

PARISH
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MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

Easter Season
April 27th, 2025

Quote for Reflection

We have reason to acknowledge Him almighty, who hath a power of acting above our power of understanding. Who could have imagined such a powerful operation in the conversion of the Gentiles? —Stephen Charnock

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—Hosea 6:3

Let us know; let us press on to know the Lord; His going out is sure as the dawn; He will come to us as the showers, as the spring rains that water the earth.

Sung Response—All Hail The Power Of Jesus' Name, Vs. 1

The musical score is written for a four-part setting (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in 4/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is primarily in the Soprano and Alto parts, with the Tenor and Bass parts providing harmonic support. The lyrics are: "All hail the power of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate fall; Bring forth the ro - yal di - a - dem, and crown Him Lord of__ all. Bring forth the ro - yal di - a - dem, and crown Him Lord__ of all." The score consists of three systems of staves, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The first system covers the first line of lyrics, the second system covers the second line, and the third system covers the third line. The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

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Text: Edward Perronet, 1779; Music: CORONATION, Oliver Holden, 1793,
arr. Lowell Mason, 1839.

Call to Worship—Psalm 106:1-2, 47-48

Pastor: Praise the Lord!

All: Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever!

Reader 1: Who can utter the mighty deeds of the Lord, or declare all His praise?

Reader 2: Save us, O Lord our God, and gather us from among the nations, that we may give thanks to Your holy name and glory in Your praise.

All: Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting!

Pastor: And let all the people say, “Amen!” Praise the Lord!

Congregational Hymn—Come, Christians, Join To Sing

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 printed below the vocal line. The melody is a traditional Spanish melody, and the arrangement is by David Evans, 1927.

Come, Chris - tians, join to sing Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
Come, lift your hearts on high, Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
Praise yet our Christ a - gain, Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

Loud praise to Christ our King: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
Let prais - es fill the sky; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
Life shall not end the strain; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

Let all, with heart and voice, be - fore His throne re - joice;
He is our guide and friend; to us He'll con - de - scend;
On heav - en's bliss - ful shore, His good - ness we'll a - dore,

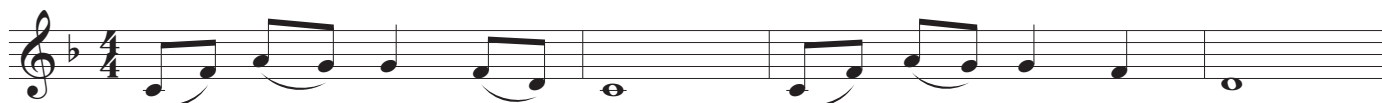
Praise is His gra - cious choice. Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
His love shall nev - er end. Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
Sing - ing for - ev - er - more, "Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!"

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

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—I Will Lift My Voice (Psalm 101)



I___ will_ lift my_ voice. I___ will ev - er sing,
I___ will_ raise my_ song for_ that glor - ious day!
By_ Your might - y___ hand I___ will turn my eyes
I___ will_ look to___ see, all___ the_ faith - ful souls



For Your stead - fast___ love a - bounds, O___ my Lord and King!
Lord if___ You should tar - ry long, I___ will ev - er wait.
From these fad - ing___ shad - ow - lands to___ e - ter - nal light.
Ev - er___ walk in___ u - ni - ty, press - ing toward the goal.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! ___
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! ___
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! ___
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! ___



I will ev - er sing, O___ my___ Lord and King.
For that glor - ious day I___ will_ ev - er wait.
I will turn my eyes to___ e - ter - nal light.
All the faith - ful souls press - ing___ toward the goal.

Text and Music: Nathan George, 2014.

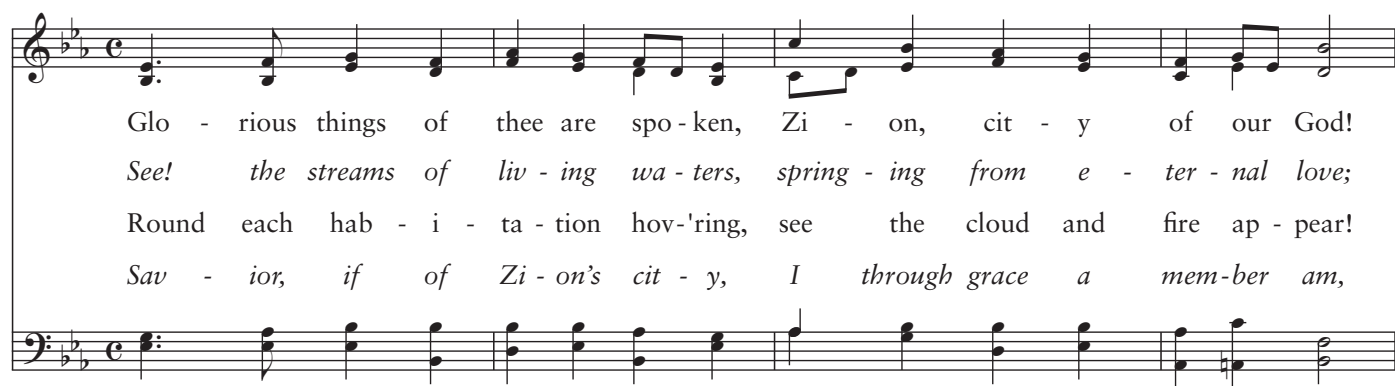
Scripture Reading—Isaiah 62:1-5

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet,
until her righteousness goes forth as brightness,
and her salvation as a burning torch.
The nations shall see your righteousness,
and all the kings your glory,
and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the Lord will give.
You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.
You shall no more be termed Forsaken,
and your land shall no more be termed Desolate,
but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her,
and your land Married;
for the Lord delights in you,
and your land shall be married.
For as a young man marries a young woman,
so shall your sons marry you,
and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,
so shall your God rejoice over you.

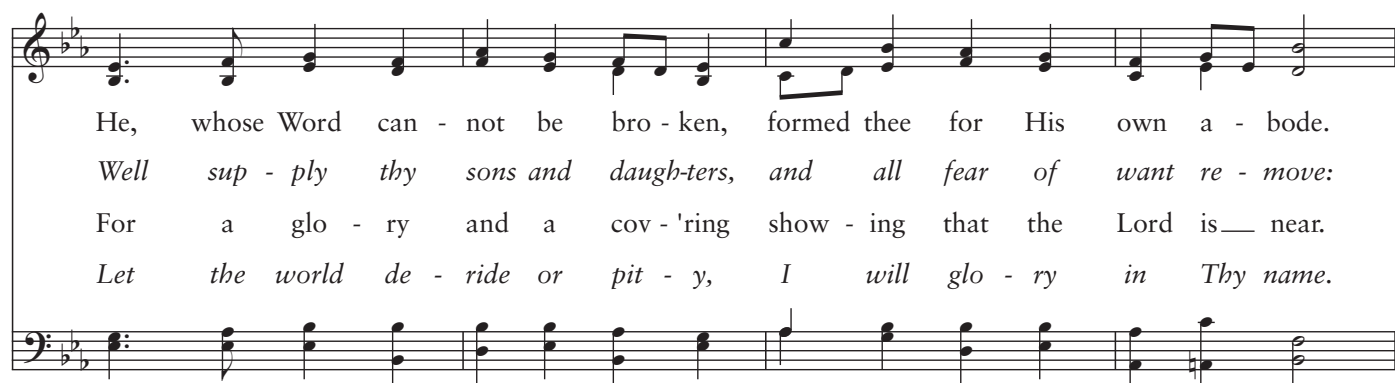
Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

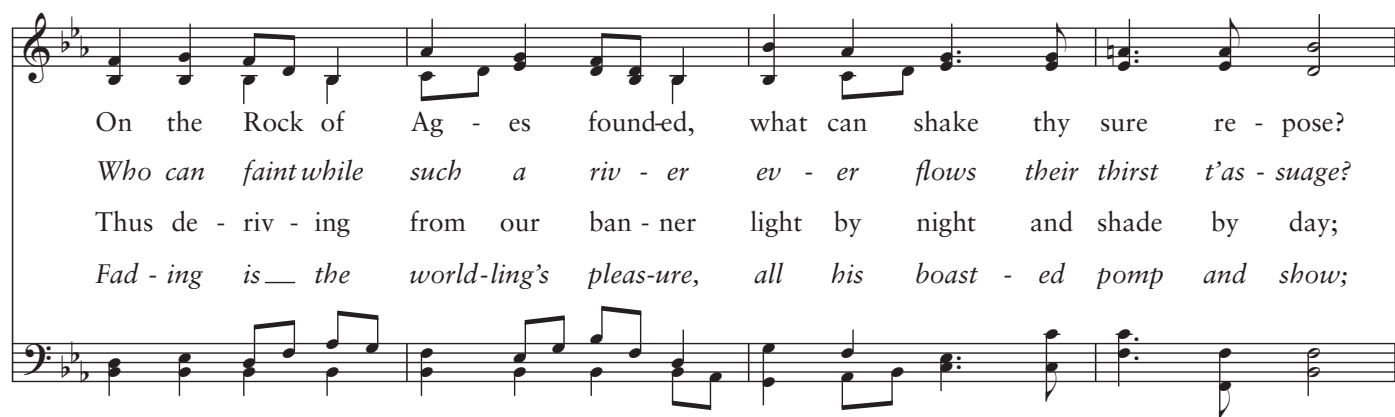
Congregational Hymn—Glorious Things Of Thee Are Spoken



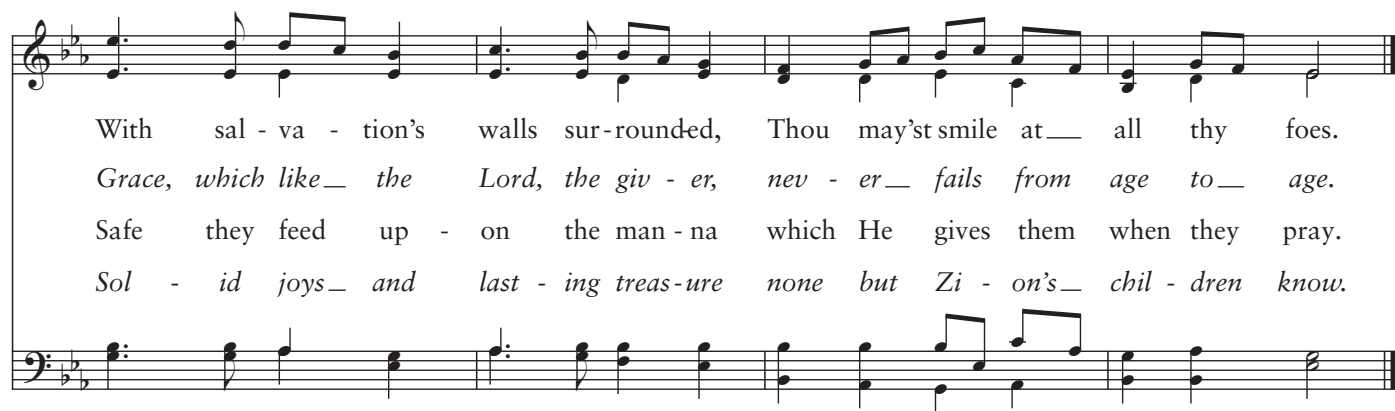
Glo - rious things of thee are spo - ken, Zi - on, cit - y of our God!
See! the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, spring - ing from e - ter - nal love;
Round each hab - i - ta - tion hov-'ring, see the cloud and fire ap - pear!
Sav - ior, if of Zi - on's cit - y, I through grace a mem - ber am,



He, whose Word can - not be bro - ken, formed thee for His own a - bode.
Well sup - ply thy sons and daugh - ters, and all fear of want re - move:
For a glo - ry and a cov - 'ring show - ing that the Lord is—near.
Let the world de - ride or pit - y, I will glo - ry in Thy name.



On the Rock of Ag - es founded, what can shake thy sure re - pose?
Who can faint while such a riv - er ev - er flows their thirst t'as - suage?
Thus de - riv - ing from our ban - ner light by night and shade by day;
Fad - ing is— the world - ling's pleas - ure, all his boast - ed pomp and show;



With sal - va - tion's walls sur - rounded, Thou may'st smile at— all thy foes.
Grace, which like— the Lord, the giv - er, nev - er— fails from age to— age.
Safe they feed up - on the man - na which He gives them when they pray.
Sol - id joys— and last - ing treas - ure none but Zi - on's— chil - dren know.

Text: John Newton, 1789; Music: AUSTRIA, Joseph Haydn, 1779.

Sermon Text—Acts 11:19-30

¹⁹ Now those who were scattered because of the persecution that arose over Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia and Cyprus and Antioch, speaking the word to no one except Jews. ²⁰ But there were some of them, men of Cyprus and Cyrene, who on coming to Antioch spoke to the Hellenists also, preaching the Lord Jesus. ²¹ And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number who believed turned to the Lord. ²² The report of this came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. ²³ When he came and saw the grace of God, he was glad, and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast purpose, ²⁴ for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a great many people were added to the Lord. ²⁵ So Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul, ²⁶ and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. For a whole year they met with the church and taught a great many people. And in Antioch the disciples were first called Christians.

²⁷ Now in these days prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. ²⁸ And one of them named Agabus stood up and foretold by the Spirit that there would be a great famine over all the world (this took place in the days of Claudius). ²⁹ So the disciples determined, every one according to his ability, to send relief to the brothers living in Judea. ³⁰ And they did so, sending it to the elders by the hand of Barnabas and Saul.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sung Response—There Is A Fountain Filled With Blood, Vs. 4

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 staves. The lyrics are: 'Dear dy - ing Lamb, Thy pre - cious blood shall nev - er lose its power, Till all the ran - somed church of God be saved, to sin no more. Be saved, to sin no more, be saved, to sin no more; Till all the ran - somed church of God be saved, to sin no more.' The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a final double bar line at the end of the fourth system.

Dear dy - ing Lamb, Thy pre - cious blood shall nev - er lose its power,
Till all the ran - somed church of God be saved, to sin no more.
Be saved, to sin no more, be saved, to sin no more;
Till all the ran - somed church of God be saved, to sin no more.

Text: William Cowper, 1771; Music: FOUNTAIN, Lowell Mason, 1830.

Sermon—*Where They Were First Called Christians*

—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—from Psalm 106:3, 6-8, 10, 12-13

Pastor: Lord, we come confessing. Blessed are they who observe justice, who do righteousness at all times! Both we and our fathers have sinned; we have committed iniquity; we have done wickedness.

All: We did not consider Your wondrous works; we did not remember the abundance of Your steadfast love, but rebelled.

Pastor: Yet You saved us for Your name's sake, that You might make known Your mighty power.

All: You saved us from the hand of the foe and redeemed us from the power of the enemy.

Pastor: Then we believed Your words; we sang Your praise.

All: But we soon forgot Your works; we did not wait for Your counsel.


Assurance of Pardon—Acts 26:15, 17-18; Luke 18:27

The Lord said to Paul, “I am Jesus... I am sending you to the Gentiles to open their eyes, so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in Me.”

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—Be Thou My Vision, Vs. 1



Be Thou my vi-sion, O Lord of my heart; Nought be all
else to me, save that Thou art. Thou my best thought, by
day or by night, Wak-ing or sleep-ing, Thy pres-ence my light.

Text: Ancient Irish Poem, tr. Mary Byrne, 1905;
Music: SLANE, Traditional Irish melody.

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:

WOMEN

MEN

Heav'n and Earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

Heav'n and Earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho san-na in the high - est.

Bless-ed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the

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

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

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—We Will Feast In The House Of Zion

Chorus



We will feast in the house of Zi - on, We will sing with our hearts re - stored;



"He has done great things," We will say to - geth-er, We will feast and weep no more.



We will not be burned by the fire He is the Lord, our God

In the dark of night, be fore the dawn My soul, be not a - fraid

Ev - ery vow we've bro ken and be-trayed You are the faith - ful one



We are not con - sumed by the flood Up - held, pro-tect - ed, gath - ered up.

For the pro - mised morn ing, oh, how long? Oh, God of Jac - ob, be my strength.

And— from the gar den to the grave Bind us to - ge - ther, bring sha - lom.

CCLI #2844402; Text and Music: Sandra McCracken and Josh Moore, 2015.

Congregational Hymn—From Babel To Zion



Now to the ho - ly ci - ty the faith - ful gath - er home;
Now eye to eye be - hold - ing the way - marks on___ the road,___
Sing glo - ry to the Sav - ior, high o - ver all___ the world;
No long - er Bab - el's bon - dage the bride of Christ can hold;___



To Zi - on's mount of glor - y with songs of joy they come.
All bound in love to - geth - er, they're com - ing home to God:___
On Zi - on's heights for - ev - er His ban - ner is un - furled.
God's chil - dren now are ho - ly, and free___ from Bab - el's fold:___



Jer - u - sa - lem___ the gold - en, Jer - u - sa - lem___ the free,___
One mind and mouth poss - ess - ing, they speak with one___ ac - cord,
God's church can be___ no long - er ob - scured from hu - man sight;
For it is fall - en, fall - en, and it shall rise___ no more;



With joy - ful hearts and voi - ces the ran - somed come to thee.
And in the heights of Zi - on they shout and praise the Lord.
For see, on yon - der mount - ain, a ci - ty filled with light!
We cling a - lone to Je - sus, as did___ the saints of yore.

Text: Thomas Nelson, 1907; Music: D. O. Teasley, 1907,
arr. Henry C. Haffner, 2016.

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—The Church's One Foundation



The Church - 's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ her Lord:
E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the Earth,
The church shall nev - er per - ish! Her dear Lord, to de - fend,
'Mid toil and tri - bu - la - tion, and tu - mult of her war,
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;
She waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more,
From Heav'n He came and sought her to be His ho - ly bride;
One ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
Tho' there be those that hate her and false sons in her pale,
Till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,
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 the foe or trai - tor she ev - er shall pre - vail.
And the great church vic - tor - ious shall be the church at rest.

Text: Samuel J. Stone, 1866; Music: AURELIA, Samuel J. Wesley, 1864.

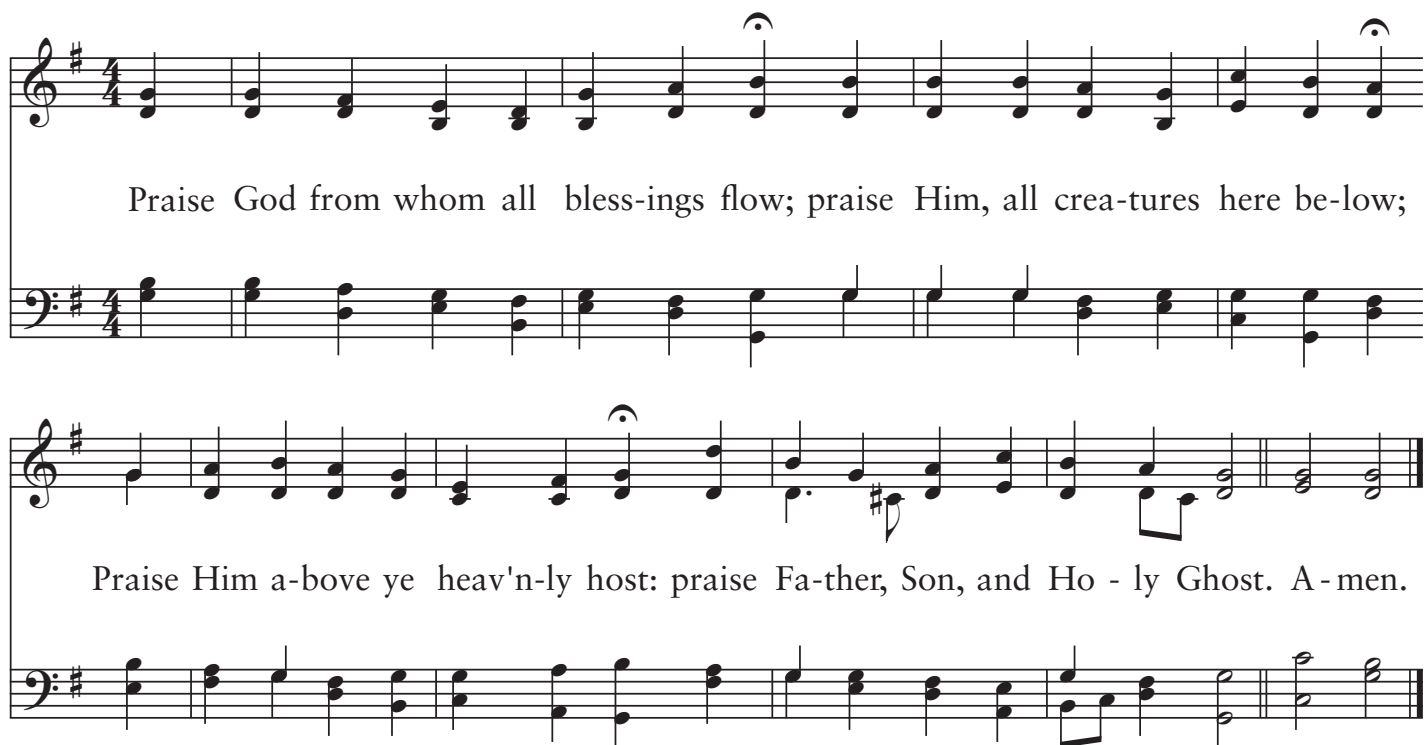
GOD SENDS HIS PEOPLE OUT

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—from 2 Corinthians 9:8

May God make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work. *Amen.*

Sung Response—Doxology



Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures 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:

After a short foray into the psalms for Palm Sunday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday, this morning we'll return to our sermon series in Acts. The second half of Acts 11 presents the church spreading throughout the entire Levant, to the city of Antioch where "the disciples were first called Christians" (Acts 11:26). Many of the hymns we sing this morning celebrate the building up of the church. We'll ask all Christians to join together in worship (*Come, Christians, Join To Sing*). We'll look forward to the day when all the brothers are united in a common pursuit of God's glory (*I Will Lift My Voice—Psalm 101*), when "all the ransomed church of God [are] saved to sin no more" (*There Is A Fountain Filled With Blood*). Several of these hymns use "Zion" as a metaphor for the church (*Glorious Things Of Thee Are Spoken; We Will Feast In The House Of Zion; From Babel To Zion*), giving thanks for the security within her walls, the restoration found at her table, and the light which she proclaims to the world. The service closes with a classic hymn (*The Church's One Foundation*) that reminds us of what we have in common with the church in the book of Acts: because our Lord promises to guide and sustain us "to the end," we will prevail and flourish amid trials and persecutions, just like the disciples who were first called Christians. —Henry C. Haffner

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Keystone Verse: And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number who believed turned to the Lord. (Acts 11:21)



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