



SERVICE OF CELEBRATION AND COVENANT RENEWAL

Season of Lent  
*28 February 2021*

The secret formula of the saints: When I am in the cellar of affliction, I look for the Lord's choicest wines.  
—Samuel Rutherford

He that rides to be crowned, will not think much of a rainy day. —John Trapp

God will not be behind-hand in love to us: for our drop, we shall receive an ocean. —Thomas Watson

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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—based on John 1:12

As many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name.

### Introit—What Wondrous Love Is This, Vs. 1



What won - drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!

What won-drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this

That caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread - ful curse for my soul,

For my soul, to bear the dread - ful curse for my soul?

Text: American Folk Hymn; Music: WONDROUS LOVE, *The Southern Harmony*, 1835.

### Call to Worship—based on Psalm 30:4-5, 11-12

Leader: Sing praises to the Lord, O you His saints.

All: Give thanks to His holy name.

Reader 1: His anger is but for a moment, but His favor is for a lifetime.

Reader 2: Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes in the morning.

Leader: You have turned our mourning into dancing.

All: You have loosed our sackcloth and clothed us with gladness.

Leader: O Lord God, we will give thanks to You forever!

## Hymn of Praise—At The Lamb's High Feast We Sing

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (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 written in a Gothic-style font and are aligned with the musical staves. The score consists of eight systems of music, each with a vocal staff and a corresponding line of lyrics. The lyrics are: At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to our vic-to - rious King, Where the pas - chal blood is poured, death's dark an - gel sheathes his sword; Migh - ty vic - tim from the sky, Hell's fierce pow'rs be-neath Thee lie; Who hath washed us in the tide flow - ing from His pierc - ed side; Is - rael's hosts tri - um-phane go through the wave that drowns the foe. Thou hast con - quered in the fight, Thou hast brought us life and light; Praise we Him, whose love di - vine gives His sa - cred blood for wine, Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, pas - chal vic - tim, pas - chal bread; Now no more can death ap - pall, now no more the grave en - thrall; Gives His bod - y for the feast, Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest. With sin - cer - i - ty and love eat we man - na from a - bove. Thou hast op - ened par - a - dise, and in Thee Thy saints shall rise.

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Text: Latin Hymn, 6<sup>th</sup> C., Tr. Robert Campbell, 1849;  
Music: ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR, George J. Elvery, 1859.

# 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—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 - joice\_\_\_ 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.

## Scripture Reading—Ephesians 3:14-21

I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, that according to the riches of His glory He may grant you to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

## Hymn of Praise—All Hail The Power Of Jesus' Name

All hail the power of Je - sus' Name! Let an - gels pros-trate fall;  
Ye seed of Is - rael's cho - sen race, ye ran-somed of the fall,  
O that, with yon - der sa - cred throng, we at His feet may fall,

Bring forth the ro - yal di - a - dem, and crown Him Lord of\_\_ all.  
Hail Him Who saves you by\_\_ His grace, and crown Him Lord of\_\_ all.  
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Text: Edward Perronet, 1779, John Rippon, 1787; Music: CORONATION, Oliver Holden, 1793.

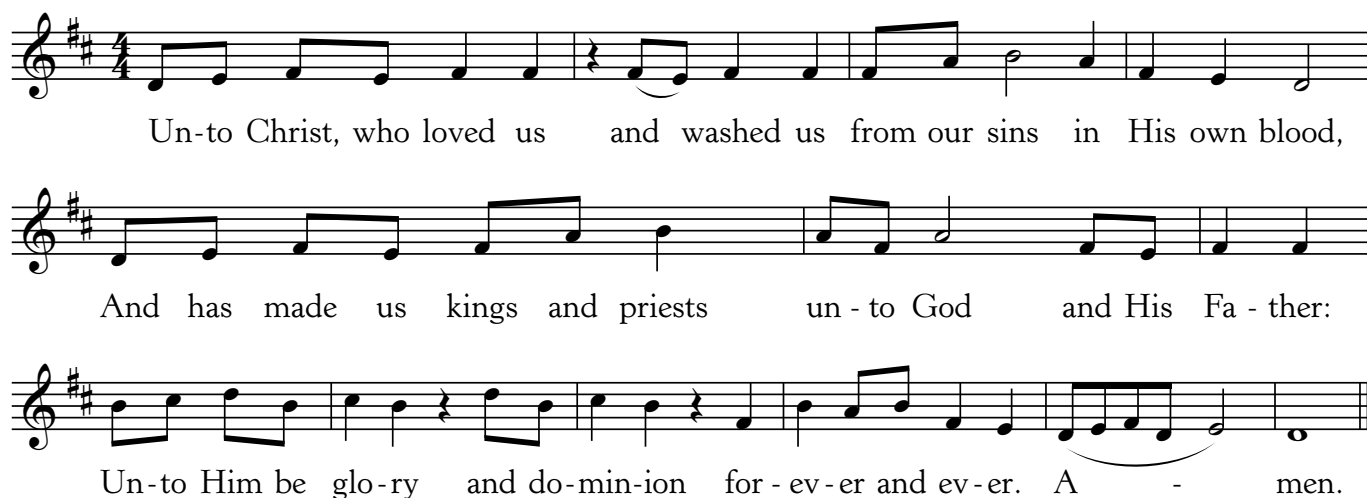
## Reading of the Word—1 Corinthians 6:1-8

When one of you has a grievance against another, does he dare go to law before the unrighteous instead of the saints? <sup>2</sup>Or do you not know that the saints will judge the world? And if the world is to be judged by you, are you incompetent to try trivial cases? <sup>3</sup>Do you not know that we are to judge angels? How much more, then, matters pertaining to this life! <sup>4</sup>So if you have such cases, why do you lay them before those who have no standing in the church? <sup>5</sup>I say this to your shame. Can it be that there is no one among you wise enough to settle a dispute between the brothers, <sup>6</sup>but brother goes to law against brother, and that before unbelievers? <sup>7</sup>To have lawsuits at all with one another is already a defeat for you. Why not rather suffer wrong? Why not rather be defrauded? <sup>8</sup>But you yourselves wrong and defraud—even your own brothers!

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

## 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.

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Text: Revelation 1:5-6; Music: UNTO HIM WHO LOVED US, Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1936.

## Sermon—*For All the Saints*

—Pastor, 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 Luke 18:13, Psalm 51:1, Romans 8:15

Pastor: Lord, we come confessing. Like the tax collector we stand at a distance crying:

All: “God, have mercy on us sinners.”

Pastor: Lord, like the Psalmist we cry:

All: “Have mercy upon us, O God, according to Your lovingkindness; according to the multitude of Your tender mercies, blot out our transgressions.”

Pastor: Lord, having received the Spirit of sonship, we cry:

All: “Abba, Father”

*(Silent prayers of confession)*

## Sung Response—Lamb Of God

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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.

## Assurance of Pardon—based on Colossians 1:12-14; Matthew 28:19-20

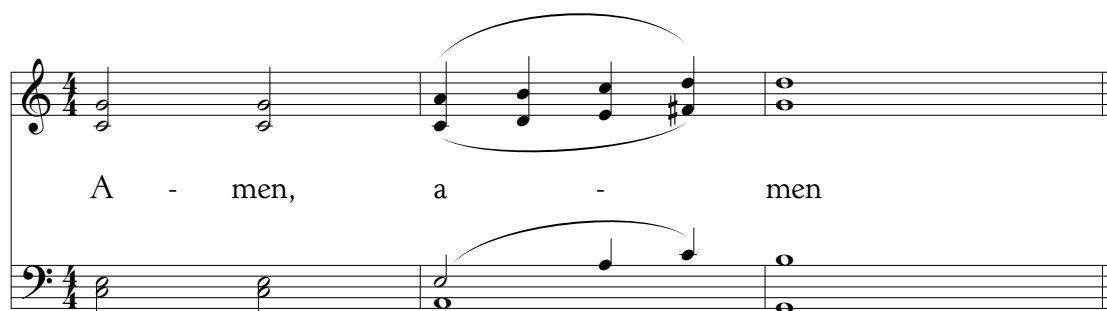
Give thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Pastor: This is the promise of God, our great inheritance from Him.

**All: This is the Word of the Lord.**

Pastor: Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

**All: Thanks be to God, our refuge, our strength, and our redeemer.**



Text: Traditional; Music: DRESDEN, Johann Naumann, 18<sup>th</sup> Century.

## HEAVENLY GIFT—*EUCHARISTO*

*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:

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

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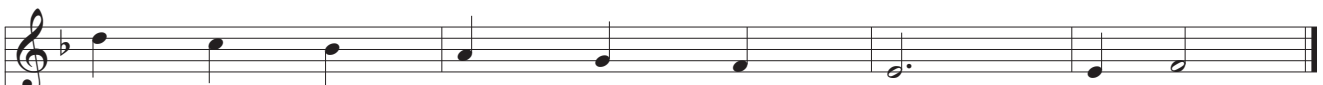


We praise You, we bless You, we wor-ship You, we glo-ri-fy You,

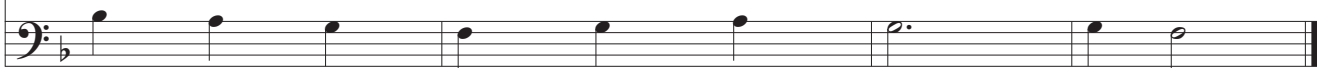
MEN



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



We give You thanks for Your great glo - ry.



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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.*

### Hymn of Praise—For All The Saints



For all the saints, who from their la - bors rest, Who Thee by faith  
O blest com - mun - ion, fel - low - ship di - vine, we fee - bly strug -  
O may Thy sold - iers, faith - ful, true and bold, Fight as the saints  
And when the strife is fierce, the war - fare long, Steals on the ear  
be - fore the world con - fessed, Thy name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blessed.  
gle, they in glo - ry shine; yet all are one in Thee, for all are Thine.  
who nob - ly fought of old, And win with them the vic - tor's crown of gold.  
the dis - tant tri - umph song, And hearts are brave, a - gain and arms are strong,  
Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: William W. How, 1864; Music: SINE NOMINE, Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906.

### Hymn of Praise—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 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.

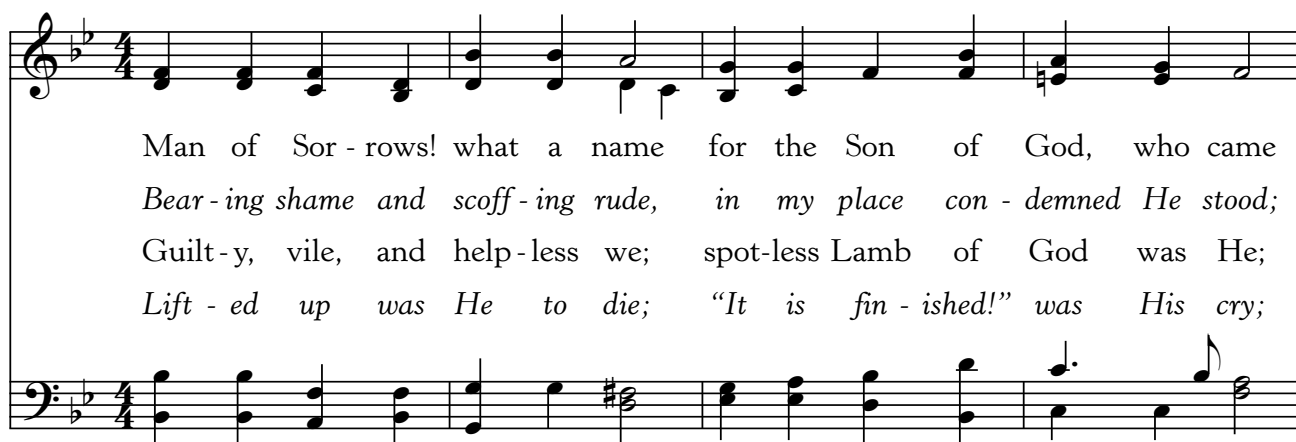
Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

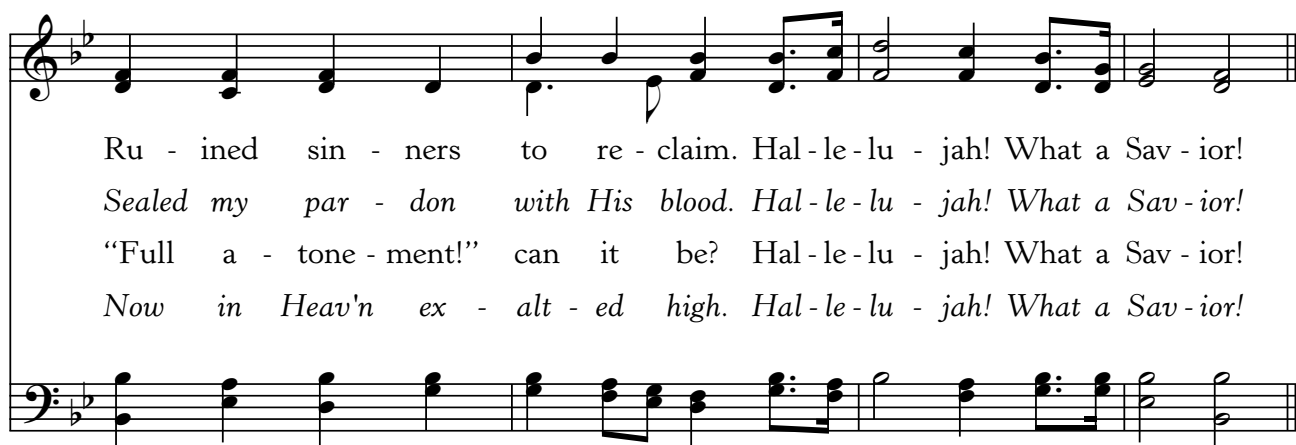
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. *Amen.*

### Hymn of Praise—Man Of Sorrows!



Man of Sor - rows! what a name for the Son of God, who came  
Bear - ing shame and scoff - ing rude, in my place con - demned He stood;  
Guilt - y, vile, and help - less we; spot - less Lamb of God was He;  
Lift - ed up was He to die; "It is fin - ished!" was His cry;



Ru - ined sin - ners to re - claim. Hal - le - lu - jah! What a Sav - ior!  
Sealed my par - don with His blood. Hal - le - lu - jah! What a Sav - ior!  
"Full a - tone - ment!" can it be? Hal - le - lu - jah! What a Sav - ior!  
Now in Heav'n ex - alt - ed high. Hal - le - lu - jah! What a Sav - ior!

Text and Music: Phillip P. Bliss, 1875.

## 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—based on 1 Thessalonians 3:13

Now, may He establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all His saints. Go forth in grace. *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: *Atomriug indui niurt tren*, St. Patrick, 5th Century, Tr. Cecil Frances Alexander, 1889;  
Music: ST. PATRICK CLONMACNOISE, Traditional Irish Hymn Melody.

## Announcements

## Worship Notes:

Last week, all of the snow shoveling I had to do gave me ample time to catch up on some podcasts. I was listening to a discussion on worship, in which one of the guests was critiquing certain hymns and songs for excessive use of the first-person perspective. He argued that too many instances of words like “I” and “me” could promote a self-focused or individualistic approach to worship. Glancing at the hymns in this week’s bulletin, while there are some that describe the Lord in third person (such as *All Hail The Power Of Jesus’ Name* and *Man of Sorrows!*) and several times where we address Him directly (“Lord, tear out the horrid fangs of these young lions” in Psalm 58 and “Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blessed” from *For All The Saints*), there are also a fair amount of first person pronouns. But notice how many of them are plural: “At the lamb’s high feast *we* sing,” “*we* at His feet may fall,” “Unto Christ who loved *us*,” “Lamb of God ... have mercy on *us*,” “*We* give You thanks for Your great glory,” “*We* cling alone to Jesus.” Christ saves us individually, but He also calls us together to be a people—to be saints. This is part of the point behind Paul’s injunction against lawsuits among the brethren in 1 Corinthians 6. Let us avoid quarreling, and instead remember that we are to be “bound in love together” on the heights of Zion. —Henry C. Haffner

**Key Words:** Saints, Judge, Angels, Suffer, Wrong, Defraud  
**Keystone Verse:** Do you not know that the saints will judge the world? (1 Corinthians 6:2)



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