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MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

Kingdomtide
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Quotes for reflection:

Jesus declares, in the bookends that sanction the Great Commission, “I am with you always, to the end of the age.” This is not, in the first place, a declaration of Christ’s divine omnipresence, what is true in terms of His deity, though that is surely involved. Rather, within the context of the Gospel, that declaration is a promise of Pentecost, a promise of what will soon be the case... Christ is with His church in the power of the Spirit to the end of the age. This enduring presence of the resurrected Christ is the primary meaning of Pentecost.

—Richard Gaffin

The church may continue confidently in the discipling and church-building task of extending the gospel to the nations, and to that end may continue confidently praying for and expecting revival today... We can be confident—despite adverse circumstances, despite repeated discouragements, despite the opposition that the church will inevitably encounter, not only from without but all too regrettably from within, despite times of spiritual decline and poverty—we can be confident in the commission given by the resurrected Jesus to the church because we know of the once-for-all finality of Holy Spirit baptism that occurred at Pentecost.

—Richard Gaffin

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—Acts 1:8

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses.

Sung Response—The Lord Is King, Vs. 1



The Lord is King! Lift up thy voice, O Earth; and all ye heav'ns, re-joice!



From world to world the joy shall ring, "The Lord omni - po - tent is King."

Text: Josiah Conder, 1824; Music: ROCKBRIDGE, Lucius Chapin,
from *The Harmonia Sacra*, 1812, alt. 2010.

Call to Worship—Psalm 145:1-3, 10-13

Pastor: We will extol You, my God and King, and bless Your name forever and ever.

All: Every day we will bless You and praise Your name forever and ever.

Reader 1: All Your works shall give thanks to You, O Lord, and all Your saints shall bless You!

Reader 2: We shall speak of the glory of Your kingdom and tell of Your power.

Pastor: We will make known to the children of man Your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendor of Your kingdom.

All: Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, and His greatness is unsearchable.

Pastor: Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and Your dominion endures throughout all generations.

Congregational Hymn—Come, Thou Fount Of Every Blessing

The musical score is written for a congregational hymn in 3/4 time, with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of four systems, each with a vocal melody line (treble clef) and a bass line (bass clef). The lyrics are printed below the vocal line of each system. The melody is simple and repetitive, with a strong emphasis on the first and third beats of each measure. The bass line provides a steady harmonic foundation with block chords and moving lines.

Come, Thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer; hith - er by Thy help I'm come;
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.

Text: Robert Robinson, 1758; Music: NETTLETON, Asahel Nettleton, 1825.

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—The Voice Of The Lord (Psalm 29)



The voice of the Lord is o - ver the wa - ters. The God of glo - ry thun-ders free!
The voice of the Lord will break down the ce - dars. The God of glo - ry thun-ders free!
The voice of the Lord is flam - ing in fire. The God of glo - ry thun-ders free!



The voice of the Lord is o - ver the wa - ters. His voice is full of maj - es - ty!
The voice of the Lord will break down the ce - dars. Be - fore His voice the migh - ty flee!
The voice of the Lord is shak - ing the for - ests. Cry a - loud in glo - ry!



Give to the Lord, in heav'n - ly chor - us; Give to the Lord, all glo - ry and strength!



Give to the Lord, the glo - ry due His name. Wor - ship the Lord

Women



in beau-ty of ho - li - ness. in beau-ty of ho - li - ness.

Men



in beau-ty of ho - li - ness. in beau-ty of ho - li - ness.

Text: based on Psalm 29:1-9, Nathan George, 2013;
Music: Nathan George, 2013.

Baptism of Benjamin, Sunny, August, and Levi Thomas, children of Luke and Ali Thomas

Scripture Reading—Luke 3:3, 15-18

And [John] went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, John answered them all, saying, “I baptize you with water, but He who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in His hand, to clear His threshing floor and to gather the wheat into His barn, but the chaff He will burn with unquenchable fire.” So with many other exhortations he preached good news to the people.

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Congregational Hymn—To Our Redeemer's Glorious Name



To our Re - deem - er's glor - ious name a - wake the sac - red song:
Let won - der still with love u - nite, and gra - ti - tude and joy;
Dear Lord, while we a - dor - ing pay our hum - ble thanks to Thee,
O may the sweet, the bliss - ful theme fill ev - ery heart and tongue,



O may His love— im - mor - tal flame— tune ev - ery heart and tongue.
Be Jes - us our su - preme de - light, His praise our best em - ploy.
May ev - ery heart with glad - ness say, the Sav - ior died for me.
Till strang - ers love Thy charm - ing name, and join the sa - cred song.

Text: Anne Steel, 1760; Music: MCKEE, Irish melody,
arr. H. T. Burleigh, 1939.

Sermon Text—Acts 18:24-19:7

Now a Jew named Apollos, a native of Alexandria, came to Ephesus. He was an eloquent man, competent in the Scriptures. ²⁵ He had been instructed in the way of the Lord. And being fervent in spirit, he spoke and taught accurately the things concerning Jesus, though he knew only the baptism of John. ²⁶ He began to speak boldly in the synagogue, but when Priscilla and Aquila heard him, they took him aside and explained to him the way of God more accurately. ²⁷ And when he wished to cross to Achaia, the brothers encouraged him and wrote to the disciples to welcome him. When he arrived, he greatly helped those who through grace had believed, ²⁸ for he powerfully refuted the Jews in public, showing by the Scriptures that the Christ was Jesus.

^{19:1} And it happened that while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul passed through the inland country and came to Ephesus. There he found some disciples. ² And he said to them, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?” And they said, “No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.” ³ And he said, “Into what then were you baptized?” They said, “Into John's baptism.” ⁴ And Paul said, “John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, Jesus.” ⁵ On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. ⁶ And when Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they began speaking in tongues and prophesying. ⁷ There were about twelve men in all.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sung Response—Breathe On Me, Breath Of God, Vs. 3



Breathe on me, Breath of God, 'til I am whol - ly Thine,



Un - til this earth - ly part of me glows with Thy fire div - ine.

Text: Edwin Hatch, 1878, Music: TRENTHAM, Robert Jackson, 1888.

Sermon—*Two Baptisms*

—Pastor, James Crampton

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 Ephesians 4:22-23, 26-32

Pastor: Lord, we come confessing. You told us to put off our old self, which belongs to our former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, and to be renewed in the spirit of our minds, and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

All: But we have been angry and sinned. We have let the sun go down on our anger, and we have given an opportunity to the devil.

Pastor: We have not put away all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander, along with all malice.

All: Corrupting talk has come out of our mouths, rather than speaking what is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear.

Pastor: We have not been kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave us.

All: And we have grieved the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

Assurance of Pardon—Ephesians 2:13-14, 16-18; Colossians 2:6-7

But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For He Himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in His flesh the dividing wall of hostility... [that He] might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. And He came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. For through Him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father.

Pastor: This is the promise of God.

All: This is the Word of the Lord.

Pastor: Therefore, in the same way you received Christ Jesus as Lord, so continue to walk in Him.

All: So then, we are rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith.

Pastor: Therefore, let us abound in thanksgiving.

Sung Response—Spirit Of The Living God

The image shows four staves of musical notation for a song. The first three staves are identical and each contains the lyrics: "Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall fresh on me." The fourth staff contains the lyrics: "Break me! Melt me! Mold me! Fill me!" The music is written in a single melodic line on a treble clef staff with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a 4/4 time signature. The notes are simple, using quarter and half notes, with some rests.

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall fresh on me.

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall fresh on me.

Break me! Melt me! Mold me! Fill me!

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall fresh on me.

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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 Apostles' Creed

We believe in God:

The Father Almighty, the Creator of Heaven and Earth;

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord: who was conceived of the Holy Spirit,
Born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into Hell.

On the third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into Heaven and now sits at the right hand of God the Father
Almighty, From whence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

We believe in the Holy Spirit; the one holy church—both visible and invisible;
The communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
The resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.

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:

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of three staves. The first staff is in 4/4 time and contains the lyrics 'Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly is the Lord God Al - might - y,'. The second staff continues in 4/4 time with 'Heav'n and Earth are full of Thy glor - y, glor - y__ be un - to__ Thee,'. The third staff begins in 5/4 time with 'O Lord most high, O Lord most high, O Lord most high,' and then changes to 2/4 time for 'A - men.' The melody is simple and hymn-like, using eighth and quarter notes with various rests and phrasing slurs.

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly is the Lord God Al - might - y,

Heav'n and Earth are full of Thy glor - y, glor - y__ be un - to__ Thee,

O Lord most high, O Lord most high, O Lord most high, A - men.

Text: Traditional, based on Isaiah 6:3, Revelation 4:8;

Music: Nathan George, 2013.

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—Bless The Lord O My Soul (Psalm 104)



Bless the Lord, O my soul! For my God is great in - deed.
He lays down the cor - ner - stone of His throne up - on the wat - ers.
Vast, O Lord, are Your works! All Your creat - ures fill the earth.
May the glor - y of the Lord ev - er en - dure as He re - joic - es!



Glo - ry! Splen - dor is His robe; light for cov'r - ing as a tent;
On the clouds His char-i - ot rides. He, on wings of wind, in - spires;
Wis-dom, You have made them all; teem - ing life both great and small;
I will sing as He gives breath; praise my God while life af - fords.



Stretch - ing out the heav - ens.
Mak - ing saints a flam - ing fire.
Formed to fill Your might - y call.
O my soul, now bless the Lord!

Text: paraphrase of Psalm 104, Nathan George, 2001;
Music: Nathan George, 2011.

Congregational Hymn—O Love That Will Not Let Me Go



O Love that will not let___ me___ go, I rest my wea - ry soul in Thee.
O *Light* that fol - lows all___ my___ way, I yield my flick'-ring torch to Thee.
O Joy that seek - est me___ through pain, I can - not close my heart to Thee.
O Cross that lift - est up___ my___ head, I dare not ask to fly from thee.



I give Thee back the life___ I___ owe, that in Thine oce - an depths its flow
My heart re - stores its bor - rowed ray, that in Thy sun - shine's blaze its day
I trace the rain - bow through the___ rain, and feel the pro - mise is not vain,
I lay in dust, life's glo - ry___ dead, and from the ground there blos - soms red,



May rich - er, ful - ler___ be.
May bright - er, fair - er___ be.
That morn shall tear - less be.
Life that shall end - less___ be.

CCLI #2844402 Text: George Matheson, 1882;
Music: Christopher Miner, 1997.

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 Hymn—Come Down, O Love Divine

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a final double bar line at the end of the fourth staff.

Come down, O Love di - vine, seek Thou this soul of mine,
O let it free - ly burn, til earth - ly pas - sions turn
And so the yearn - ing strong, with which the soul will long,
And vis - it it with Thine own ar - dor glow - ing.
To dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing;
Shall far out - pass the pow'r of hu - man tell - ing;
O Com - fort - er, draw near, with - in my heart ap - pear,
And let Thy glo - rious light shine ev - er on my sight,
For none can guess its grace, till he be - come the place
And kin - dle it, Thy ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.
And clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.
Where - in the Ho - ly Spir - it makes His dwell - ing.

Text: Bianco da Siena, 15th century, tr. Richard Littledale, 1867;
Music: DOWN AMPNEY, Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906.

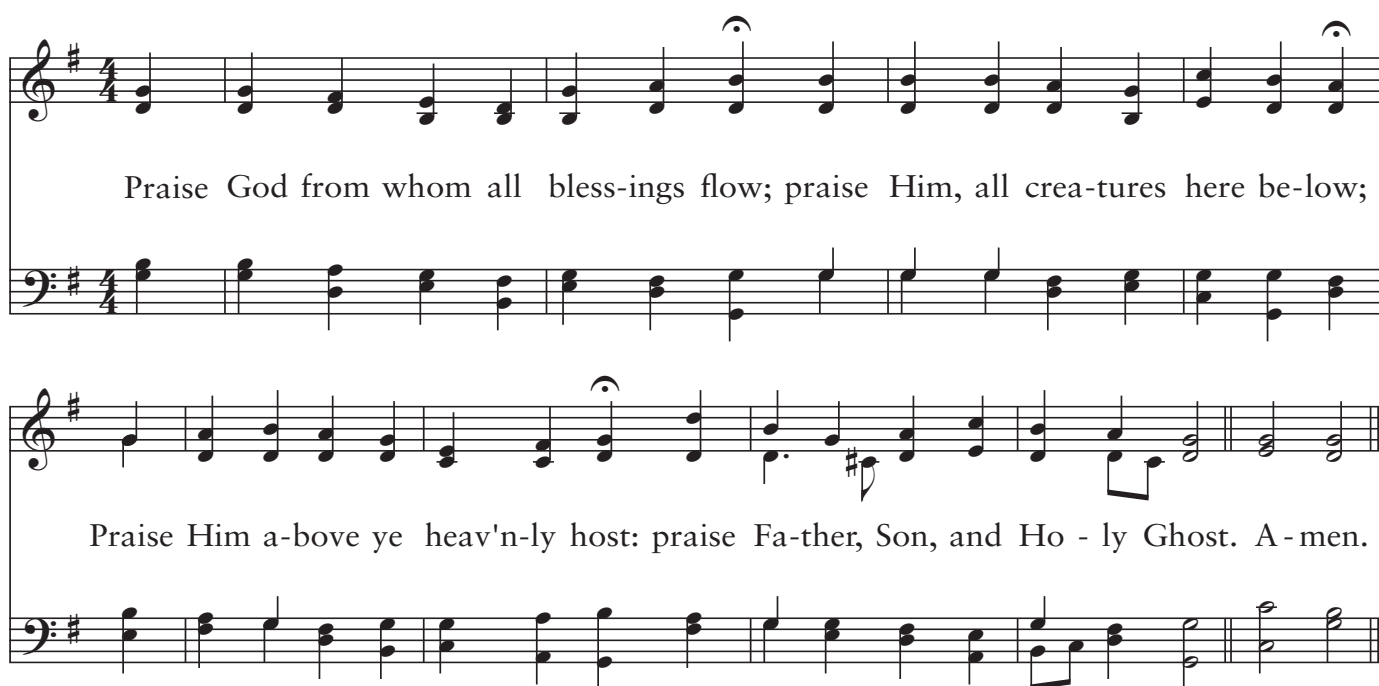
GOD SENDS HIS PEOPLE OUT

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—Romans 15:13

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope. *Amen.*

Sung Response—Doxology



Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; praise Him, all crea-tures here be-low;

Praise Him a-bove ye heav'n-ly host: praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1674; Music: OLD 100TH, Louis Bourgeois, 1551.

Announcements

Worship Notes:

John answered them all, saying, “I baptize you with water, but He who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. —Luke 3:16

Many of the hymns we sing this morning take a cue from John the Baptist, referencing the gift of the Holy Spirit along with images of fire. In *Come, Thou Fount Of Every Blessing*, we ask for the Spirit’s help to praise with “flaming tongues” (a clear reference to the day of Pentecost). Psalm 29 describes the Lord’s voice as “flaming in fire,” while both *To Our Redeemer’s Glorious Name* and *O Love That Will Not Let Me Go* refer to God’s love as an “immortal flame” and “sunshine’s blaze.” In the closing hymn, *Come Down, O Love Divine*, we ask the Lord to bestow His “holy flame,” that our souls might be visited with “ardor glowing.” Like Apollos in Acts 19, we need the animating power of the Holy Spirit to put into practice the things we believe. I pray that this morning, the Lord would send His spirit until, to paraphrase *Breathe On Me, Breath of God*, our earthly selves glow with His divine fire.

Key Words: Scripture, Bold, Powerful, Way, Jesus, Holy Spirit, Baptism, Name

Keystone Verse: He greatly helped those who through grace had believed, for he powerfully refuted the Jews in public, showing by the Scriptures that the Christ was Jesus. (Acts 18:27-28)



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