

SERVICE OF CELEBRATION AND COVENANT RENEWAL

Ordinary Time 13 August 2023

The Word of God is the whole and only matter about which preaching is exercised. It is the field in which the preacher must contain himself. —William Perkins

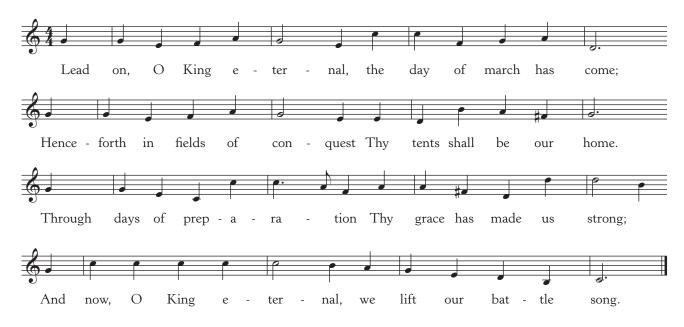
GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE TO WORSHIP

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—from 2 Timothy 1:10

God's grace has now been manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

Sung Response—Lead On, O King Eternal, Vs. 1



Text: Ernest W. Shurtleff, 1888; Music: LANCASHIRE, Henry Smart, 1836.

Call to Worship—Psalm 96:8-13

Leader: Ascribe to the Lord the glory due His name; bring an offering, and come into His courts!

All: Worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness; tremble before Him, all the earth!

Reader 1: Say among the nations, "The Lord reigns!"

Reader 2: Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved; He will judge the peoples with equity.

All: Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice before the Lord, for He comes, for He comes to judge the earth.

Leader: He will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples in His faithfulness.

Congregational Psalm—The Voice Of The Lord Is Over The Waters (Psalm 29)



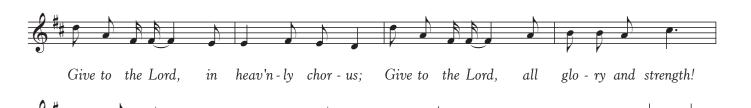
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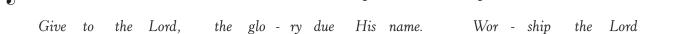
The voice of the Lord will break down the ce-dars. The God of glo - ry thun-ders free!

The voice of the Lord is flam - ing in fire. The God of glo - ry thun-ders free!



The voice of the Lord is His voice is full the wa-ters. of maj - es - ty! 0 ver The voice of the Lord will break down the Be-fore His voice the ce - dars. migh-ty flee! The voice of the Lord is shak - ing the for - ests. Cry a - loud in glo ry!







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

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.

Congregational Psalm—The Lord I Will At All Times Bless (Psalm 34)



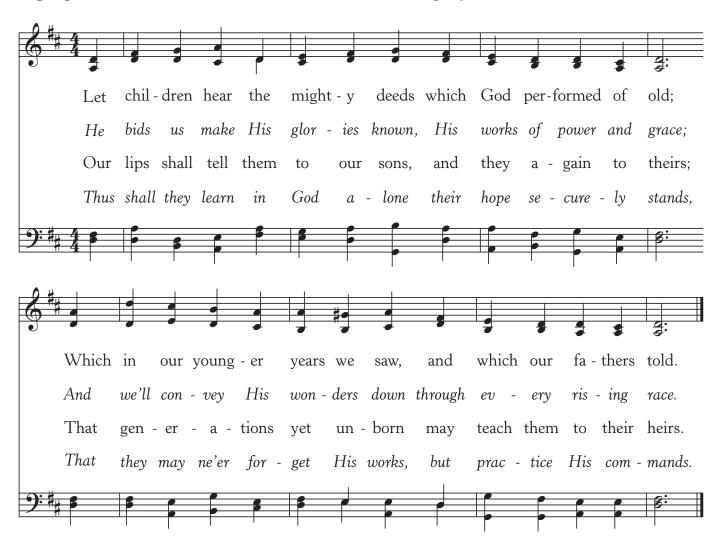
Scripture Reading—Deuteronomy 32:44-47

Moses came and recited all the words of this song in the hearing of the people, he and Joshua the son of Nun. And when Moses had finished speaking all these words to all Israel, he said to them, "Take to heart all the words by which I am warning you today, that you may command them to your children, that they may be careful to do all the words of this law. For it is no empty word for you, but your very life, and by this word you shall live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to possess."

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Congregational Psalm—Let Children Hear The Mighty Deeds (Psalm 78)



Text: paraphrase of Psalm 78:1-7, Isaac Watts, 1719; Music: DUNDEE, Scottish Psalter, 1615.

Baptism of Audrey Kiedis, daughter of Daniel and Katrina Kiedis

Reading of the Word—2 Timothy 4:1-8

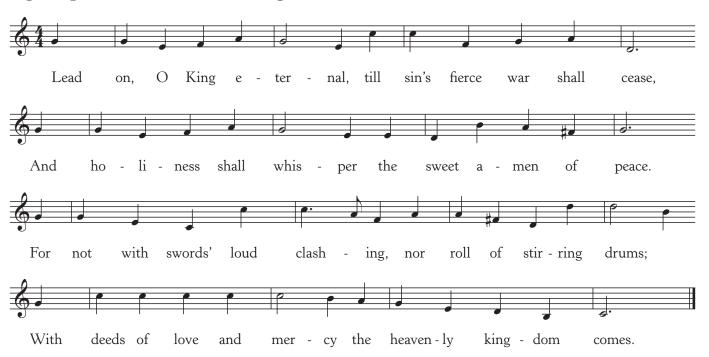
I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by His appearing and His kingdom: ² preach the Word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. ³ For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, ⁴ and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. ⁵ As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

⁶ For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. ⁷ I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸ Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved His appearing.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sung Response—Lead On, O King Eternal, Vs. 2



Text: Ernest W. Shurtleff, 1888; Music: LANCASHIRE, Henry Smart, 1836.

Sermon—Preach the Word!

—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 Jeremiah 5:23-24, 30-31

Pastor: Lord, we come confessing. We have a stubborn and rebellious heart; we have turned aside and gone away.

All: We do not say in our hearts, "Let us fear the Lord our God."

Pastor: An appalling and horrible thing has happened among us.

All: The prophets prophesy falsely, and the priests rule at their discretion; we love to have it so. But what will we do when the end comes?

Assurance of Pardon—Titus 2:11-13; Romans 3:23-24

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave Himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for Himself a people for His own possession who are zealous for good works.

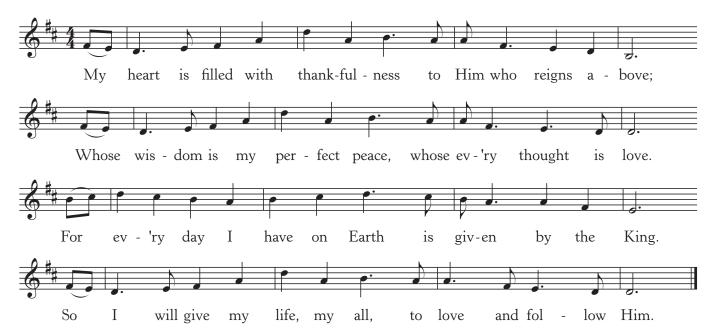
Pastor: This is the promise of God.

All: This is the Word of the Lord.

Pastor: For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God and are justified by His grace as a gift through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.

All: Amen.

Sung Response—My Heart Is Filled With Thankfulness, Vs. 3



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:

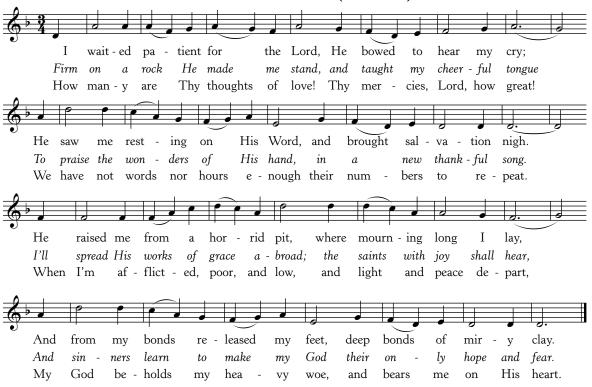


Text: Traditional, based on Isaiah 6:3, Matthew 21:9; Music: CLOVERCROFT SANCTUS, Henry C. Haffner, 2019.

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.

Congregational Psalm—I Waited Patient For The Lord (Psalm 40)



Text: paraphrase of Psalm 40, Isaac Watts, 1719; Music: FINGAL, Traditional Irish Melody, arr. Gregory Wilbur & Jeremiah Small, 2008.

Congregational Hymn—And Let This Feeble Body Fail



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.

Congregational Hymn—O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing



Text: Charles Wesley, 1739; Music: AZMON, Carl G. Glaser, 1828, arr. Lowell Mason, 1839.

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—Deuteronomy 33:29

Happy are you, O Israel! Who is like you, a people saved by the Lord, the shield of your help, and the sword of your triumph! *Amen*.

Sung Response—Lead On, O King Eternal, Vs. 3



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Announcements

Worship Notes:

The world often makes the distinction between "the truth" and "my truth." The world today has "judgement free zones" and "safe spaces." In Paul and Timothy's day, there was also a desire to make "safe spaces" where people would turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myth. As Paul reminds Timothy, so we are reminded this morning to hold fast to the Word of God and that the Word of God is our very life and by it we shall live. The songs we sing remind our myth-believing hearts that our hope stands secure in the holy God who defines truth. He must be worshipped in beauty of holiness. If we submit to His definition of holiness, we will taste and see that He is good. His refuge will be a blessing. We'll convey His wonders down through every rising race and learn to make God our only hope and fear. As we preach the word of truth and follow our eternal King, we'll sing "hallelujah" and spread through all the earth the honors of His name. —Emma Marsh

Key words: Preach, Word, Ready, Myths, Judge, Fight, Race, Faith, Crown, Appearing

Keystone verse: Preach the Word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete

patience and teaching. (2 Timothy 4:2)



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