



PARISH
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CHURCH

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

Palm Sunday
April 13th, 2025

It is on Palm Sunday that we are able to see the fullness and completeness of Gospel restoration: we see Christ as the true tree of life. —Martin Bucer

GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE TO WORSHIP

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

Processional—from Isaiah 60:1-5

Pastor: Arise, shine, for our light has come and the glory of the Lord has risen upon us.

All: For behold darkness covers the earth, and thick darkness the peoples.

Pastor: But the light of the Lord will arise upon us, and His glory will be seen upon us.

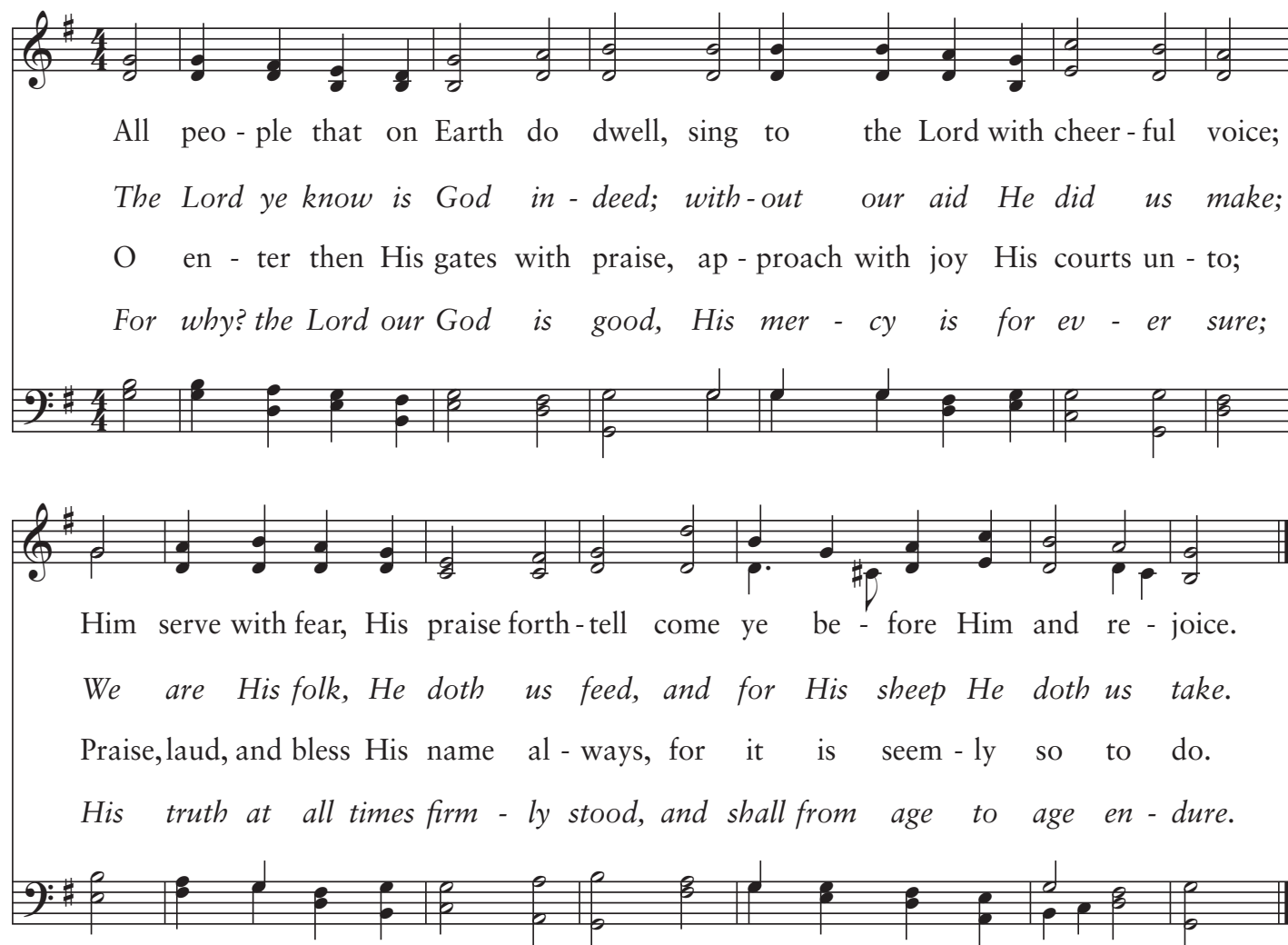
All: Nations shall come to the light, and kings to the brightness of the Lord.

Pastor: Lift up your eyes all around, and see; they all gather together, they come to the mountain of the Lord. Your sons shall come from afar, and your daughters shall delight in His honor.

All: Then we shall see and be radiant; our hearts shall thrill and exult.

Pastor: For the abundance of the Kingdom shall surely be revealed.

Congregational Psalm—All People That On Earth Do Dwell (Psalm 100)



All peo - ple that on Earth do dwell, sing to the Lord with cheer - ful voice;
The Lord ye know is God in - deed; with - out our aid He did us make;
O en - ter then His gates with praise, ap - proach with joy His courts un - to;
For why? the Lord our God is good, His mer - cy is for ev - er sure;

Him serve with fear, His praise forth - tell come ye be - fore Him and re - joice.
We are His folk, He doth us feed, and for His sheep He doth us take.
Praise, laud, and bless His name al - ways, for it is seem - ly so to do.
His truth at all times firm - ly stood, and shall from age to age en - dure.

Text: William Kethe, 1561; Music: OLD 100TH, Louis Bourgeois, 1551.

Gospel Invitation—from Nehemiah 8:9-10

This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep. Go your way. Eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions to anyone who has nothing ready, for this day is holy to our Lord. And do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.

Sung Response—Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates, Vs. 1

The musical score is written for two voices, Soprano and Bass, in 2/2 time. The key signature has one sharp (F#). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: 'Lift up your heads, ye migh-ty gates; be-hold, the King of_ glor - y waits; The King of kings is draw - ing near; the Sav-ior of_ the world is here!' The music ends with a double bar line.

Lift up your heads, ye migh-ty gates; be-hold, the King of_ glor - y waits;

The King of kings is draw - ing near; the Sav-ior of_ the world is here!

Text: George Weissel, 1642, tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1855;
Music: TRURO, Thomas Williams, 1789.

Call to Worship—Psalm 118:1, 15-16, 22-23

Pastor: Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good.

All: His steadfast love endures forever!

Reader 1: Glad songs of salvation are in the tents of the righteous.

Reader 2: The right hand of the Lord does valiantly, the right hand of the Lord exalts.

All: The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

Pastor: This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

Congregational Hymn—How Firm A Foundation

How firm a foun - da - tion, you saints of the Lord,
Fear not, I am with you, O be not dis - mayed;
When through the deep wa - ters I call you to go,
When through fi - ery tri - als your path - way shall lie,

Is laid for your faith in His ex - cel - lent Word!
For I am your God, and will still give you aid;
The riv - ers of sor - row shall not o - ver - flow;
My grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply;

What more can He say than to you He has said,
I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,
For I will be with you, your trou - bles to bless,
The flame shall not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign

To you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
Up - held by My righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.
And sanc - ti - fy to you your deep - est dis - tress.
Your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine.

Text: "K" in John Rippon's *A Selection of Hymns*, 1787;
Music: FOUNDATION, Traditional American melody.

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.

Congregational Hymn—At The Name Of Jesus



At the name of Je - sus ev - 'ry knee shall bow, Ev - 'ry tongue con - fess—Him
Hum-bled for a sea - son to re-ceive a name From the lips of sin - ners
In your hearts en-throne Him; there let Him sub-due All that is not ho - ly,
Broth-ers, this Lord Je - sus shall re-turn a - gain With His Fath - er's glo - ry,



King of glo - ry now; 'Tis the Fa - ther's plea - sure we should call Him Lord,
un - to whom He came, Faith - ful - ly He bore— it spot - less to the last,
all that is not true; Crown Him as your Cap - tain in temp - ta - tion's hour;
with His ang - el train; For all wreaths of em - pire meet up - on His brow,



Who from the beg - in - ning was the might - y Word.
Brought it back vic - to - rious when from death He passed.
Let His will en - fold you in its light and pow'r.
And our hearts conf - ess Him King of glo - ry now.

Text: Caroline M. Noel, 1870; Music: KING'S WESTON, Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1925.

Scripture Reading—John 12:12-16

The large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So, they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet Him, crying out, “Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!” And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written, “Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!” His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about Him and had been done to Him.

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Congregational Hymn—All Glory, Laud, And Honor

The musical score is written for a four-part setting (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in 4/4 time, with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is primarily in the Soprano and Alto parts, with the Tenor and Bass parts providing harmonic support. The lyrics are arranged in three systems, each corresponding to a line of music. The first system covers the first two lines of the hymn, the second system covers the next two lines, and the third system covers the final two lines. The music concludes with a double bar line.

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to Thee, Re - deem - er, King,
The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore Thee went;
Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

To whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring!
Our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore Thee we pre - sent:
Who in all good de - light - est, Thou good and gra - cious King!

Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, Thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,
To Thee be - fore Thy pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise;
All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to Thee, Re - deem - er, King,

Who in the Lord's name com - est, the King and bless - ed one!
To Thee, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
To whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring!

Text: Theodulph of Orleans, c. 820, tr. J. M. Neale, 1854;
Music: ST. THEODULPH, Melchoir Teschner, c. 1615.

Sermon Text—Psalm 22:22-31

- 22 I will tell of Your name to my brothers;
in the midst of the congregation I will praise You:
- 23 You who fear the Lord, praise Him!
All you offspring of Jacob, glorify Him,
and stand in awe of Him, all you offspring of Israel!
- 24 For He has not despised or abhorred
the affliction of the afflicted,
and He has not hidden His face from him,
but has heard, when he cried to Him.
- 25 From You comes my praise in the great congregation;
my vows I will perform before those who fear him.
- 26 The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied;
those who seek Him shall praise the Lord!
May your hearts live forever!
- 27 All the ends of the earth shall remember
and turn to the Lord,
and all the families of the nations
shall worship before You.
- 28 For kingship belongs to the Lord,
and He rules over the nations.
- 29 All the prosperous of the earth eat and worship;
before Him shall bow all who go down to the dust,
even the one who could not keep himself alive.
- 30 Posterity shall serve Him;
it shall be told of the Lord to the coming generation;
- 31 they shall come and proclaim His righteousness to a people yet unborn,
that He has done it.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sung Response—Sanctus

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.

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

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

Sermon—*The King and His Kingdom*

—Pastor Emeritus, George Grant

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 Nehemiah 1:5-11

Pastor: O Lord God of heaven, You keep covenant with those who love You and keep Your commandments. Let Your ears be attentive and Your eyes open to the prayer of Your servants.

All: We confess that we have sinned and acted corruptly. We have not kept Your commandments, Your statutes, and Your laws.

Pastor: We remember the words You spoke to Moses that if we were unfaithful, You would scatter us among the peoples.

All: But Lord, remember Your promise that if we return to You and keep Your commandments, You will gather us again and dwell among us.

Pastor: We are Your servants and Your people whom You have redeemed by Your great power and by Your strong hand.

All: Lord, be attentive to the prayer of Your servants who fear Your name. Grant us mercy and give us success today.

(Silent prayers of confession)

Sung Response—Kyrie

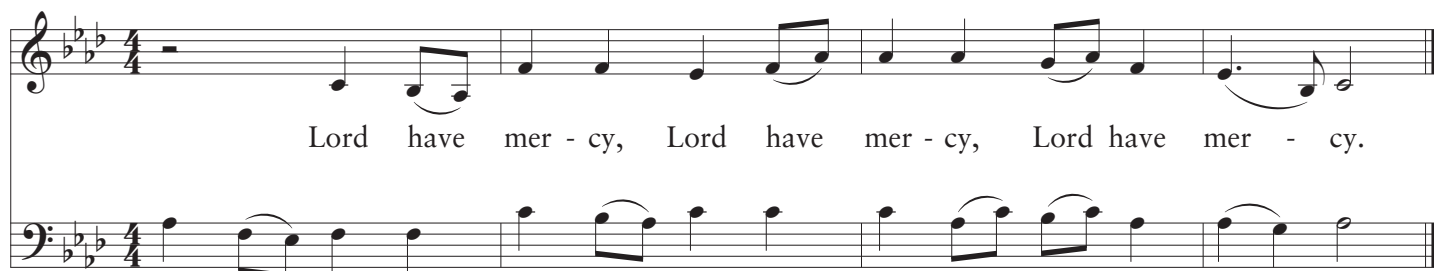
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WOMEN



MEN



Lord have mer - cy, Lord have mer - cy, Lord have mer - cy, mer - cy.

Text: Traditional; Music: CLOVERCROFT KYRIE, Henry C. Haffner, 2019.

Assurance of Pardon—based on Nehemiah 1:5; 9:17; Luke 18:27

O Lord God of heaven, You keep covenant with those who love You. You are a God ready to forgive, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.

Pastor: This is the promise of God. This is the Word of the Lord.

All: What is impossible with man is possible with God.

Sung Response—Agnus Dei

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O Lamb of God, that takes a - way the sins of the world, have mer-cy on us. —



O Lamb of — God, that takes a - way the sins of the world, have mer-cy on us. —



O Lamb of — God, that takes a - way the sins of the world,

Slightly Faster

WOMEN



Grant us Thy peace, Grant us Thy, Grant us Thy peace.

MEN



Grant us Thy peace, Grant us Thy peace, Grant us Thy — peace.

Text: Traditional, based on John 1:29; Music: CLOVERCROFT AGNUS DEI, Henry C. Haffner, 2019.

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:

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Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to His peo-ple on earth.____

WOMEN

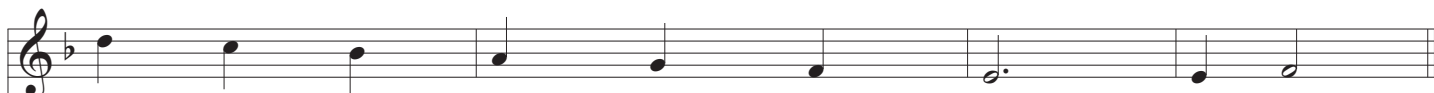


We praise You, we bless You, we wor-ship You, we glo-ri-fy You,

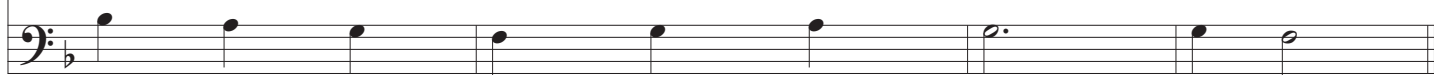
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We praise You, we bless_ You, we wor-ship You, we glo-ri-fy You,



We give You thanks for Your great glo - ry.



We give You thanks for Your great glo - ry.

Text: Traditional, based on Luke 2:14; Music: CLOVERCROFT GLORIA,
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 Hymn—And Let This Feeble Body Fail



And let this fee - ble bod - y fail, — and let it faint and die;
In hope of that — im - mor - tal crown I now the cross sus - tain,
I suf - fer through my wear - y years till my dear Je - sus come,
I see a world of saints so bright who reap the pleas - ures there;
Give joy or grief, give ease or pain, take life or friends a - way,



My soul shall quit the mourn - ful vale, and soar to worlds on high;
And glad - ly wan - der up and down, and smile at toil and pain;
To wipe a - way His ser - vant's tears, and take this pil - grim home;
They all are robed in spot - less white, and con - qu'ring palms they bear.
But let me find them all a - gain in that e - ter - nal day.

Refrain



And I'll sing hal - le - lu - jah, and you'll sing hal - le - lu - jah, —



And we'll all sing hal - le - lu - jah, when we ar-rive at home.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1759, alt. 2023; Music: HALLELUJAH, William Walker, 1835,
arr. Henry C. Haffner, 2023.

Congregational Hymn—We Will Glorify



We will glo - ri - fy the King of kings, we will glo - ri - fy the Lamb;
Lord Je - ho - vah reigns in Maj - es - ty, we will bow be - fore His throne;
He is Lord of heav - en, Lord of earth, He is Lord of all who live;
Hal - le - lu - jah to the King of kings, Hal - le - lu - jah to the Lamb;
Ho - san - na to the King of kings, Ho - san - na to the Lamb;



We will glo - ri - fy the Lord of lords, Who is the great I Am.
We will wor - ship Him in right - eous - ness, we will wor - ship Him a - lone.
He is Lord a - bove the u - ni - verse, all— praise to Him we give.
Hal - le - lu - jah to the Lord of lords, Who is the great I Am.
Ho - san - na to the Lord of lords, Who is the great I Am.

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Text and Music: Twila Paris, 1982.

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*

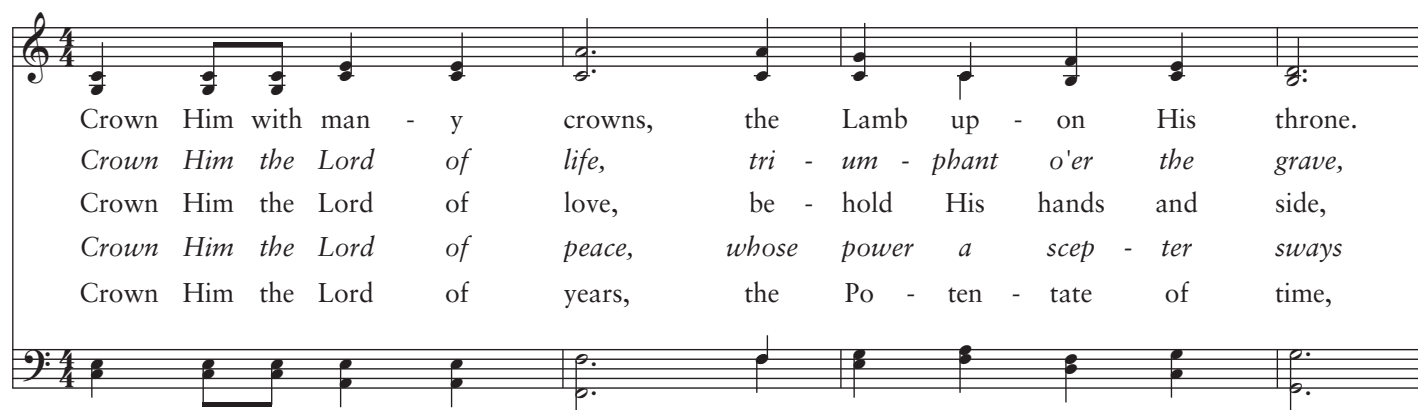
Our Father, who art in Heaven,
Hallowed be Thy name
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done,
On Earth as it is in Heaven.

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.

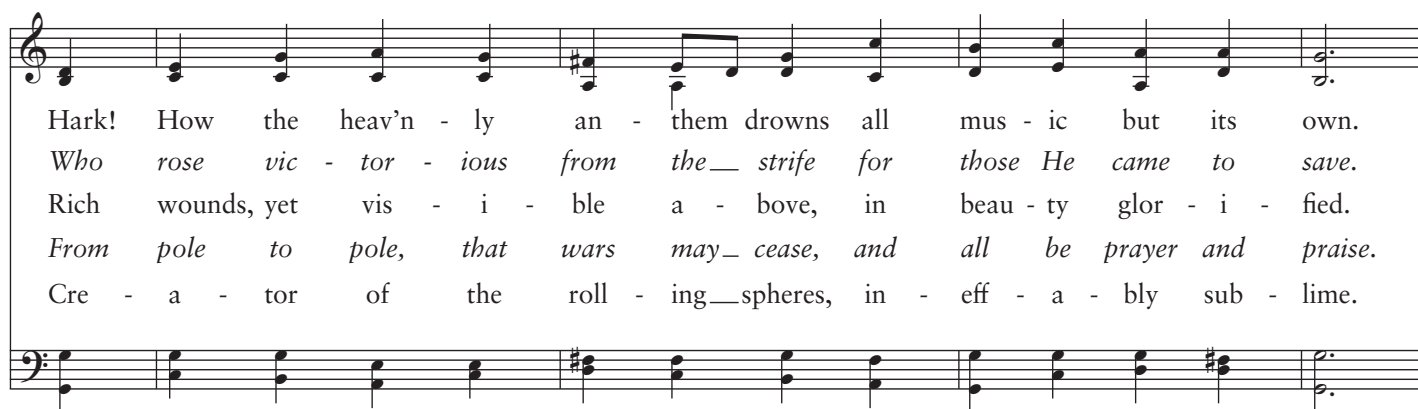
For Thine is the kingdom,
And the power, and the glory, forever.

Amen.

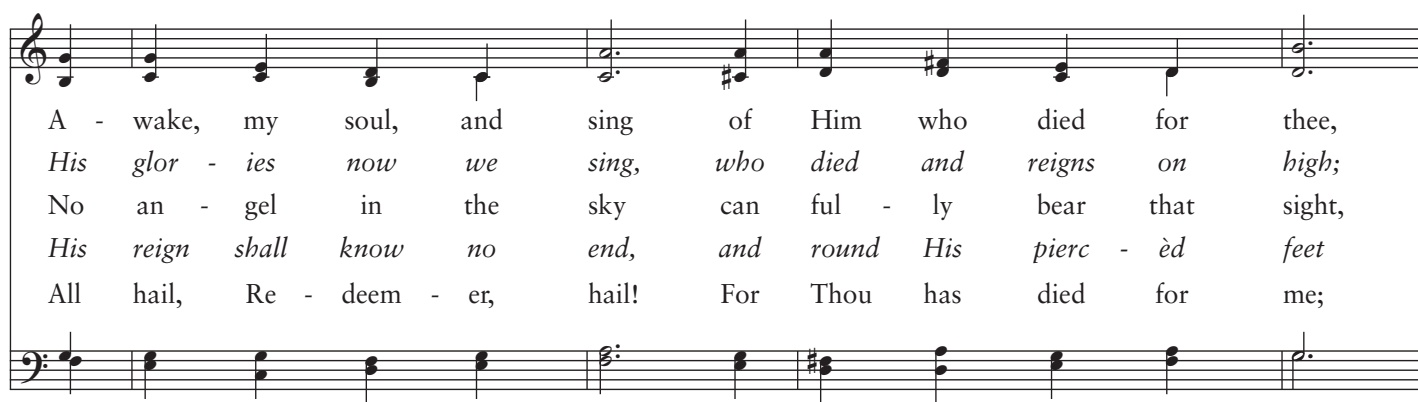
Congregational Hymn—Crown Him With Many Crowns



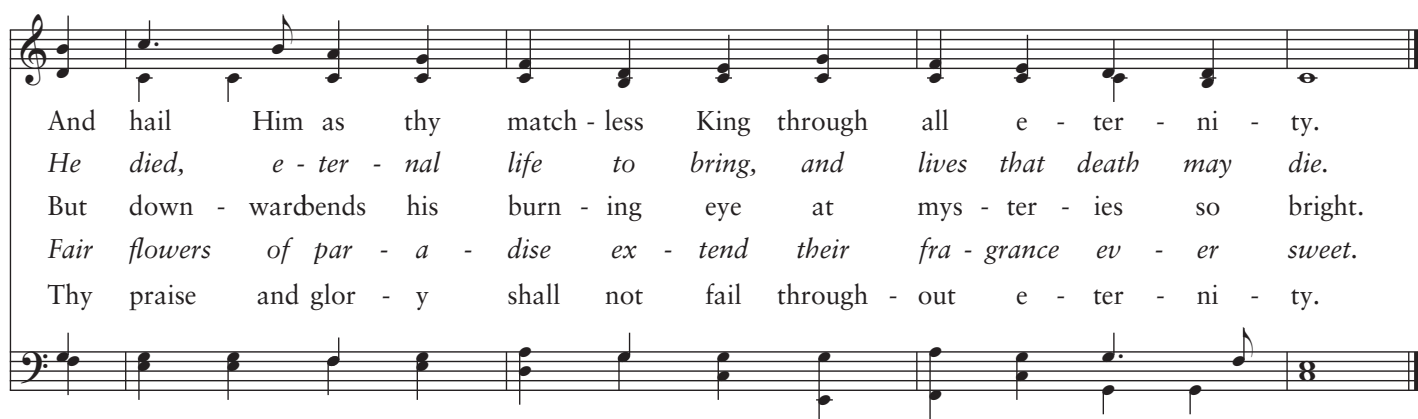
Crown Him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on His throne.
Crown Him the Lord of life, tri - um - phant o'er the grave,
 Crown Him the Lord of love, be - hold His hands and side,
Crown Him the Lord of peace, whose power a scep - ter sways
 Crown Him the Lord of years, the Po - ten - tate of time,



Hark! How the heav'n - ly an - them drowns all mus - ic but its own.
Who rose vic - tor - ious from the — strife for those He came to save.
 Rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glor - i - fied.
From pole to pole, that wars may — cease, and all be prayer and praise.
 Cre - a - tor of the roll - ing — spheres, in - eff - a - bly sub - lime.



A - wake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee,
His glor - ies now we sing, who died and reigns on high;
 No an - gel in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,
His reign shall know no end, and round His pierc - ed feet
 All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For Thou has died for me;



And hail Him as thy match - less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.
He died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
 But down - ward bends his burn - ing eye at mys - ter - ies so bright.
Fair flowers of par - a - dise ex - tend their fra - grance ev - er sweet.
 Thy praise and glor - y shall not fail through - out e - ter - ni - ty.

Text: Matthew Bridges, 1852; Music: DIADEMATA, George J. Elvey, 1868.

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.

Benedictory Hosannas—from Revelation 7:9-12

Pastor: I looked, and behold, there was a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages. They were standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes. And they all had palm branches in their hands.

All: They cried out with a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

Pastor: And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God.

All: They said, “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

Sung Response—Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates, Vs. 3

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass clef, in 3/2 time. The melody is in the Treble clef, and the bass line is in the Bass clef. The lyrics are written below the staves.

O blest the land, the cit - y blest, where Christ the rul - er_ is con - fessed

O hap-py hearts and hap - py homes to whom this King in_ tri-umph comes!

Text: George Weissel, 1642, tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1855;
Music: TRURO, Thomas Williams, 1789.

Announcements

Worship Notes:

With this Sunday marking the first worship service in Clovercroft Hall, I think it would be fair to say that this will be a Palm Sunday like no other in the history of Parish Presbyterian Church! In addition to our traditional Palm Sunday elements (hymns like *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates, All Glory, Laud, And Honor, We Will Glorify*, and *Crown Him With Many Crowns*, “benedictory hosannas” from Revelation 7, and the waving of palm branches as in Jesus’ triumphal entry), you may notice other elements that celebrate God’s provision for our new building. At the beginning of the service, the pastors will process in with a responsive reading from Isaiah 60, followed by the singing of *All People That On Earth Do Dwell (Psalm 100)*, highlighting our commitment to the proclamation of the Scriptures. This is echoed in the opening hymn, *How Firm A Foundation*, which declares that our faith is built on the “excellent Word” our God has given to us, and thanks Him for His grace and provision amid deep waters and fiery trials. The musical responses in the center of the service are the “Clovercroft” service pieces—called by their Greek and Latin titles *Kyrie, Gloria, Sanctus*, and *Agnus Dei*. While most of these pieces are familiar to our congregation, having been written in 2019 and recorded in 2021 when this new building on the hill was still an unrealized plan, they have never been used all together in a service. Now, we will sing them as a complete set, in the long hoped-for place which shares their name. —Henry C. Haffner

Key Words: Praise, Glorify, Awe, Afflicted, Kingship, Serve, Unborn

Keystone Verse: Kingship belongs to the Lord and He rules over the nations.
(Psalm 22:28)



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