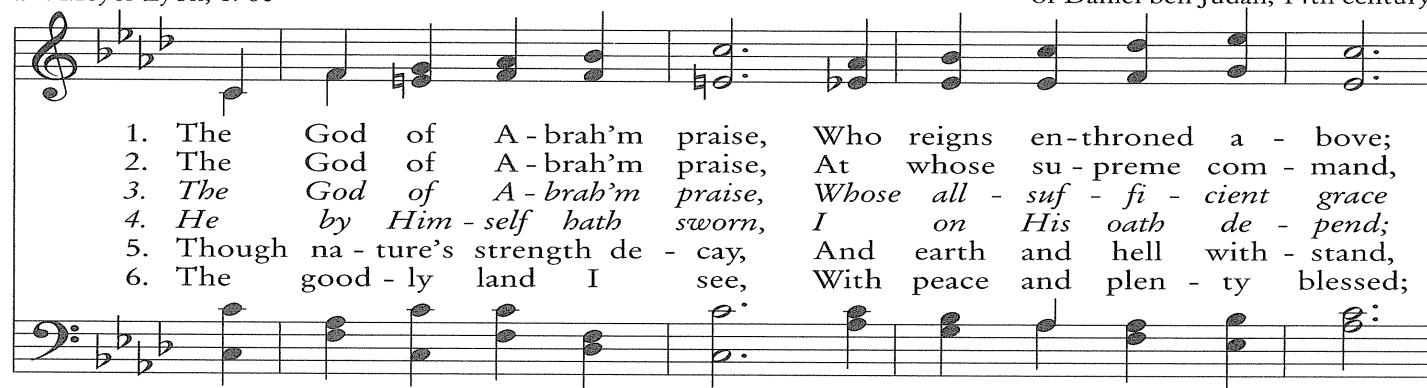
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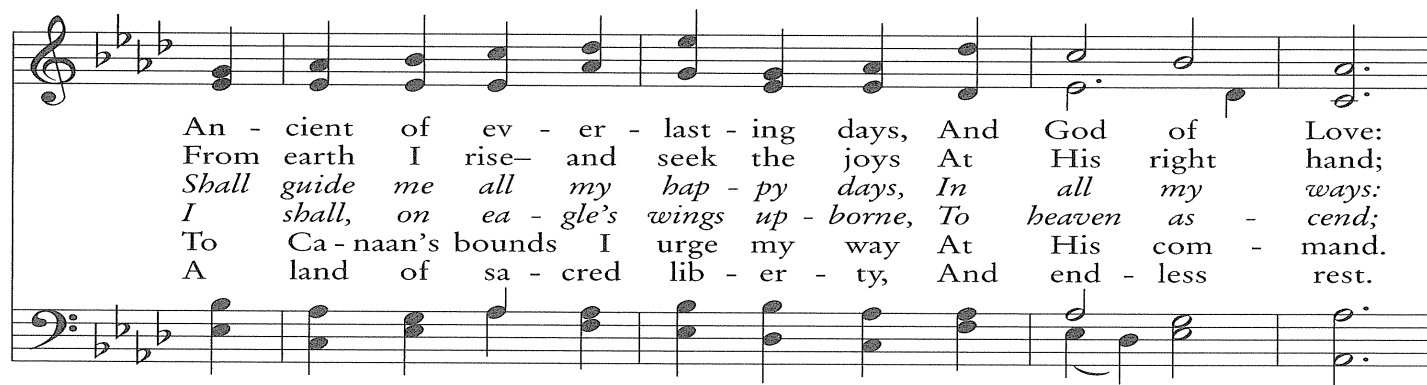
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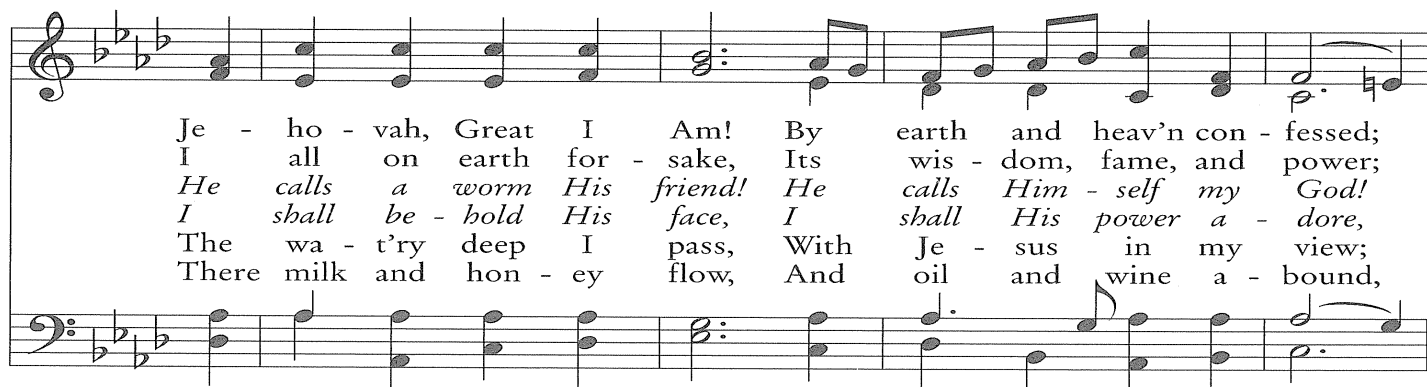
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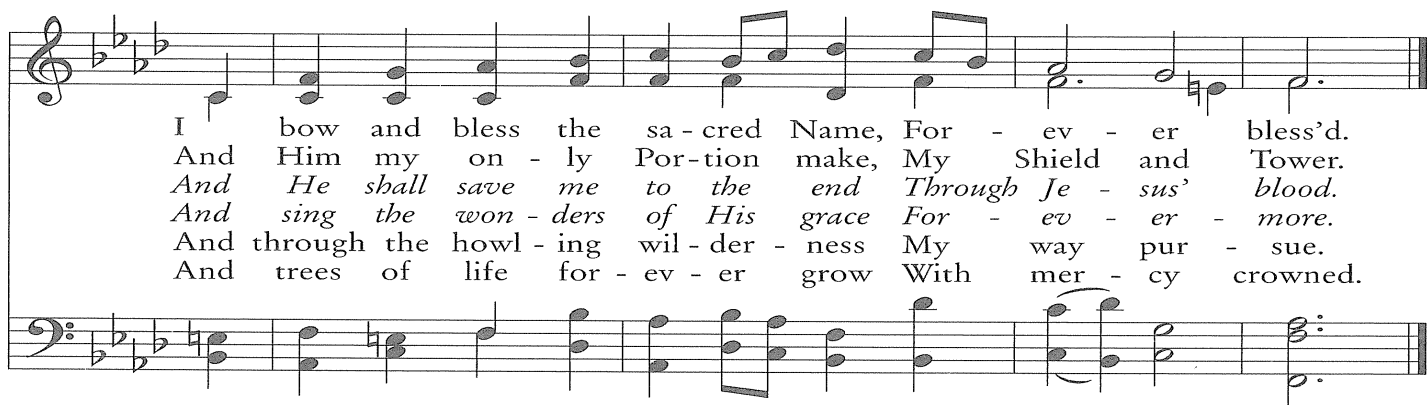
1. The God of A - brah'm praise, Who reigns en - throned a - bove;
2. The God of A - brah'm praise, At whose su - preme com - mand,
3. The God of A - brah'm praise, Whose all - suf - fi - cient grace
4. He by Him - self hath sworn, I on His oath de - pend;
5. Though na - ture's strength de - cay, And earth and hell with - stand,
6. The good - ly land I see, With peace and plen - ty blessed;



An - cient of ev - er - last - ing days, And God of Love:
From earth I rise - and seek the joys At His right hand;
Shall guide me all my hap - py days, In all my ways:
I shall, on ea - gle's wings up - borne, To heaven as - cend;
To Ca - naan's bounds I urge my way At His com - mand.
A land of sa - cred lib - er - ty, And end - less rest.



Je - ho - vah, Great I Am! By earth and heav'n con - fessed;
I all on earth for - sake, Its wis - dom, fame, and power;
He calls a worm His friend! He calls Him - self my God!
I shall be - hold His face, I shall His power a - dore,
The wa - t'ry deep I pass, With Je - sus in my view;
There milk and hon - ey flow, And oil and wine a - bound,



I bow and bless the sa - cred Name, For - ev - er bless'd.
And Him my on - ly Por - tion make, My Shield and Tower.
And He shall save me to the end, Through Je - sus' blood.
And sing the won - ders of His grace For - ev - er - more.
And through the howl - ing wil - der - ness My way pur - sue.
And trees of life for - ev - er grow With mer - cy crowned.

"The First Disciples: Phillip & Nathanael"

From **Pastor Paul Liberati**

Based on **John 1:43-51**

John 1:35-51 (NKJV)

35 Again, the next day, John stood with two of his disciples. **36** And looking at Jesus as He walked, he said, "Behold the Lamb of God!" **37** The two disciples heard him speak, and they followed Jesus. **38** Then Jesus turned, and seeing them following, said to them, "What do you seek?" They said to Him, "Rabbi" (which is to say, when translated, Teacher), "where are You staying?" **39** He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where He was staying, and remained with Him that day (now it was about the tenth hour). **40** One of the two who heard John *speak*, and followed Him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. **41** He first found his own brother Simon, and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated, the Christ). **42** And he brought him to Jesus. Now when Jesus looked at him, He said, "You are Simon the son of Jonah. You shall be called Cephas" (which is translated, A Stone).

43 The following day Jesus wanted to go to Galilee, and He found Philip and said to him, "Follow Me." **44** Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. **45** Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found Him of whom Moses in the law, and also the prophets, wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." **46** And Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." **47** Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward Him, and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no deceit!" **48** Nathanael said to Him, "How do You know me?" Jesus answered and said to him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." **49** Nathanael answered and said to Him, "Rabbi, You are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" **50** Jesus answered and said to him, "Because I said to you, 'I saw you under the fig tree,' do you believe? You will see greater things than these." **51** And He said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, hereafter you shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

Notes:

God's People Sing a Hymn of Praise:

[congregation standing]

O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High!

DEO GRACIAS AGINCOURT HYMN (L.M.)

English melody, 15th century

Anon., 15th century Latin hymn

tr. Benjamin Webb, 1854, 1871

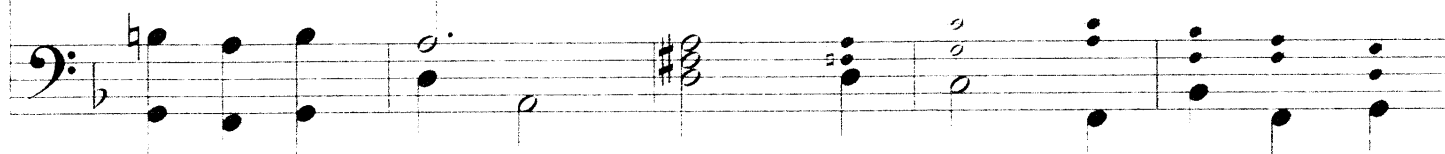
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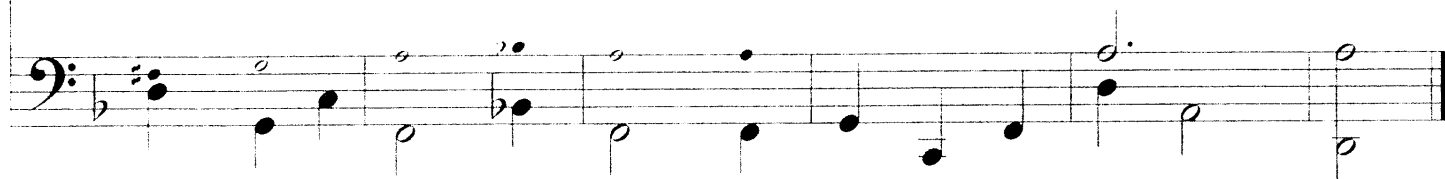
1. O love, how deep, how broad, how high! How pass - ing
 2. For us bap - tized, for us He bore His ho - ly
 3. *For us to wick - ed men be - trayed, Scourged, mocked, in*
 4. For us He rose from death a - gain; For us He
 5. All hon - or, laud, and glo - ry be, O Je - sus,



thought and fan - ta - sy, That God, the Son of
 fast and hun - gered sore; For us temp - ta - tions
crown of thorns ar - rayed; For us He bore the
 went on high to reign; For us He sent His
 vir - gin - born, to Thee: Whom with the Fa - ther



God, should take Our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake!
 sharp He knew; For us the tempt - er o - ver - threw.
cross - 's death; For us at length gave up His breath.
 Spir - it here To guide, to strength - en, and to cheer.
 we a - dore, And Ho - ly Ghost for - ev - er - more.



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

“Give to Jehovah the glory due His name; Bring an offering, and come into His courts. Oh, worship Jehovah in the beauty of holiness! Tremble before Him, all the earth. Say among the nations, "Jehovah reigns; the world also is firmly established, it shall not be moved; He shall judge the peoples righteously.” Psalm 96:8-10

Presenting Our Tithes and Offerings:

With the singing of Psalm 30:4-5 & the Doxology

Words composed by Brenda Fisher

**1: Sing praise you saints unto the Lord; 2: His wrath is in a moment past;
His name is one to be adored. His favor through all life will last.
Give thanks unto His holy name. Weeping may still endure a night,
At every mem’ry of that name. But joy comes with the morning light.**

**3: Praise God from Whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.**

Presenting our Petitions & the Lord’s Prayer:

Evan Vaughn

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

**Our Father,
Which art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name.
Thy Kingdom come.
Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from the evil one,
For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power and the glory forever: AMEN
[Matthew 6:9-13]**

Communion: Where God Communes With His People

Preparation for Communion:

Congregation of the Lord Jesus

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

Our Confession of Faith - The Apostle's Creed

[sung with music by Amber Bartels]

Piano

The musical score is written for piano in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of nine systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are written below the notes. The score includes measure numbers 8, 16, 25, 35, 43, 52, 60, and 70. 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-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 ey-er-last-ing. A-men.'

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re-sur-rec-tion of the bo-dy, and the life ey-er-last-ing. A-men.

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

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

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

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

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

Psalm 23

ST. COLUMBA (8 7. 8 7)
Old Irish hymn melody

Henry W. Baker, 1868

1. The King of love my Shep - herd is, Whose
2. Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow My
3. Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, But
4. In death's dark vale I fear no ill With
5. Thou spread'st a ta - ble in my sight; Thine
6. And so through all the length of days Thy

good - ness fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
ran - somed soul He lead - eth, And where the ver - dant
yet in love He sought me, And on His shoul - der
Thee, dear Lord, be - side me; Thy rod and staff my
unc - tion grace be - stow - eth; And O what trans - port
good - ness fail - eth nev - er; Good Shep - herd, may I

I am His And He is mine for - ev - er.
pas - tures grow, With food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
gent - ly laid, And home, re - joic - ing, brought me.
com - fort still, Thy cross be - fore to guide me.
of de - light From Thy pure chal - ice flow - eth!
sing Thy praise With - in Thy house for - ev - er.

Feasting At The Lord's Table: A simple act of obedience on the 1st day of a new Week

Partaking of the Bread Together -- Giving Thanks -- Partaking of the Wine

"For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes." 1 Corinthians 11:26

Commissioning: Where God Sends Out His People

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

God's People Respond with Singing:

Rise Again Ye Lion-Hearted

RISE AGAIN (8 7. 8 7. 6 6. 7 7)

James B. Jordan, 2002

from LOWEN, LASST EUCH WIEDERFINDEN

Bernard Klein, 1817

anon., 1712

tr. Martin Franzmann, 1940

1. Rise a - gain, ye li - on - heart - ed Saints of ear - ly Chris - ten - dom.
2. These the men by fear un - shak - en, Fac - ing dan - ger daunt - less - ly;
3. Great of heart, they know no turn - ing, Hon - or, gold, they laugh to scorn,
4. Would to God that I might e - ven As the mar - tyred saints of old,

Whith - er is your strength de - part - ed, Whith - er gone your mar - tyr - dom?
These no witch - ing lust hath tak - en, Lust that lures to van - i - ty.
Quench de - sires with - in them burn - ing, By no earth - ly pas - sion torn.
With the help - ing hand of Heav - en, Stead - fast stand in bat - tle bold!

Lo, love's light is on them, Glo - ry's flame up - on them,
Mid the roar and rat - tle Of tu - mult - ous bat - tle
Mid the li - ons' roar - ing Songs of praise out - pour - ing,
O my God, I pray Thee, In the com - bat stay me.

And their will to die doth quell E'en the lord and prince of hell.
In de - sire they soar a - bove All that earth would have them love.
Joy - ous - ly they take their stand On th'a - re - na's blood - y sand.
Grant that I may ev - er be Loy - al, staunch, and true to Thee.

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-est 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 --

Glo- ry be to the Fa- ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho- ly Ghost;

as it was in the be- gin-ning, is now and ev- er shall be, world with- out end. A - men.

The Heidelberg Catechism – Lord's Day 30

80. What difference is there between the Lord's Supper and the Pope's Mass? **The Lord's Supper testifies to us that we have full forgiveness of all our sins by the one sacrifice of Jesus Christ, which He Himself once accomplished on the cross;[1] and that by the Holy Spirit we are engrafted into Christ,[2] who, with His true body is now in heaven at the right hand of the Father,[3] and is there to be worshiped.[4] But the Mass teaches that the living and the dead do not have forgiveness of sins through the sufferings of Christ, unless Christ is still daily offered for them by the priests, and that Christ is bodily under the form of bread and wine, and is therefore to be worshiped in them. And thus the Mass at bottom is nothing else than a denial of the one sacrifice and suffering of Jesus Christ,[5] and an accursed idolatry.** [1] Heb. 7:27; 9:12, 25–28; 10:10, 12, 14; Jn. 19:30. [2] 1 Cor. 6:17. [3] Heb. 1:3; 8:1. [4] Jn. 4:21–24; 20:17; Lk. 24:52; Acts 7:55; Col. 3:1; Phil. 3:20–21; 1 Thess. 1:9–10. [5] See Hebrews chapters 9 and 10; *Matt. 4:10.

81. Who are to come to the table of the Lord? **Those who are displeased with themselves for their sins, yet trust that these are forgiven them, and that their remaining infirmity is covered by the suffering and death of Christ; who also desire more and more to strengthen their faith and to amend their life. But the unrepentant and hypocrites eat and drink judgment to themselves.[1]** [1] 1 Cor. 10:19–22; 11:28–29; *Ps. 51:3; *Jn. 7:37–38; Ps. 103:1–4; *Matt. 5:6.

82. Are they, then, also to be admitted to this Supper who show themselves by their confession and life to be unbelieving and ungodly? **No, for thereby the covenant of God is profaned and His wrath provoked against the whole congregation;[1] therefore, the Christian Church is bound, according to the order of Christ and His Apostles, to exclude such persons by the Office of the Keys until they amend their lives.** [1] 1 Cor. 11:20, 34a; Isa. 1:11–15; 66:3; Jer. 7:21–23; Ps. 50:16–17; *Matt. 7:6; *1 Cor. 11:30–32; *Tit. 3:10–11; *2 Thess. 3:6.

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] 1 Cor. 6:19. [3] 1 Cor. 3:23. [4] 1 Pet. 1:18–19. [5] 1 Jn. 1:7; 2:2. [6] 1 Jn. 3:8. [7] Jn. 6:39. [8] Matt. 10:29–30; Lk. 21:18. [9] Rom. 8:28. [10] 2 Cor. 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.