

PARISH
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MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

Ordinary Time
June 22nd, 2025

Quotes for Reflection

Singing is the voice of the soul, the echo of the heart, the tongue's best employment in the worship of God. —John Cotton

The antidote to fear is not self-confidence but God-confidence. David's boldness didn't come from forgetting his enemies, but from remembering his God. —Tim Keller

GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE TO WORSHIP

It is God Himself who calls His people to worship. We do not call ourselves: the King opens His gates and welcomes us into His courts.

Gospel Invitation—Psalm 34:8

Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him!

Sung Response—Come, Christians, Join To Sing, Vs. 1

The musical score is written for a four-part setting (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are: 'Come, Chris-tians, join to sing Al - le - lu - ia! A - men! Loud praise to Christ our King: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men! Let all, with heart and voice, be - fore His throne re - joice; Praise is His gra - cious choice. Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!' The piano accompaniment features a simple, rhythmic pattern of chords and single notes, providing a steady harmonic foundation for the vocal lines.

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Text: Christian H. Bateman, 1843; Music: MADRID, Traditional Spanish melody,
arr. David Evans, 1927.

Call to Worship—Psalm 34:1-7

Pastor: I will bless the Lord at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad.

All: Oh, magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together!

Reader 1: I sought the Lord, and He answered me and delivered me from all my fears.

Reader 2: Those who look to Him are radiant, and their faces shall never be ashamed.

All: This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him and saved him out of all his troubles.

Pastor: The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear Him, and delivers them.

Congregational Hymn—Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

The musical score is written for a four-part setting (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of six systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are printed below the vocal lines. The score begins with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a time signature of 4/4. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a strong emphasis on the lyrics. The piano accompaniment provides a steady harmonic support, often using chords and simple rhythmic patterns. The overall mood is one of devotion and trust in God.

Guide me, O Thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this bar - ren land.
O - pen now the cry - stal foun-tain, whence the heal - ing stream doth flow;
When I tread the verge of Jor-dan, bid my an - xious fears sub - side;

I am weak, but Thou art might - y; hold me with Thy power - ful hand.
Let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me all my jour - ney through.
Death of deaths, and hell's de - struc-tion, land me safe on Can - aan's side.

Bread of Heav - en, Bread of Heav - en, feed me till I want no
Strong De - liv - 'rer, strong De - liv - 'rer, be Thou still my Strength and
Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es, I will ev - er give to

More; (want no more) feed me till I want no more.
Shield; (Strength and Shield) be Thou still my Strength and Shield.
Thee; (give to Thee) I will ev - er give to Thee.

Text: William Williams, 1745; Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1907.

GOD SPEAKS TO HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

The Bible is the means by which God graciously reveals Himself to His people—so we listen, read, and study with expectant hearts. In His Word, God particularly calls us to sing psalms: while all Scripture is appropriate for hymns and spiritual songs, there is a specific exhortation for us to use the Psalter as the church's songbook.

Congregational Psalm—Lord, Hear My Voice (Psalm 61)



Lord, hear my voice, my prayer at - tend, from earth's re - mot - est bound I send
In You my soul has shel - ter found, and You have been from foes a - round
For You, O Lord, my vows have heard, on me their her - i - tage con - ferred,
Be - fore the Lord shall he a - bide; oh, give him truth, and grace pro - vide



My bro - ken heart - ed cry. When trou - bles fill my faint - ing breast,
The tow'r of my de - fense. My home shall your pa - vil - ion be;
That fear Your ho - ly name. Long life You to Your ser - vant give,
To guard him in the way. So I Your prais - es will make known,

Vs. 1 & 2, then Chorus



Then lead me on the rock to rest, the rock high - er than I.
And un - der - neath Your wings I'll flee, to find de - liv - er - ance.
Through gen - er - a - tions he shall live, from age to age the same.
And hum - bly bend - ing at Your throne, my vows will dai - ly pay.

Chorus



When trou - bles fill my faint - ing breast, then lead me on



The rock to rest, the rock high - er than I.

Text: Psalm 61:1-8, *The Psalter*, 1900, alt. 2022;
Music: TRAVELLER, Henry C. Haffner, 2022.

Scripture Reading—Philippians 3:7-11

Whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For His sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith—that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and may share His sufferings, becoming like Him in his death, that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Congregational Hymn—May The Mind Of Christ, My Savior



May the mind of Christ, my Sav - ior, live in me from day to day,
May the Word of God dwell rich - ly in my heart from hour to hour,
May the love of Je - sus fill me as the wa - ters fill the sea;
May I run the race be - fore me, strong and brave to face the foe,

By His love and pow'r con - trol - ling all I do and say.
So that all may see I tri - umph on - ly through His pow'r.
Him ex - alt - ing, self a - bas - ing: this is vic - to - ry.
Look - ing on - ly un - to Jes - us as I on - ward go.

Text: Kate B. Wilkinson, 1925; Music: ST. LEONARDS, A. Cyril Barham-Gould, 1925.

Sermon Text—Psalm 27:1-14

The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?

2 When evildoers assail me
to eat up my flesh,
my adversaries and foes,
it is they who stumble and fall.

3 Though an army encamp against me,
my heart shall not fear;
though war arise against me,
yet I will be confident.

4 One thing have I asked of the Lord,
that will I seek after:
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life,
to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord
and to inquire in His temple.

5 For He will hide me in His shelter
in the day of trouble;
He will conceal me under the cover of His tent;
He will lift me high upon a rock.

6 And now my head shall be lifted up
above my enemies all around me,
and I will offer in His tent
sacrifices with shouts of joy;
I will sing and make melody to the Lord.

7 Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud;
be gracious to me and answer me!

8 You have said, "Seek My face."
My heart says to You,
"Your face, Lord, do I seek."

- 9 Hide not Your face from me.
Turn not Your servant away in anger,
O You who have been my help.
Cast me not off; forsake me not,
O God of my salvation!
- 10 For my father and my mother have forsaken me,
but the Lord will take me in.
- 11 Teach me Your way, O Lord,
and lead me on a level path
because of my enemies.
- 12 Give me not up to the will of my adversaries;
for false witnesses have risen against me,
and they breathe out violence.
- 13 I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the Lord
in the land of the living!
- 14 Wait for the Lord;
be strong, and let your heart take courage;
wait for the Lord!

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sung Response—Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus, refrain



Turn your eyes up-on Je - sus, look full in His won-der - ful face, _____



And the things of earth will grow strange-ly dim, in the light of His glo-ry and grace.

CCLI #2844402; Text and Music: Helen H. Lemmel, 1922.

Sermon—*Singing in the Suffering*

—Assistant Pastor, Mike Fennema

GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE TO CONFESSION, REPENTANCE, AND RECONCILIATION

The people of God respond to His Word by confessing their sins, repenting of their sinful ways, and seeking God's favor through the reconciling work of Jesus, the Son of God.

Confession of Sin—based on Psalm 34:13-14

Pastor: Lord, we come confessing. You have said, "Keep your tongue from evil."

All: But our lips have spoken deceit.

Pastor: You have said, "Turn away from evil."

All: But we do not do what is good.

Pastor: You have said, "Seek peace."

All: But we have not pursued it.

Assurance of Pardon—Psalm 34:17-19, Acts 1:8

When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears and delivers them out of all their troubles. The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit. Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord delivers him out of them all.

Pastor: This is the promise of God.

All: This is the Word of the Lord.

Pastor: For Christ Himself confirmed: “You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be My witnesses.”

All: “In Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

Sung Response—Praise To The Lord, The Almighty, Vs. 2

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so won-drous - ly reign - eth,

Shel-ters thee un - der His wings, yea, so gent - ly sus - tain - eth!

Hast thou not seen how thy de - sires e'er have been

Grant-ed in what He or - dain - eth?

Text: Joachim Neander, 1680, tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1863;
Music: LOBE DEN HERREN, *Stralsund Gesangbuch*, 1665.

GOD INVITES HIS PEOPLE TO FELLOWSHIP WITH HIM

God feeds the faith of His people by giving them a meal. As God fellowships with them in faith, His people pledge their obedience to God and their love for one another.

Profession of Faith—*The Nicene Creed*

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible;

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of the Father before all worlds;
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made.

Who, for us men and for our salvation
came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary,
and was made man;
He was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
He suffered, died, and was buried;
and the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven, and now sits on the right hand of the Father;
and He shall come again, with glory, to judge the quick and the dead;
whose kingdom shall have no end;

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son;
who together with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified;
who spoke by the prophets;

And we believe in one holy, catholic, and apostolic Church—both seen and unseen;
We acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;
and we look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

Sursum Corda

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Pastor: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to You, Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and Earth. Therefore, we praise You, Triune God, and we join our voices with the angels, the archangels, and the whole company of Heaven in this hymn of eternal praise:

WOMEN

Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

MEN

Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho-ly Lord, God of pow'r and might, Hea-ven and Earth are

Hea-ven and Earth are full of Your glo-ry, Ho - san-na in the high - est.

full of Your glo-ry, Ho - san - na, Ho - san-na in the high - est.

Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the

Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

Lord. Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

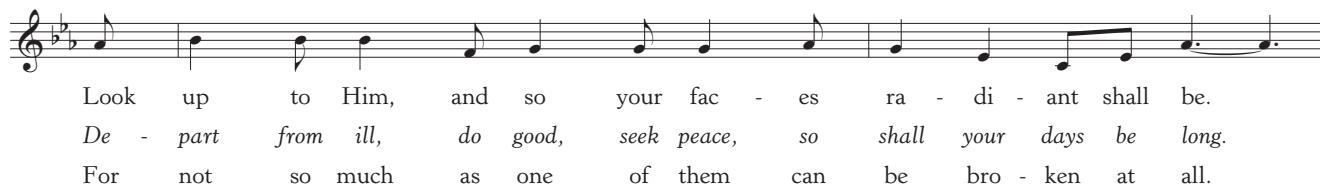
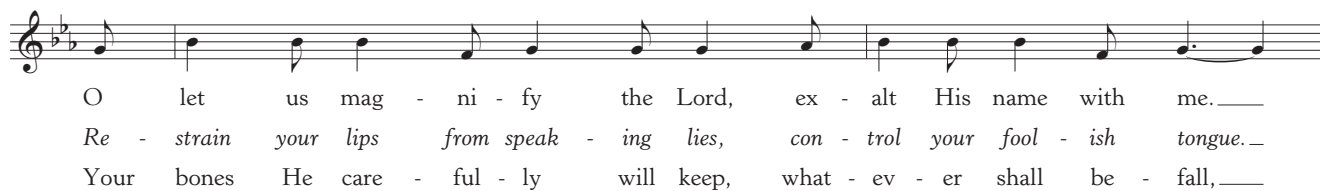
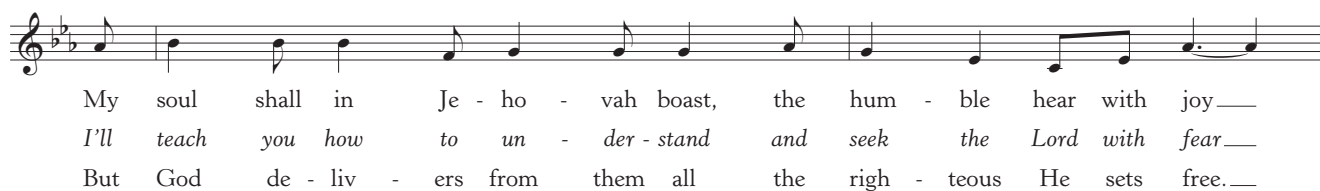
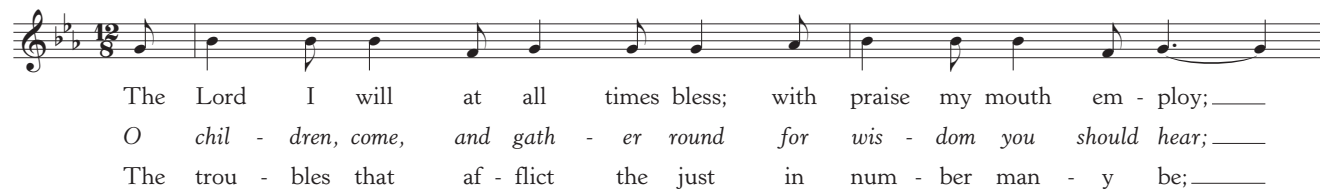
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Text: Traditional, based on Isaiah 6:3, Matthew 21:9;
Music: CLOVERCROFT SANCTUS, Henry C. Haffner, 2019.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND THE LORD'S TABLE

This table is open to all baptized Christians who have made a profession of faith. You may come forward to receive the bread and wine or grape juice.

Congregational Psalm—The Lord I Will At All Times Bless (Psalm 34)



Chorus



Last time, to Coda



Coda



Text: Psalm 34:1-22, *The Psalter with Music*, 1900, alt. 2021;
Music: BETHESDA/DUPLEX, Henry C. Haffner, 2021.

Congregational Hymn—How Can I Keep From Singing?



My life flows on in end - less song; a - bove Earth's la - men - ta - tion
What though my joys and com - forts die? The Lord my Sav - ior liv - eth;
I lift mine eyes; the cloud grows thin; I see the blue a - bove it;



I hear the sweet though far off hymn that hails a new cre - a - tion:
What though the dark - ness gath - er round! Songs in the night He giv - eth:
And day by day this path-way smoothes since first I learned to love it:



Through all the tu - mult and the strife I hear the mu - sic ring - ing;
No storm can shake my in - most calm while to that re - fuge cling - ing;
The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, A foun - tain ev - er spring-ing:



It finds an ech - o in my soul: how can I keep from sing-ing?
Since Christ is Lord of Heav'n and Earth, how can I keep from sing-ing?
All things are mine since I am His: how can I keep from sing-ing?

Text: Robert Lowry, 1860; Music: ENDLESS SONG, Robert Lowry, 1860,
arr. Henry C. Haffner, 2014.

GOD'S PEOPLE GRATEFULLY RESPOND WITH THEIR PETITIONS, TITHES & OFFERINGS, AND PRAISE

Praying, serving, and giving are essential aspects of worship, moving our faith from our heads and hearts into our lives and callings. Offering boxes for both tithes and alms are located in the foyer.

Pastoral Prayer

Corporate Prayer—*The Lord's Prayer*

Our Father, who 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 evil.

For Thine is the kingdom,
And the power, and the glory, forever.

Amen.

Congregational Psalm—O Lord, Teach Me To Follow You (Psalm 27)

The musical score is written for a congregational setting, featuring a treble and bass staff. The key signature is one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 3/4. The melody is primarily in the treble staff, with the bass staff providing harmonic support. The lyrics are written below the treble staff, aligned with the notes. The music is divided into two systems, each with a treble and bass staff. The first system contains the first four lines of the lyrics, and the second system contains the next four lines. The music concludes with a double bar line at the end of the second system.

O Lord, teach me to fol - low You, in - struct me in Your way,
Give me not to my foes' de - sire; false wit - ness - es a - rise
Oh! What if I had not be - lieved! I am by faith as - sured
With pa - tience wait up - on the Lord, O let your strength be great;

And lead me on a le - vel path be - cause of foes, I pray!
A - gainst me breath - ing vi - o - lence and seek - ing my de - mise.
That in the land of life I'll see the good - ness of the Lord.
And so let cour - age fill your heart as on the Lord you wait.

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Text: Psalm 27:11-14; Music: LOUISE, Robert M. Copland, 1972.

GOD SENDS HIS PEOPLE OUT

After calling His people into His presence, forgiving their sins, instructing them in His Word, and providing a foretaste of the marriage supper of the Lamb, God sends His people into the world to show His light in the darkness.

Benediction—Numbers 6:24-26

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace. *Amen.*

Sung Response—Unto Christ Who Loved Us



Un-to Christ, who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood,

And has made us kings and priests un - to God and His Fa - ther:

Un-to Him be glo-ry and do-min-ion for - ev-er and ev-er. A - men.

CCLI #2844402 ©1936 Oxford University Press; Text: Revelation 1:5-6;
Music: UNTO HIM WHO LOVED US, Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1936.

Announcements

Worship Notes:

This past week, I had the privilege of teaching at a Christian music camp founded and staffed by faculty from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, KY. I was asked to give a short “hymn devotional” to the elementary and high school students and their families in attendance. The following is adapted from my remarks:

This summer, the pastors at Parish Presbyterian Church are going through a series on the psalms. This Sunday, Pastor Mike will be preaching on Psalm 27, which concludes with the psalmist asking, “Teach me your way, O Lord, and lead me on a level path because of my enemies” (Psalm 27:11). One of the hymns that we’ll be singing alongside this psalm is the classic Welsh hymn, *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*. This hymn begins by asking for guidance from the Lord. As we sing, we are really praying—asking God to lead us when we are weak, hungry, anxious, or afraid. Are some of you anxious right now? Let this hymn be an encouragement to you to trust in God’s providence. I also love how this hymn uses language from the Bible, specifically from the Old Testament. It mentions eating “bread from heaven,” following a “fire and cloudy pillar,” and crossing the Jordan river into Canaan, all images drawn from the story of Moses and the Israelites found in Exodus, Numbers, and Joshua. So this hymn not only encourages us when we are anxious, but also drives us back to the Scriptures where we can find all the comfort we need.

—Henry C. Haffner

Key Words: Lord, Light, Salvation, Confident, Dwell, House, Beauty, Joy, Sing, Seek, Goodness, Courage, Wait

Keystone Verse: One thing have I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to inquire in His temple. (Psalm 27:4)



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