



SERVICE OF CELEBRATION AND COVENANT RENEWAL

Season of Ordinary Time

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When God gives such mighty kingdoms for a small handful, it appears they are precious to Him: “Whosoever shall gather together against thee, shall fall for thy sake.” —John Owen

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## 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.*

### Gospel Invitation—Matthew 5:5

Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

### Introit—Come, Thou Almighty King, Vs. 1



Come, Thou Al - mighty - y King, help us Thy name to sing,



Help us to praise! Fa - ther all glo - ri-ous, o'er all vic - to - ri-ous,



Come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days!

Text: Anonymous, 1757; Music: ITALIAN HYMN, Felice de Giardini, 1769.

### Call to Worship—based on Luke 1:68-75

Pastor: Blessed is the Lord God of Israel!

All: He has visited and redeemed His people.

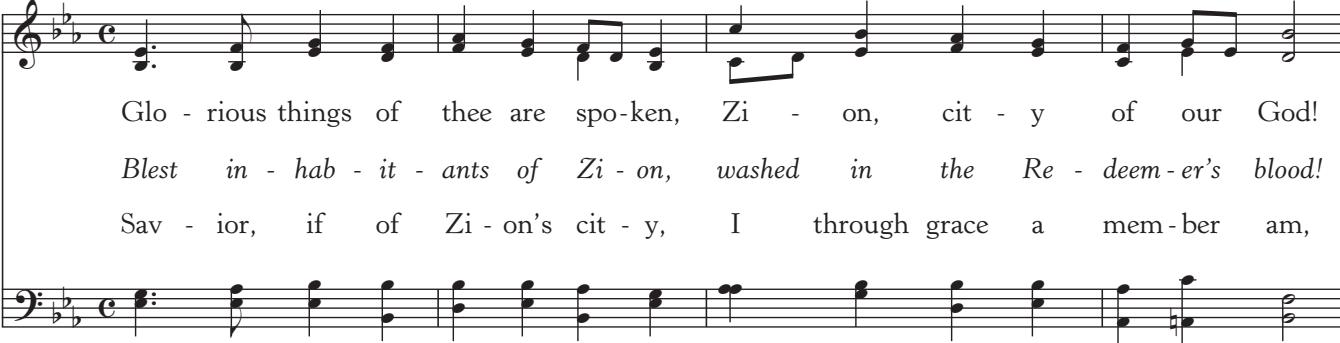
Reader 1: He has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of His servant David.

Reader 2: He has spoken by the mouth of His holy prophets, who have been since the world began.

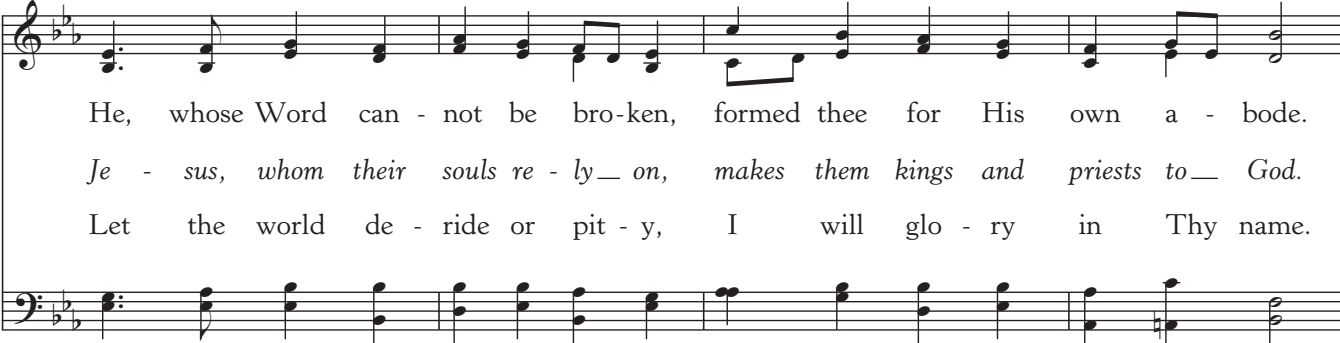
All: He has saved us from our enemies and from the hands of all who hate us.

Pastor: He has granted us that we, being delivered from the hand of our enemies, might serve Him without fear.

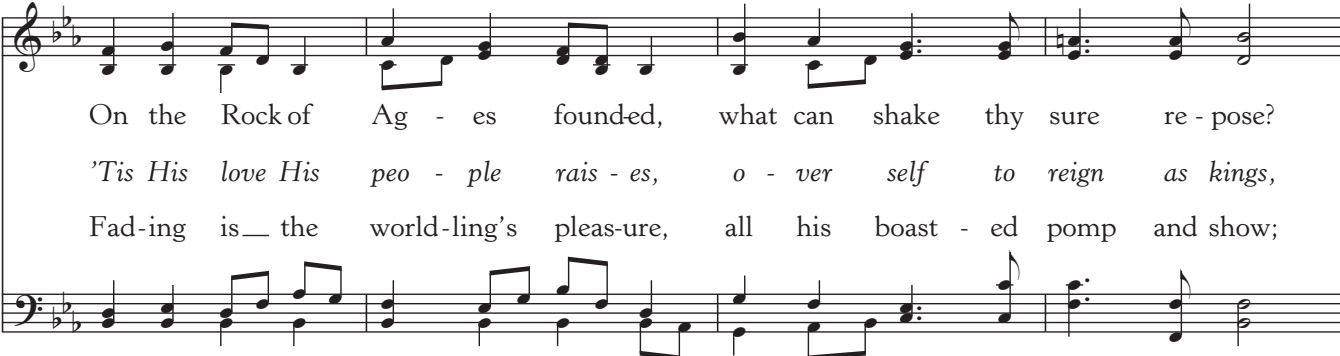
## Hymn of Praise—Glorious Things Of Thee Are Spoken




Glo - rious things of thee are spo-ken, Zi - on, cit - y of our God!  
Blest in - hab - it - ants of Zi - on, washed in the Re - deem - er's blood!  
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.  
Je - sus, whom their souls re - ly - on, makes them kings and priests to - God.  
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?  
'Tis His love His peo - ple rais - es, o - ver self to reign as kings,  
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.  
And as priests, His sol - emn prais - es each for - a - thank of - fring brings.  
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.

# 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. God particularly entreats us in His Word to sing psalms. And while all Scripture is appropriate for hymns and spiritual songs, there is a specific exhortation for us to make use of the Psalter as the church's songbook.*

## Psalm of Praise—In Judah The Almighty's Known (Psalm 76)



In Ju - dah the Al - migh - ty's known, (Al - migh - ty there by\_ won - ders shown,)  
Those val - iant chiefs that came for spoil, them-selves met there a\_ shame - ful foil;  
From heav'n on high earth heard its doom; it stilled with fear, when You did come



His name is great in Is - ra - el; His house of prayer in\_ Sa - lem stands;  
Se - cure - ly down to sleep, they lay: they wake no more; their stout - est band  
To save the hum-ble and the poor: The wrath of man shall yield You praise;



The maj - es - ty that heav'n com-mands in Zi - on con - de - scends to dwell.  
Could not lift a re - sis - ting hand a - gainst the Lord up - on that day.  
their last at - tempts but serve to raise the tri - umphs of our migh - ty Lord.



He broke the flash - ing ar - rows there, des - troyed their weap - ons, sword and spear,  
When Ja - cob's God be - gan to frown, the horse and ri - ders o - ver - thrown  
Vow to the Lord, you na - tions; bring your gifts to the e - te - rnal King.;



For slain the migh - ty ar - my lay; then Zi - on's fame on earth is spread,  
To - ge - ther slept in end - less night. When You, whom earth and heav - en fear,  
To Him due rev - 'rence you shall pay: the proud - est kings that here do dwell;



Of grea - ter glo - ry, \_ grea - ter dread, than hills where li - ons take their prey.  
Do once with wrath - ful\_ look ap - pear, can mor - tals stand with - in Your sight?  
And earth - ly ru - lers\_ ter - ri - ble, will fear the Lord up - on His day.

Text: *A New Version of the Psalms of David*, 1696, Alt. Henry C. Haffner, 2021;  
Music: RODERICK, Henry C. Haffner, 2021.

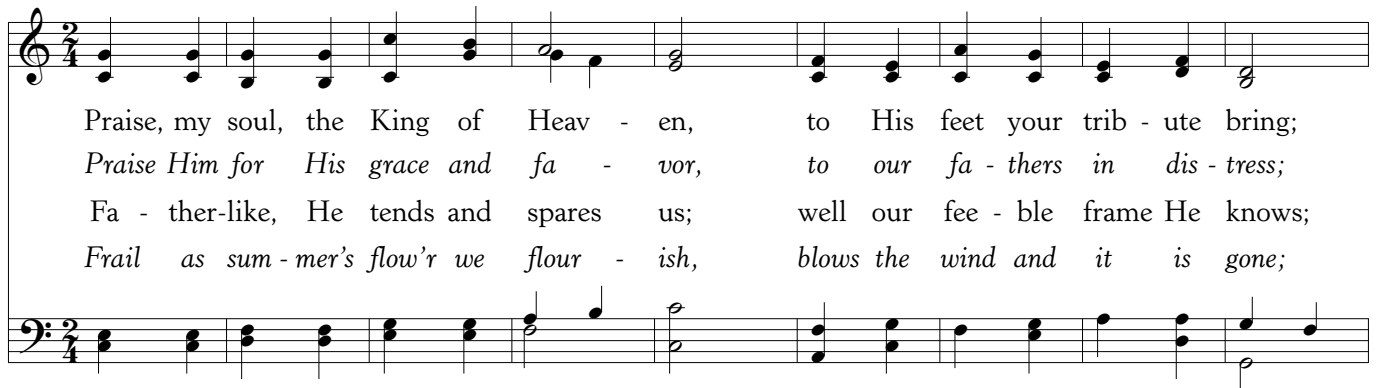
## Scripture Reading—Luke 1:76-79

And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare His ways, to give knowledge of salvation to His people in the forgiveness of their sins, because of the tender mercy of our God, whereby the sunrise shall visit us from on high to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

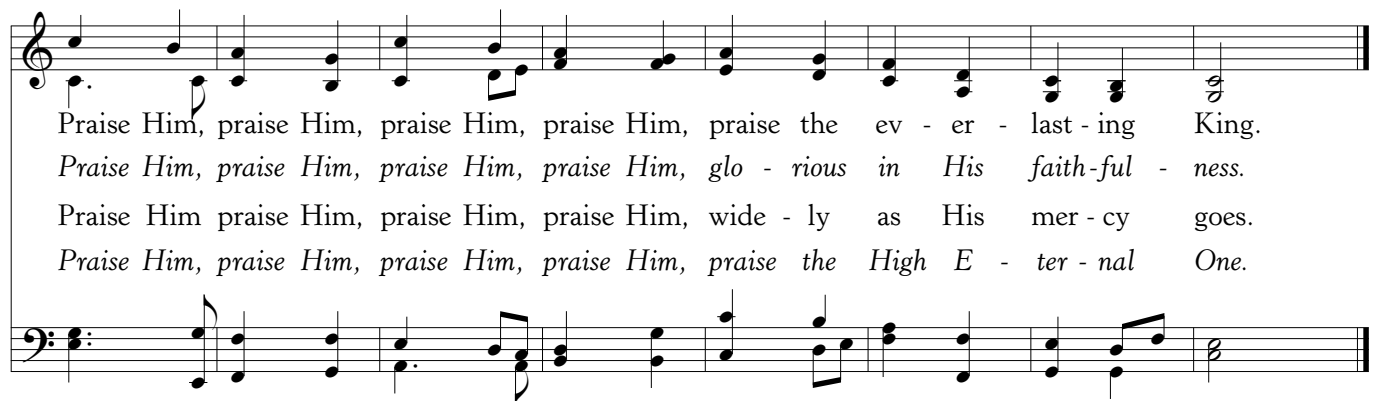
## Hymn of Praise—Praise, My Soul, The King Of Heaven



Praise, my soul, the King of Heav - en, to His feet your trib - ute bring;  
Praise Him for His grace and fa - vor, to our fa - thers in dis - tress;  
Fa - ther-like, He tends and spares us; well our fee - ble frame He knows;  
Frail as sum - mer's flow'r we flour - ish, blows the wind and it is gone;



Ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, who, like me, His praise should sing?  
Praise Him, still the same for - ev - er, slow to chide and swift to bless;  
In His hands He gent - ly bears us, res - cues us from all our foes;  
But while mor - tals rise and per - ish, God en - dures un - chang - ing on.



Praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise the ev - er - last - ing King.  
Praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, glo - rious in His faith - ful - ness.  
Praise Him praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, wide - ly as His mer - cy goes.  
Praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise the High E - ter - nal One.

Text: from Psalm 103, Henry F. Lyte, 1834; Music: LAUDA ANIMA, John Goss, 1869.

## Reading of the Word— Zephaniah 2:4-15

For Gaza shall be deserted, and Ashkelon shall become a desolation; Ashdod's people shall be driven out at noon, and Ekron shall be uprooted. <sup>5</sup> Woe to you inhabitants of the seacoast, you nation of the Cherethites! The word of the Lord is against you, O Canaan, land of the Philistines; and I will destroy you until no inhabitant is left. <sup>6</sup> And you, O seacoast, shall be pastures, with meadows for shepherds and folds for flocks. <sup>7</sup> The seacoast shall become the possession of the remnant of the house of Judah, on which they shall graze, and in the houses of Ashkelon they shall lie down at evening. For the Lord their God will be mindful of them and restore their fortunes.

<sup>8</sup> "I have heard the taunts of Moab and the revilings of the Ammonites, how they have taunted My people and made boasts against their territory. <sup>9</sup> Therefore, as I live," declares the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, "Moab shall become like Sodom, and the Ammonites like Gomorrah, a land possessed by nettles and salt pits, and a waste forever. The remnant of My people shall plunder them, and the survivors of My nation shall possess them." <sup>10</sup> This shall be their lot in return for their pride, because they taunted and boasted against the people of the Lord of hosts. <sup>11</sup> The Lord will be awesome against them; for He will famish all the gods of the earth, and to Him shall bow down, each in its place, all the lands of the nations. <sup>12</sup> You also, O Cushites, shall be slain by My sword.

<sup>13</sup> And He will stretch out His hand against the north and destroy Assyria, and He will make Nineveh a desolation, a dry waste like the desert. <sup>14</sup> Herds shall lie down in her midst, all kinds of beasts; even the owl and the hedgehog shall lodge in her capitals; a voice shall hoot in the window; devastation will be on the threshold; for her cedar work will be laid bare. <sup>15</sup> This is the exultant city that lived securely, that said in her heart, "I am, and there is no one else." What a desolation she has become, a lair for wild beasts! Everyone who passes by her hisses and shakes his fist.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

## Sung Response—Rejoice, The Lord Is King, Vs. 4

Christ sits at God's right hand till all His foes sub - mit,  
And bow to His com - mand, and fall be - neath His feet:  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Re - joice, a - gain I say, re - joice!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1746; Music: DARWALL, John Darwall, 1770.

## Sermon—*Christ Rules the Nations for His Church*

—Assistant 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 Psalm 69:1-2, 5-6, 13

Pastor: Lord, we come confessing. Save us, O God! For the waters have come up to our necks. We sink in deep mire, where there is no standing; we have come into deep waters, where the floods overflow us.

All: O God, You know our foolishness, and our sins are not hidden from You.

Pastor: Let not those who wait for You, O Lord God of hosts, be ashamed because of us.

All: Let not those who seek You be confounded because of us, O God of Israel.

Pastor: As for us, our prayer is to You, O Lord, in the acceptable time; O God, in the multitude of Your mercy, hear us in the truth of Your salvation.

### Assurance of Pardon—Jeremiah 29:10-14; 2 Corinthians 1:3-4

For thus says the Lord: When seventy years are completed for Babylon, I will visit you, and I will fulfill to you My promise and bring you back to this place. For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. Then you will call upon Me and come and pray to Me, and I will hear you. You will seek Me and find Me, when you seek Me with all your heart. I will be found by you, declares the Lord, and I will restore your fortunes and gather you from all the nations and all the places where I have driven you, declares the Lord, and I will bring you back to the place from which I sent you into exile.

Pastor: This is the promise of God.

All: This is the Word of the Lord.

Pastor: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

All: He is the Father of mercies and God of all comfort.

Pastor: He comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.

### Sung Response—O Come, O Come Emmanuel, Vs. 2

O come, thou Branch of Jes - se! Draw the quar-ry from the li - on's claw;

From the dread cav - erns of the grave, from neth-er hell, thy peo - ple save.

Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.

The image shows a musical score for three systems of music. Each system consists of a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The music is in 4/4 time and G major. The lyrics are written below the vocal lines.

Text: 12<sup>th</sup> century, Tr. John Mason Neale, 1851; Music: VENI EMMANUEL, 13<sup>th</sup> century, Arr. Thomas Helmore, 1856.

# HEAVENLY GIFT—EUCCHARISTO

*As God beckons His people to the bounty of His table, they make joyous profession of their fealty to Him.*

## 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

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of pow'r and might Hea-ven 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. Hos-

Lord. Hos-san-na, Hos-san-na, Hos-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.*

### Psalm of Praise—Do You Decree, O Earthly Gods (Psalm 58)



Do you de - cree, O earth - ly gods, with words of right - eous - ness?  
The wick - ed are es - tranged from birth, de - part - ing from the way;  
The right - eous shall re - jice\_\_ to see God's ven - geance com - ing in;\_\_



Do you, who judge the sons\_\_ of men, speak forth in up - right - ness?  
And speak - ing lies with ser - pent's tongues, they poi - son, spoil, and slay.\_\_  
The right - eous man shall wash his feet in blood of wick - ed men.



No, e - ven now your hearts are filled with wick - ed - ness and hurt;\_\_  
God break the teeth with - in their mouth, O hear me when I call;\_\_  
Then all shall say that right - eous folk re - ward shall ne - ver miss:\_\_



And from your hands great vi - o - lence goes out up - on the earth.  
My Lord, tear out\_\_ the hor - rid fangs of these young li - ons all.  
And sure - ly here up - on the earth a God to judge there is.

Text: *The Psalter with Music*, 1900, Alt. Henry C. Haffner, 2021; Music: GALLAWAY, Henry C. Haffner, 2021.

### Psalm of Praise—Fret Not Yourself (Psalm 37)



Fret not your-self when e - vil seems to pros - per in the land,\_\_  
And though he thinks he's root - ed fast, un - yield - ing like a tree,\_\_  
Be still be - fore the Lord and wait; de - light in His com - mands.  
I have not seen, in youth or age, the right - eous man de - crease.



Nor when the wick - ed\_\_ plots and schemes a - gainst the right - eous man.  
The wick - ed one will fade like grass, like smoke caught in a breeze.  
And He shall keep your path-way straight, up - hold you with His hand.  
The Lord pro - vides a her - i - tage, a fu - ture full\_\_ of peace.



Dwell faith - ful - ly, and trust God will your heart's de - sires ful - fill.  
His bow will break, his sword will fail; and just - ice will pre - vail.  
A strong - hold sure in\_\_ trou - bled days, the Lord His peo - ple saves.  
He is a re - fuge ev - er - more, for all who trust the Lord.

Text: paraphrase of Psalm 37, Elizabeth Dowdell, 2020;  
Music: GRAYMERE, Henry C. Haffner and Elizabeth Dowdell, 2020.

## GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND IN GRATEFUL PRAISE, PETITIONS, TITHES & OFFERINGS

*Our praying, serving, and giving are essential aspects of worship. It is here that our faith moves from our heads and hearts into our lives and callings.*

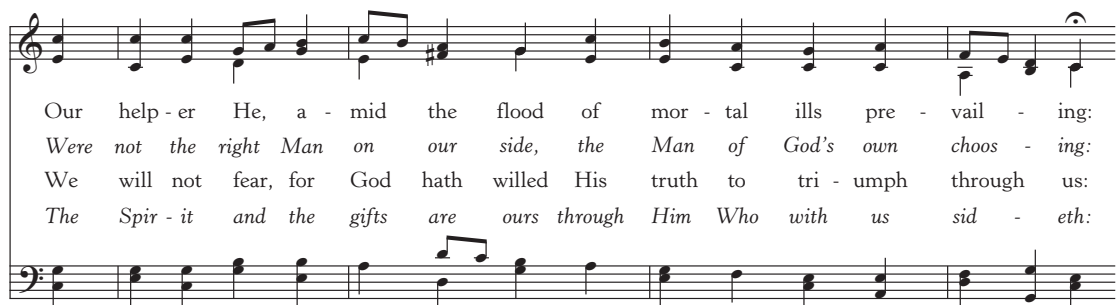
### Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession—The Lord's Prayer

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.*

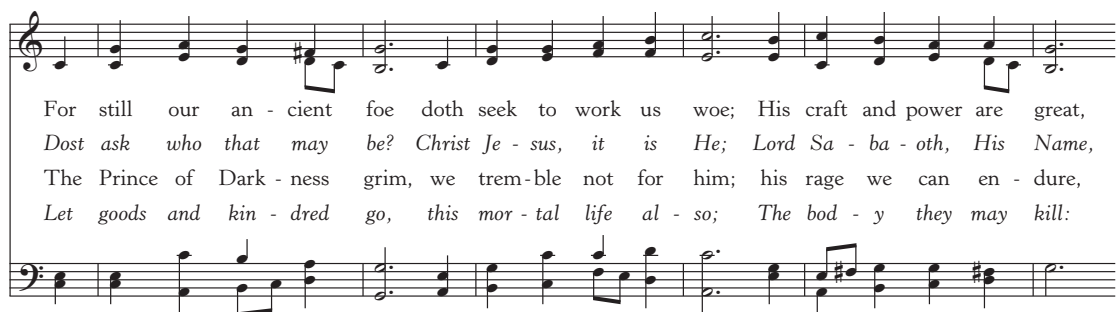
### Hymn of Praise—A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



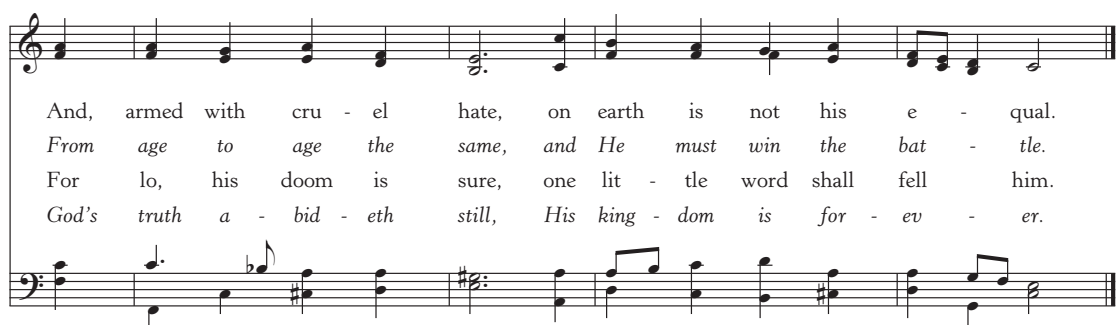
A might - y fort - ress is our God, a bul - wark nev - er fail - ing;  
Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be los - ing;  
And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un - do us,  
That Word a - bove all earth - ly powers, no thanks to them, a - bid - eth;



Our help - er He, a - mid the flood of mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing:  
Were not the right Man on our side, the Man of God's own choos - ing:  
We will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to tri - umph through us:  
The Spir - it and the gifts are ours through Him Who with us sid - eth:



For still our an - cient foe doth seek to work us woe; His craft and power are great,  
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Je - sus, it is He; Lord Sa - ba - oth, His Name,  
The Prince of Dark - ness grim, we trem - ble not for him; his rage we can en - dure,  
Let goods and kin - dred go, this mor - tal life al - so; The bod - y they may kill:



And, armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual.  
From age to age the same, and He must win the bat - tle.  
For lo, his doom is sure, one lit - tle word shall fell him.  
God's truth a - bid - eth still, His king - dom is for - ev - er.

Text: Psalm 46, Martin Luther, 1529, Tr. Frederick H. Hedge, 1853;  
Music: EIN'FESTE BURG, Martin Luther, 1529.

## 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—Christ Be With Me (from St. Patrick's Breastplate)



Christ be with me, Christ with-in me, Christ be-hind me, Christ be-fore me,



Christ be-side me, Christ to win me, Christ to com-fort and re-store me,



Christ be-neath me, Christ a-bove me, Christ in qui-et, Christ in dan-ger,



Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stran-ger.

Text: *Atom riug indui niurt tren*, St. Patrick, 5th Century, Tr. Cecil Frances Alexander, 1889;

Music: ST. PATRICK CLONMACNOISE, Traditional Irish Hymn Melody.

### Announcements

## Worship Notes:

Passages like Zephaniah 2, in which God details the coming judgement on the enemies of Israel, tend to make contemporary readers a bit squeamish. After all, the outpouring of words and phrases like “desolation,” “woe,” “I will destroy you,” and “You shall be slain” doesn’t seem particularly winsome. But the promises that God will defend His people from their enemies aren’t there to be lurid or triumphalist—they are there for our comfort. In times of distress and uncertainty, we need passages like this to remind us that when we build our faith on the Rock of Ages, we may “smile at all our foes.” We need to remember His “grace and favor to our fathers in distress,” and believe that He likewise “rescues us from all our foes.” We need to trust that He will come to us and draw the quarry from the lion’s claw. We need to hear the command not to fret when evil seems to prosper in the land—because the wicked will fade like grass, their weapons shall be broken, and they will not even lift a resisting hand against the Lord. Instead, “The righteous shall rejoice to see God’s vengeance coming in.” So, take heart as we read about the downfall of Canaan, Moab, Cush, and Assyria. Passages like this point us to one of the most comforting truths of all: that the right man is on our side, and He must win the battle. —Henry C. Haffner

**Key Words:** Word, Remnant, Mindful, Restore, Taunt, Pride, Possess, Desolation, Bow Down

**Keystone Verses:** The seacoast shall become the possession of the remnant of the house of Judah, on which they shall graze, and in the houses of Ashkelon they shall lie down at evening. For the Lord their God will be mindful of them and restore their fortunes. (Zephaniah 2:7)



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