

Lord's Day Service



At Church of the King on September 6th, 2026

The 15th 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]

"Jehovah has made known His salvation; His righteousness He has revealed in the sight of the nations. He has remembered His mercy and His faithfulness to the house of Israel; All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Shout joyfully to Jehovah, all the earth; Break forth in song, rejoice, and sing praises. Sing to Jehovah with the harp, With the harp and the sound of a psalm, With trumpets and the sound of a horn; Shout joyfully before Jehovah, the King."
Psalm 98:2-6

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

O worship the King all glorious above,	My soul praise Jehovah, speak good of His name
O gratefully sing his power and His love.	So passing in glory, that great is your fame,
Our shield and defender, the ancient of days,	Jehovah our great God, how do you appear;
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.	Majesty and honor, in you shine most clear.

Salutation and Response: [based on Matthew 28:19, Ruth 2:4, Job 19:25,26]

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

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

For I know that my Redeemer lives , **And at the last He will stand upon the earth.**

And after my skin has been thus destroyed, **Yet in my flesh I shall see God**

Confession of Sins: Where God Cleanses Us In Christ

"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." 1 John 1:9

The Call for Confession From God's Word:

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

God's People Sing our Hymn of Confession:

[congregation standing]

I Waited for the LORD, Psalm 40:1-11

1. ¹I wait - ed for the LORD; He stooped and heard my cry.
2. Man - y will see with awe, And so will trust the LORD.
3. ⁶You want no of - fer - ing, Nor ask a sac - ri - fice,
4. ⁸"To do Your will, O God, To me is my de - light.
5. ¹⁰I hid not in my heart Your truth and sav - ing help;

⁷He brought me from the pit, Out of the dun - geon mire,
⁴Blest he who trusts in GOD And turns not to false men.
But You have giv - en me A read - y ear to hear.
Your law is part of me, Deep in my heart, O God."
Your faith - ful - ness I preached In con - gre - ga - tion great.

¹³My feet set on a rock, My foot - steps made se - cure.
⁵You have worked won - ders, LORD; No one com - pares to You!
You ask no of - frings burnt, Nor sac - ri - fice for sin.
⁹In con - gre - ga - tion great I told Your right - eous - ness.
¹¹Do not with - hold from me Your ten - der mer - cies, LORD

¹⁹My lips He gave a song, A song to praise our God.
Should I de - clare each one, Their num - ber is too great.
⁷So I say, "Here I come, As in the scroll in - scribed.
You know, LORD, I spoke out, I did not close my lips.
Let Your un - fail - ing love For ev - er keep me safe.

Music: Irish traditional melody; arr. Leopold L. Dix, 1933

Text: *The Book of Psalms for Singing*, 1973 ©

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Silent Confession: *"Hear my prayer, O Lord, Give ear to my supplications! In Your faithfulness answer me, and in Your righteousness. Do not enter into judgment with Your servant, For in Your sight no one living is righteous." Psalm 143:1, 2*

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

Corporate Prayer of Confession:

Almighty God our heavenly Father. You are completely holy and just in all Your ways. In Your love You have given us every good gift, most of all the Gift of your Son Jesus. Yet we are often unthankful, and fail to love You with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength. In the same way, we take one another for granted, we become unthankful for the people You have lovingly brought into our lives, and we grumble and dispute, thus failing to love one another as we ought. Forgive us our sins, we beseech You, and cleanse us, for the sake of Jesus whom You sent to be our Savior and Lord. Make us a thankful people, now and throughout our lives. We ask this through the merits of our Savior, Jesus Christ. AMEN!

Arise and Receive the Assurance of Pardon & Forgiveness:

"God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. " Ephesians 2:4-7

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

Come Bless the Father:

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

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them up un - to the Lord!

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God!

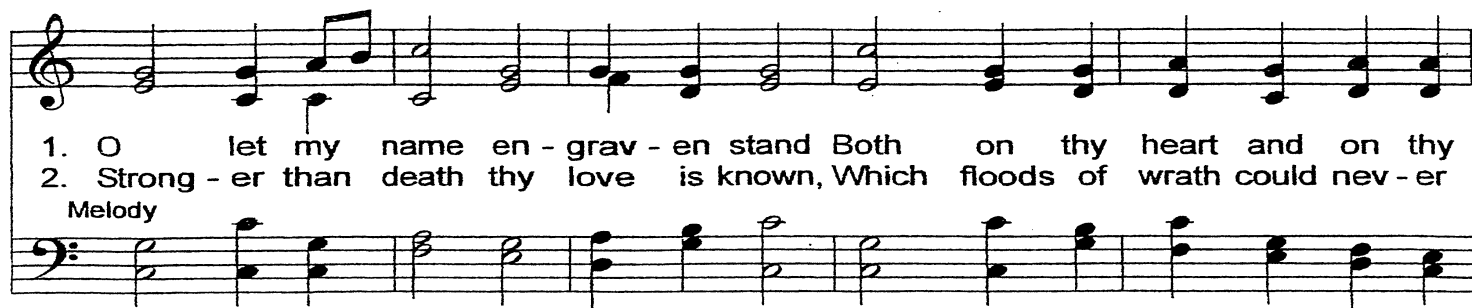
It is pro - per and right to do so.

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

O Let My Name Engraven Stand

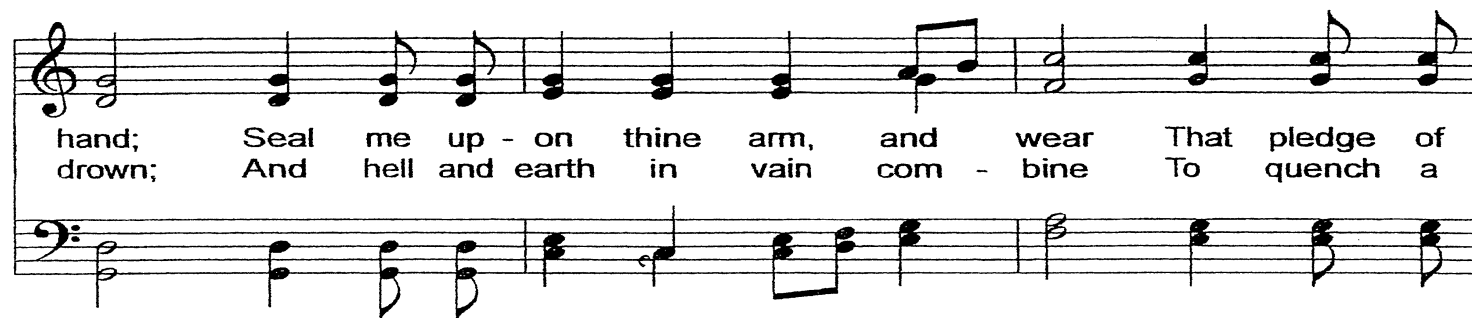
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Jacob Kimball, 1784

Isaac Watts, 1709

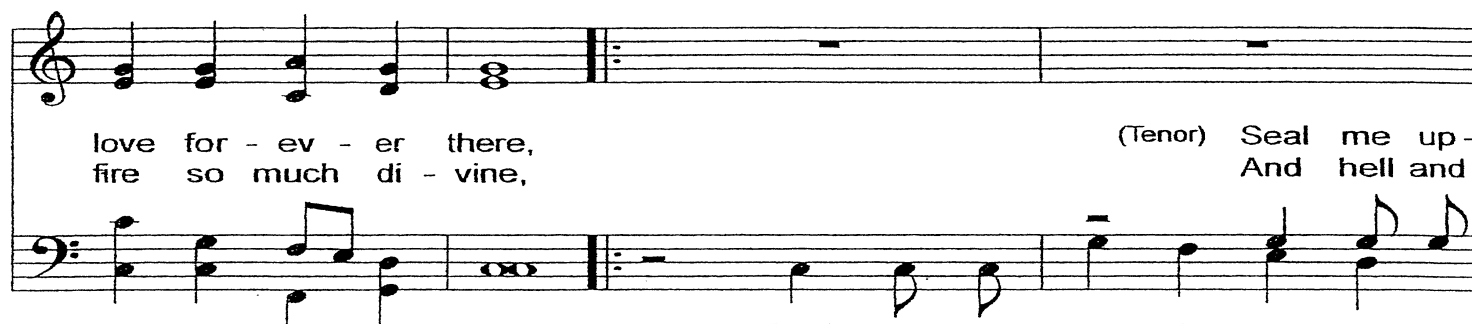


1. O let my name en - grav - en stand Both on thy heart and on thy
2. Strong - er than death thy love is known, Which floods of wrath could nev - er

Melody



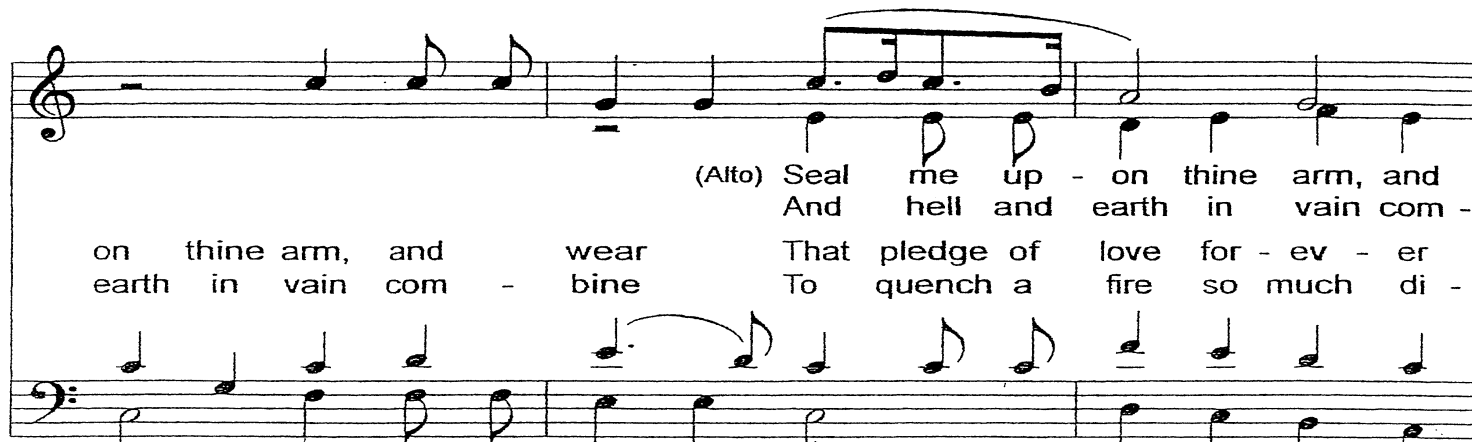
hand; Seal me up - on thine arm, and wear That pledge of
drown; And hell and earth in vain com - bine To quench a



love for - ev - er there, (Tenor) Seal me up -
fire so much di - vine, And hell and

(Bass) Seal me up - on thine arm, and
And hell and earth in vain com -

(Soprano) Seal me up - on thine arm, _____ and
And hell and earth in vain _____ com -



on thine arm, and wear That pledge of love for - ev - er
earth in vain com - bine To quench a fire so much di -

wear That pledge of love for - ev - er
bine To quench a fire so much _____ di -

(Soprano & Alto)

wear That _____ pledge of love for - ev - er
vine To _____ quench a fire so much di -

(Tenor & Bass)

there, Seal me up - on thine arm, _____ and wear
vine, And hell and earth in vain _____ com - bine

there, That pledge of love _____ for - ev - er there.
vine, To quench a fire _____ so much _____ di - vine.

That _____ pledge of love _____ for - ev - er there.
To _____ quench a fire _____ so much _____ di - vine.

3. Come, my Beloved, haste away,
Cut short the hours of thy delay;
Fly like a youthful hart or roe
Over the hills where spices grow.

The Sacrament of Baptism:

The Stabler Household presents **Oliva Jane;**
For Baptism into the Name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

"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

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 a 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 127:1-5

THE LORD CONSECRATES US BY HIS WORD Romans 9:3-24

Israel's Rejection of Christ and God's Purpose and Justice

[9:3][Paul writing] For I could wish that I myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my countrymen according to the flesh, who are Israelites, to whom *pertain* the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the service *of God*, and the promises; of whom *are* the fathers and from whom, according to the flesh, Christ *came*, who is over all, *the* eternally blessed God. Amen.

But it is not that the word of God has taken no effect. For they *are* not all Israel who *are* of Israel, nor *are* they all children because they are the seed of Abraham; but, “*In Isaac your seed shall be called.*” That is, those who *are* the children of the flesh, these *are* not the children of God; but the children of the promise are counted as the seed.

For this *is* the word of promise: “*At this time I will come and Sarah shall have a son.*”

And not only *this*, but when Rebecca also had conceived by one man, *even* by our father Isaac (for *the children* not yet being born, nor having done any good or evil, that the purpose of God according to election might stand, not of works but of Him who calls), it was said to her, “*The older shall serve the younger.*” As it is written, “*Jacob I have loved, but Esau I have hated.*”

What shall we say then? *Is there* unrighteousness with God?

Certainly not! For He says to Moses, “*I will have mercy on whomever I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whomever I will have compassion.*” So then *it is* not of him who wills, nor of him who runs, but of God who shows mercy.

For the Scripture says to the Pharaoh, “*For this very purpose I have raised you up, that I may show My power in you, and that My name may be declared in all the earth.*”

Therefore He has mercy on whom He wills, and whom He wills He hardens. You will say to me then, “Why does He still find fault? For who has resisted His will?” But indeed, O man, who are you to reply against God? Will the thing formed say to him who formed *it*, “Why have you made me like this?” Does not the potter have power over the clay, from the same lump to make one vessel for honor and another for dishonor?

What if God, wanting to show *His* wrath and to make His power known, endured with much longsuffering the vessels of wrath prepared for destruction, and that He might make known the riches of His glory on the vessels of mercy, which He had prepared beforehand for glory, *even* us whom He called, not of the Jews only, but also of the Gentiles?

God's People Sing a Hymn of Response:

[congregation standing]

In Christ Alone

IN CHRIST ALONE (8 8. 8 8. D)

Keith Getty and Stuart Townsend, 2001

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1. In Christ a - lone my hope is found; He is my light, my strength my song; This cor - ner -
2. In Christ a - lone, who took on flesh, full - ness of God in help - less babe! This gift of
3. There in the ground His bo - dy lay, light of the world by dark - ness slain. Then burst - ing
4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow'r of Christ in me. From life's first

stone, this so - lid ground firm through the fier - est drought and storm. What heights of
love and righteous - ness, scorned by the ones He came to save. Till on that
forth in glo - rious day, up from the grave He rose a - gain! And as He
cry to fi - nal breath, Je - sus com - mands my des - ti - ny. No pow'r of

love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when striv - ings cease! my com - for -
cross as Je - sus died, the wrath of God was sa - tis - fied; for ev - ery
stands in vic - to - ry sin's curse has lost its grip on me; for I am
hell, no scheme of man, can e - ver pluck me from His hand; Till He re -

ter, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.
sin on Him was laid, here in the death of Christ I live.
His and He is mine, bought with the pre - cious blood of Christ.
turns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

“Entering the Kingdom of God”

From Pastor Paul Liberati

Based on John 3:1-13

John 3:1-13 (NKJV)

1 There was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. 2 This man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, “Rabbi, we know that You are a teacher come from God; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him.” 3 Jesus answered and said to him, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.” 4 Nicodemus said to Him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?” 5 Jesus answered, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. 6 “That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. 7 “Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ 8 “The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit.” 9 Nicodemus answered and said to Him, “How can these things be?” 10 Jesus answered and said to him, “Are you the teacher of Israel, and do not know these things? 11 “Most assuredly, I say to you, We speak what We know and testify what We have seen, and you do not receive Our witness. 12 “If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how will you believe if I tell you heavenly things? 13 “No one has ascended to heaven but He who came down from heaven, *that is*, the Son of Man who is in heaven.

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God's People Sing a Hymn of Response:

[congregation standing]

The Church's One Foundation

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Samuel Sebastian Wesley, 1864

Samuel John Stone, 1866

1. The church - 's one foun - da - tion Is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
2. E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, Yet one o'er all the earth;
3. *The church shall nev - er per - ish! Her dear Lord to de - fend,*
4. *Though with a scorn - ful won - der Men see her sore op - pressed,*
5. 'Mid toil and trib - u - la - tion, And tu - mult of her war,
6. Yet she on earth hath un - ion With God the Three in One,

She is His new cre - a - tion By wa - ter and the Word.
Her char - ter of sal - va - tion, One Lord, one faith, one birth;
To guide, sus - tain, and cher - ish, Is with her to the end:
By schis - ms rent a - sun - der, By her - e - sies dis - tressed:
She waits the con - sum - ma - tion Of peace for - ev - er - more;
And mys - tic sweet com - mun - ion With those whose rest is won,

From heav'n He came and sought her To be His ho - ly bride;
One ho - ly Name she bless - es, Par - takes onc ho - ly food,
Though there be those who hate her, And false sons in her pale,
Yet saints their watch are keep - ing, Their cry goes up, "How long?"
Till with the vi - sion glo - rious Her long - ing eyes are blest,
O hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that we

With His own blood He bought her And for her life He died.
And to one hope she press - es, With ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
A - gainst or foe or trai - tor She ev - er shall pre - vail.
And soon the night of weep - ing Shall be the morn of song!
And the great church vic - to - rious Shall be the church at rest.
Like them, the meek and low - ly, On high may dwell with Thee.

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

“Give to the Lord the glory due His name; bring an offering, and come into His courts. Oh, worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness! Tremble before Him, all the earth. Say among the nations, "The Lord 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 Offering:

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:

Viktor Choban

**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 nine staves of music, each with a treble and bass clef. The lyrics are written below the notes. The score is divided into measures by bar lines, with measure numbers 8, 16, 25, 35, 43, 52, 60, and 70 indicated at the start of their respective staves. The music is a simple, hymn-like setting of the Apostles' Creed.

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 cru - ci - fied, dead and bur - ied; He de - scend - ed in - to

35 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 - migh - 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 cath - olic 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 LORD COMMUNES WITH US AT HIS TABLE: (Peace Offering, Gift of Life)

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

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

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

Word and Water, Bread and Wine

1. Our tri - une God rules o - ver all, And feeds all creatures great and small.
2. His Word re - stores the blind to sight; Our God has made the dark-ness light.

From sky, from earth, from
Clean wa - ter on our

From sky, from earth, from sky a - gain, From Clean
Clean wa - ter on our heads was poured, Clean

From sky, from earth, from sky a - gain, From sky, from
Clean wa - ter on our heads was poured, Clean wa - ter

sky heads a - gain, Our God feeds all the sons of men.
was poured, We took the name of Je - sus, Lord.

sky, from earth, from sky a - gain,
wa - ter on our heads was poured,
sky, from earth, from sky a - gain,
wa - ter on our heads was poured,

earth, on from sky a - gain, Our God feeds all the sons of men.
on our heads was poured, We took the name of Je - sus, Lord.

From sky, from earth, from sky a - gain, Our God feeds all the sons of men.
Clean wa - ter on our heads was poured, We took the name of Je - sus, Lord.

3. At this great table, wine and bread
Will weave us now into the Head,
As we grow to a perfect man
And there fulfill salvation's plan.

4. The Lord has spoken living words,
He gave us ears, and thus we heard.
We will not give our sons a stone,
We will not live by bread alone.

5. Salvation comes and — face to face —
He sets before us means of grace.
We know all this was kindly meant;
We taste the Word and sacrament.

Music: Oliver Holden (1765–1844)
Text: Douglas Wilson. 2005 ©

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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

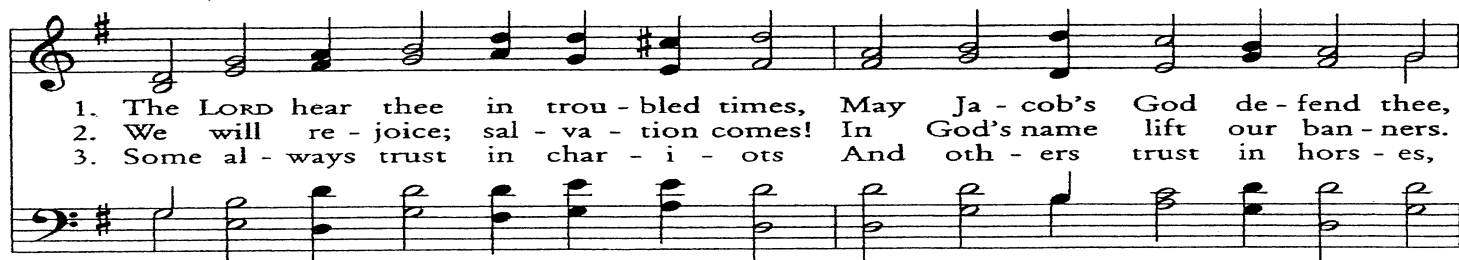
"When they saw Him, they worshiped Him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen". [Matthew 28:17-20]

God's People Prepare to be Sent Forth Singing

Psalm 20

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

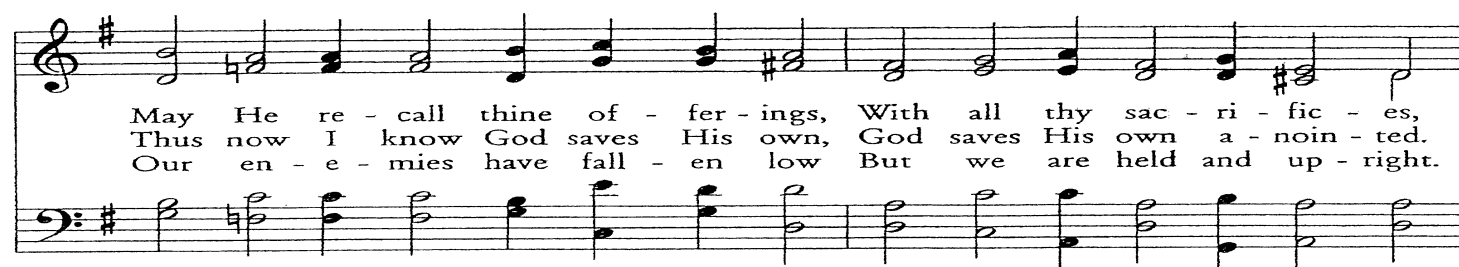
Douglas Wilson, 2001



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



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



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



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



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

God Blesses His People – The Benediction:

[congregation standing]

*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

The Response to God’s Commission – Simeon’s Prayer & the Gloria Patri

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass clef, in the key of D major (two sharps) and common time (C). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first system covers the first line of the prayer, the second system covers the second line, and the third system covers the third line. The music is a simple, hymn-like melody with a steady bass line.

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- tles, 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 36

99. What is required in the third commandment? That we must not by cursing,[1] or by false swearing,[2] nor yet by unnecessary oaths,[3] profane or abuse the name of God; nor even by our silence and connivance be partakers of these horrible sins in others; and in summary, that we use the holy name of God in no other way than with fear and reverence,[4] so that He may be rightly confessed [5] and worshiped [6] by us, and be glorified in all our words and works.[7] [1] Lev. 24:10–16. [2] Lev. 19:12. [3] Matt. 5:37; Jas. 5:12. [4] Isa. 45:23. [5] Matt. 10:32. [6] 1 Tim. 2:8. [7] Rom. 2:24; 1 Tim. 6:1; Col. 3:16–17; *1 Pet. 3:15.

100. Is the profaning of God’s name, by swearing and cursing, so grievous a sin that His wrath is kindled against those also who do not help as much as they can to hinder and forbid it? Yes, truly,[1] for no sin is greater and more provoking to God than the profaning of His name; wherefore He even commanded it to be punished with death.[2] [1] Lev. 5:1 [2] Lev. 24:15–16; *Lev. 19:12; *Prov. 29:24–25.

The Heidelberg Catechism – Questions 1–12

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.
6. Did God create man thus, wicked and perverse? **No,[1] but God created man good and after His own image,[2] that is, in righteousness and true holiness, that he might rightly know God his Creator, heartily love Him, and live with Him in eternal blessedness, to praise and glorify Him.[3]** [1] Gen. 1:31. [2] Gen. 1:26–27. [3] 2 Cor. 3:18; Col. 3:10; Eph. 4:24.
7. From where, then, does this depraved nature of man come? **From the fall and disobedience of our first parents, Adam and Eve, in Paradise,[1] whereby our nature became so corrupt that we are all conceived and born in sin.[2]** [1] Gen. 3 (The whole chapter). Rom. 5:12, 18–19. [2] Ps. 51:5; *Ps. 14:2–3.
8. But are we so depraved that we are completely incapable of any good and prone to all evil? **Yes,[1] unless we are born again by the Spirit of God.[2]** [1] Jn. 3:6; Gen. 6:5; Job 14:4; Isa. 53:6. [2] Jn. 3:5; *Gen. 8:21; *2 Cor. 3:5; *Rom. 7:18; *Jer. 17:9.
9. Does not God, then, do injustice to man by requiring of him in His Law that which he cannot perform? **No, for God so made man that he could perform it;[1] but man, through the instigation of the devil, by willful disobedience deprived himself and all his descendants of those divine gifts.[2]** [1] Eph. 4:24. [2] Rom. 5:12.
10. Will God allow such disobedience and apostasy to go unpunished? **Certainly not,[1] but He is terribly displeased with our inborn as well as our actual sins, and will punish them in just judgment in time and eternity, as He has declared, “Cursed is everyone who does not continue in all things which are written in the book of the law, to do them.”[2]** [1] Heb. 9:27. [2] Deut. 27:26; Gal. 3:10; *Rom. 1:18; *Matt. 25:41.
11. But is not God also merciful? **God is indeed merciful,[1] but He is likewise just;[2] His justice therefore requires that sin which is committed against the most high majesty of God, be punished with extreme, that is, with everlasting punishment both of body and soul.** [1] Ex. 34:6–7. [2] Ex. 20:5; Ps. 5:5–6; 2 Cor. 6:14–16; *Rev. 14:11.
12. Since, then, by the righteous judgment of God we deserve temporal and eternal punishment, how may we escape this punishment and be again received into favor? **God wills that His justice be satisfied;[1] therefore, we must make full satisfaction to that justice, either by ourselves or by another.[2]** [1] Ex. 20:5; 23:7. [2] Rom. 8:3–4.