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Ordinary Time

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A proud man is always looking down on things and people; and, of course, as long as you're looking down, you can't see something that's above you. —C. S. Lewis

Nor did I deem thy edicts strong enough, coming from mortal man, to set at naught the unwritten laws of God that know not change. —Sophocles

## 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—Psalm 2:12

Kiss the Son, lest He be angry, and you perish in the way, for His wrath is quickly kindled. Blessed are all who take refuge in Him.

### Sung Response—Come, Thou Fount Of Every Blessing, Vs. 1

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. It consists of four systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are: "Come, thou Fount of ev-'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace; Streams of mer-cy, nev-er ceas-ing, call for songs of loud-est praise. Teach me some me-lo-dious son-net, sung by flam-ing tongues a-bove; Praise the mount! I'm fixed up-on it, mount of God's un-changing love."

Text: Robert Robinson, 1758; Music: NETTLETON, Asahel Nettleton, 1825.

## Call to Worship—from Psalm 69:30, 32-36

Leader: Praise the name of God with a song; magnify Him with thanksgiving.

All: Let heaven and earth praise Him, the seas and everything that moves in them.

Reader 1: When the humble see it they will be glad; you who seek God, let your hearts revive.

Reader 2: For the Lord hears the needy and does not despise His own people who are prisoners.

All: For God will save Zion and build up the cities of Judah, and people shall dwell there and possess it.

Leader: The offspring of His servants shall inherit it, and those who love His name shall dwell in it.

## Congregational Psalm—Rejoice, The Lord Is King

Re - joice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King a - dore!  
Je - sus, the Sav - ior, reigns, the God of truth and love;  
His king - dom can - not fail, He rules o'er earth and Heav'n,  
He sits at God's right hand till all His foes sub - mit,  
Re - joice in glo - rious hope! Je - sus the judge, shall come,

Re - joice, give thanks and sing, and tri - umph ev - er - more;  
When He had purged our stains He took His seat a - bove;  
The keys of death and hell are to our Je - sus giv'n;  
And bow to His com - mand, and fall be - neath His feet:  
And take His ser - vants up to their e - ter - nal home.

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Re - joice, a - gain I say, re - joice!

The musical score is written in 4/4 time. It consists of three systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a bass line (bass clef). The lyrics are placed between the vocal and bass lines. The music is a simple, hymn-like setting with a steady rhythm.

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


# 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—Not Unto Us (Psalm 115)



Not un - to us, not us O Lord— but to Your ho - ly name ac - cord  
The i - dols made of sil - ver, gold, — are works which hu - man hands shall mold—  
God, mind-ful of His own, will bless, — bless Aar - on's house and Is - rael's race;




The glo - ry, which for it a - lone— His mer - cy and His truth have won.  
A mouth they have, yet si - lent be, — and eyes they have, yet can - not see;  
On all His saints, both great and small— may His in - creas - ing bless - ings fall.



Why should the hea - then na - tions say, “Where is the God these men o - bey?”  
No sound of words, no tune - ful note will form with - in— their voice-less throat.  
Both you and yours shall taste the store of Him who made the— earth of yore.

*Last time, to Coda*



Our God a - bove in hea - ven dwells;— Our God shall do— what-e'er He wills.  
Like them shall those that make them be, — and all that trust them fool - is - hly.  
The heav - ens are the Lord's in - deed;— but earth He's giv - en to man's— seed.

*Coda*



The dead His prais - es can - not show, nor they that down to— si - lence go: —



But we, yes we, will bless the Lord; — from this time forth and ev - er - more

Text: Psalm 115:1-8, 12-18, *Lyra Regis*, 1885, alt. Henry C. Haffner, 2022;  
Music: BLACK CREEK, Henry C. Haffner, 2022.

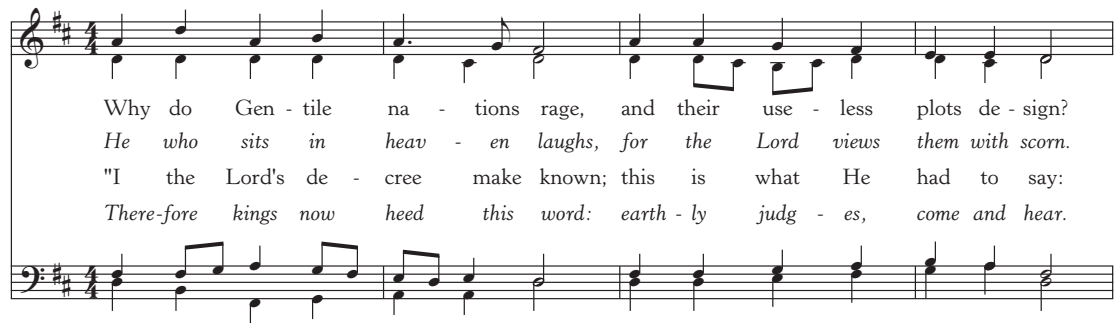
## Scripture Reading—Exodus 7:8-13

Then the Lord said to Moses and Aaron, "When Pharaoh says to you, 'Prove yourselves by working a miracle,' then you shall say to Aaron, 'Take your staff and cast it down before Pharaoh, that it may become a serpent.'" So Moses and Aaron went to Pharaoh and did just as the Lord commanded. Aaron cast down his staff before Pharaoh and his servants, and it became a serpent. Then Pharaoh summoned the wise men and the sorcerers, and they, the magicians of Egypt, also did the same by their secret arts. For each man cast down his staff, and they became serpents. But Aaron's staff swallowed up their staffs. Still Pharaoh's heart was hardened, and he would not listen to them, as the Lord had said.

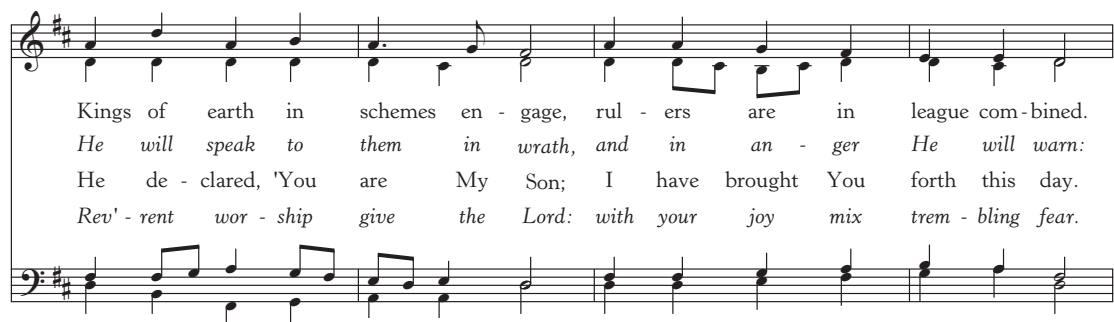
Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

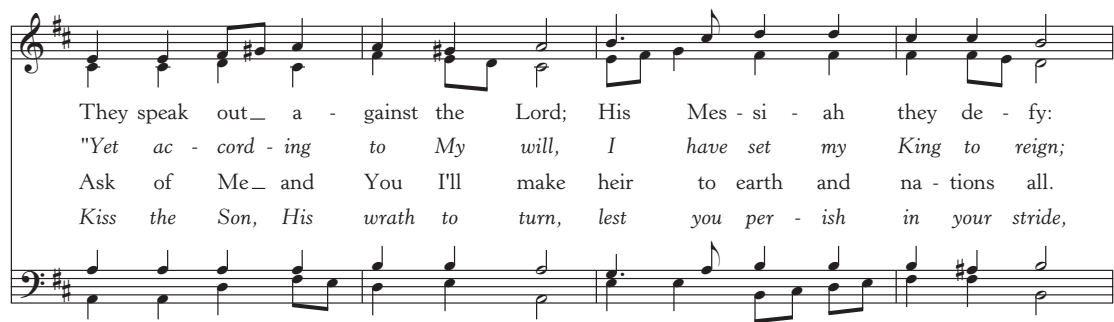
## Congregational Psalm—Why Do Gentile Nations Rage (Psalm 2)



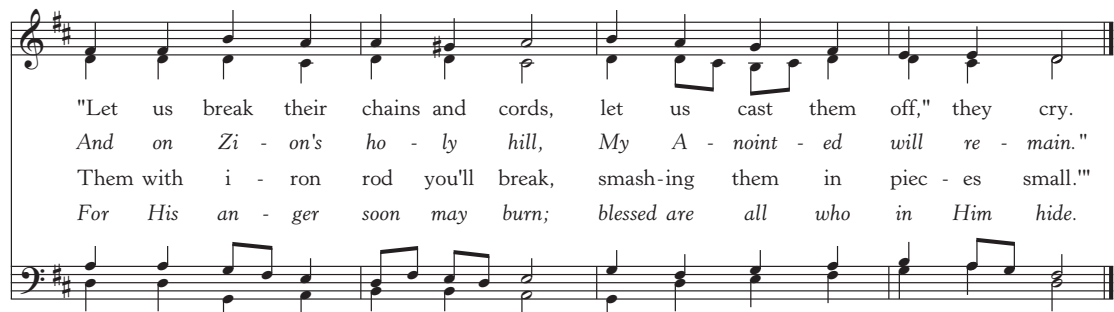
Why do Gen - tile na - tions rage, and their use - less plots de - sign?  
He who sits in heav - en laughs, for the Lord views them with scorn.  
"I the Lord's de - cree make known; this is what He had to say:  
There-fore kings now heed this word: earth - ly judg - es, come and hear.



Kings of earth in schemes en - gage, rul - ers are in league com - bined.  
He will speak to them in wrath, and in an - ger He will warn:  
He de - clared, 'You are My Son; I have brought You forth this day.  
Rev' - rent wor - ship give the Lord: with your joy mix trem - bling fear.



They speak out\_ a - gainst the Lord; His Mes - si - ah they de - fy:  
"Yet ac - cord - ing to My will, I have set my King to reign;  
Ask of Me\_ and You I'll make heir to earth and na - tions all.  
Kiss the Son, His wrath to turn, lest you per - ish in your stride,



"Let us break their chains and cords, let us cast them off," they cry.  
And on Zi - on's ho - ly hill, My A - noint - ed will re - main."  
Them with i - ron rod you'll break, smash - ing them in piec - es small."  
For His an - ger soon may burn; blessed are all who in Him hide.

## Reading of the Word—2 Timothy 3:1-9

But understand this, that in the last days there will come times of difficulty. <sup>2</sup>For people will be lovers of self, lovers of money, proud, arrogant, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, <sup>3</sup>heartless, unappeasable, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not loving good, <sup>4</sup>treacherous, reckless, swollen with conceit, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, <sup>5</sup>having the appearance of godliness, but denying its power. Avoid such people. <sup>6</sup>For among them are those who creep into households and capture weak women, burdened with sins and led astray by various passions, <sup>7</sup>always learning and never able to arrive at a knowledge of the truth. <sup>8</sup>Just as Jannes and Jambres opposed Moses, so these men also oppose the truth, men corrupted in mind and disqualified regarding the faith. <sup>9</sup>But they will not get very far, for their folly will be plain to all, as was that of those two men.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

## Sung Response—A Mighty Fortress Is Our God, Vs. 3



And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat-en to un - do us,  
We will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to tri - umph through us:  
The Prince of Dark - ness grim, we trem-ble not for him; his rage we can en - dure,  
For lo, his doom is sure, one lit - tle word shall fell him.

Text: based on Psalm 46, Martin Luther, 1529, tr. Frederick H. Hedge, 1853;

Music: EIN'FESTE BURG, Martin Luther, 1529.

## Sermon—*The Folly of Standing Against Truth*

—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—from Mark 7:15, 20-23

Pastor: Lord, we come confessing. There is nothing that enters us from outside which defiles us; but the things that come out of us, those are the things that defile us.

All: **For from within, out of our hearts, come evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, and murders.**

Pastor: Out of our hearts come thefts, covetousness, wickedness, and deceit.

All: **Out of our hearts come lewdness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, and foolishness.**

Pastor: All these evil things come from within, and they defile us.

## Assurance of Pardon—Ezekiel 37:23; Romans 1:16-17

They shall not defile themselves anymore with their idols and their detestable things, or with any of their transgressions. But I will save them from all the backslidings in which they have sinned, and will cleanse them; and they shall be my people, and I will be their God.

Pastor: This is the promise of God.

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

Pastor: Therefore, I am not ashamed of the Gospel.

All: **It is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes.**

Pastor: For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."

## Sung Response—Nothing But The Blood, Vs. 1



What can wash a - way my sin? Noth-ing but the blood of Je - sus;



What can make me whole a - gain? Noth-ing but the blood of Je - sus.



Oh! pre - cious is the flow that makes me white as snow;—



No oth - er fount I know, Noth-ing but the blood of Je - sus.

# 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

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. Hos-

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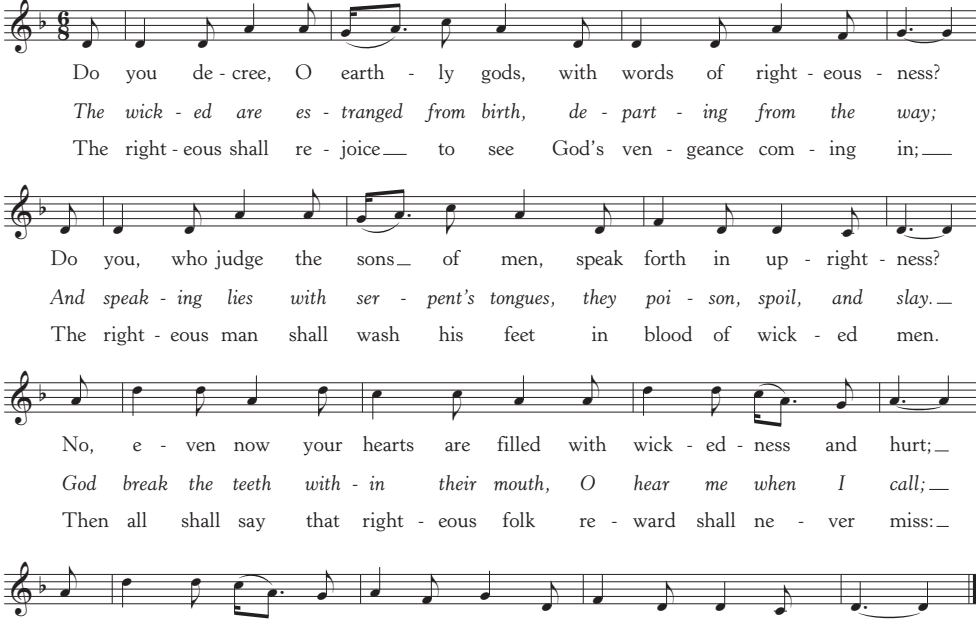
Text: Traditional, based on Isaiah 6:3, Matthew 21:9; Music: CLOVERCROFT SANCTUS, Henry C. Haffner, 2019.



## 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.*

### Congregational Psalm—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;—

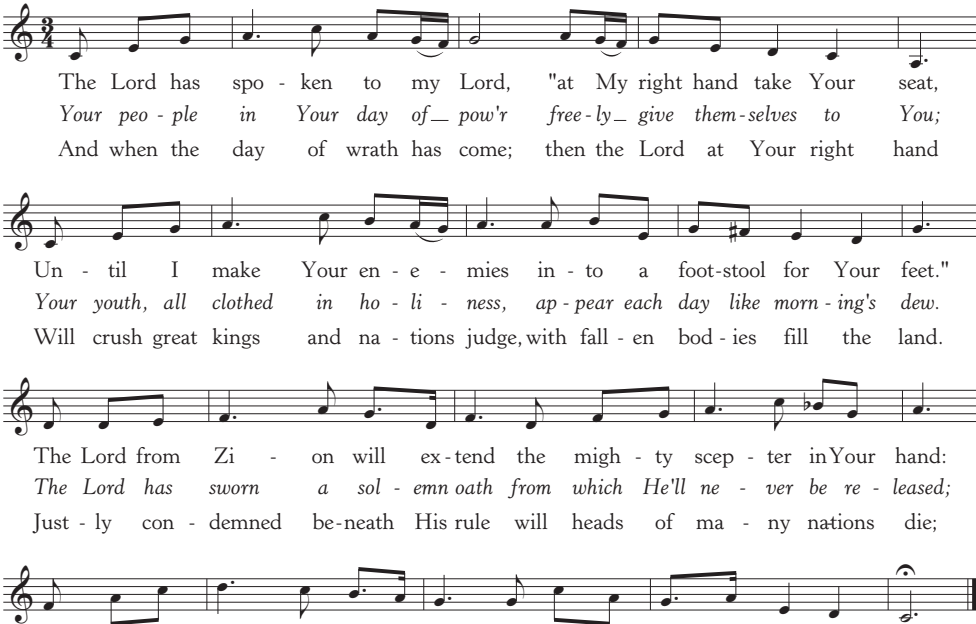
Do you, who judge the sons— of men, speak forth in up - right - ness?  
And speak - ing lies with ser - pent's tongues, they poi - son, spoil, and slay.—  
The right - eous man shall wash his feet in blood of wick - ed men.

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.

### Congregational Psalm—The Lord Has Spoken To My Lord (Psalm 110)



The Lord has spo - ken to my Lord, "at My right hand take Your seat,  
Your peo - ple in Your day of— pow'r free - ly— give them - selves to You;  
And when the day of wrath has come; then the Lord at Your right hand

Un - til I make Your en - e - mies in - to a foot - stool for Your feet."  
Your youth, all clothed in ho - li - ness, ap - pear each day like morn - ing's dew.  
Will crush great kings and na - tions judge, with fall - en bod - ies fill the land.

The Lord from Zi - on will ex - tend the migh - ty scep - ter in Your hand:  
The Lord has sworn a sol - emn oath from which He'll ne - ver be re - leased;  
Just - ly con - demned be - neath His rule will heads of ma - ny nations die;

"Rule in the midst of en - e - mies, sub - due each un - der Your com - mand."  
"In th'or - der of Mel - chi - ze - dek for - ev - er more You are a priest."  
But from the brook He'll stop to drink, and His own head He'll lift up high.

Text: Psalm 110:1-7; *The Book of Psalms for Worship*, © 2010 Crown and Covenant Publications.  
Music: JERUSALEM, Hubert Parry, 1916, arr. Brian E. Coombs and Andrew K. Schep, 2004.

# 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 Church, Arise



O Church, a - rise, and put your ar - mor on; hear the call of Christ our cap - tain.  
Our call to war, to love the cap - tive soul, but to rage a - gainst the cap - tor;  
Come see the cross, where love and mer - cy meet, as the Son of God is strick - en;  
So Spir - it, come, put strength in ev - ery stride; give — grace for ev - ery hur - dle.



For now the weak can say that they are strong, in the strength that God has giv - en.  
And with the sword that makes the wound - ed whole, we will fight with faith and val - or.  
Then see His foes lie crushed be - neath His feet, for the con - quer - or has ris - en.  
That we may run with faith to win the prize of a ser - vant good and faith - ful.



With shield of faith and belt of truth, we'll stand a - gainst the dev - il's lies;  
When faced with trials on ev - 'ry side, we know the out - come is se - cure.  
And as the stone is rolled a - way and Christ e - merg - es from the grave,  
As saints of old still line the way, re - tell - ing tri - umphs of His grace,

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An ar - my bold, whose bat - tle cry is love, reach - ing out to those in dark - ness.  
And Christ will have the prize for which He died, an in - her - i - tance of na - tions.  
This vic - tory march con - tin - ues till the day ev - 'ry eye and heart shall see Him.  
We hear their calls and hun - ger for the day when, with Christ we stand in glo - ry.

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## 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—Romans 16:20

The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.  
*Amen.*

### Sung Response—Come, Thou Fount Of Every Blessing, Vs. 3

O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to be;

Let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan-d'ring heart to Thee.

Prone to wan-der, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;

Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts a - bove.

The musical score is written in treble and bass clefs with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. It consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are placed below the vocal lines.

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## Announcements

## Worship Notes:

Paul's description of the "times of difficulty" that Timothy is likely to face in his leadership of the church is rather distressing. He will face people who are "arrogant," "abusive," "brutal," and "treacherous" (just to list a few of the adjectives used), who oppose the truth and attempt to deceive the faithful with false teachings. But Paul ends this passage with a comforting aside: "But they will not get very far..." (vs. 9). He knows that our King will "triumph evermore" and all His foes will submit (*Rejoice, The Lord Is King*). Our Lord will break the kings of earth with a rod of iron (*Why Do Gentile Nations Rage—Psalm 2*), break the teeth of roaring lions (*Do You Decree, O Earthly Gods—Psalm 58*), and crush both kings and nations (*The Lord Has Spoken To My Lord—Psalm 110*). He rose from the grave to see His foes crushed under His feet, and His victory march will continue through eternity (*O Church, Arise*). Just like Timothy, we are also called to live in a world "with devils filled" that "threaten to undo us" (*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*), and we can rest assured that "God has willed His truth to triumph through us." —Henry C. Haffner

**Key words:** Last Days, Self Love, Sins, Passions, Corrupt, Disqualified, Appearance, Godliness, Truth  
**Keystone verse:** But they will not get very far, for their folly will be plain to all... (2 Timothy 3:9)



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