



SERVICE OF CELEBRATION AND COVENANT RENEWAL

Season of Ordinary Time

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The doctrine of the resurrection, however questioned by heretics and erroneous persons, yet is such a truth that almost all the holy scriptures of God point at and center in it. —John Bunyan

Faith and love are the strength of the church of the Lord; and to these two is added hope. In the midst of a world which does not know where it is going and which often because of discouragement and despair lapses into decay, the church issues its glad hope. I believe the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and eternal life. —Herman Bavinck

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—John 11:25-26a

Jesus said, “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in Me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in Me shall never die.

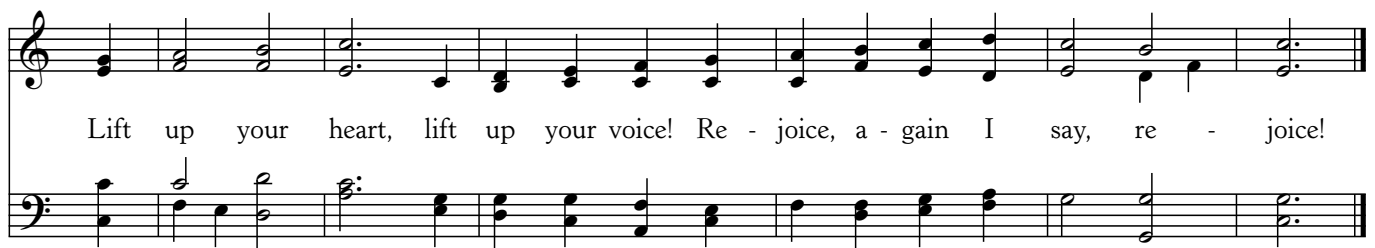
Introit—Rejoice, The Lord Is King, Vs. 1



Re - joice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King a - dore!



Re - joice, give thanks and sing, and tri - umph ev - er - more;



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.

Call to Worship—based on Psalm 118:1-2, 5, 14-15, 17, 24

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

All: Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever."

Reader 1: The Lord is our strength and our song; He has become our salvation.

Reader 2: Out of our distress we called on the Lord; the Lord answered us and set us free. Glad songs of salvation are in the tents of the righteous.

All: We shall not die but shall live; we shall recount the deeds of the Lord.

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Psalm of Praise—O Thank The Lord, For He Is Good (Psalm 118)

O_ thank the Lord, for He is good, His gra - cious love en - dures. ____
O_ let the house of Aar - on say, "His gra - cious love en - dures." ____
In an - guish to_ the Lord I cried; the_ Lord then set me_ free. ____
The Lord sup - ports me at my side, He_ gives His help to_ me; ____
O_ bet - ter far to trust the Lord, than on man's help re - ly. ____

O let all Is - ra - el_ now say, "His_ gra - cious love en - dures."_
Let those who fear_ the Lord now say, "His_ gra - cious love en - dures."_
The Lord's with me,_ I will not fear. What harm can man do me? ____
And so in tri - umph I_ will look on_ all those ha - ting me. ____
Yes bet - ter far_ to trust the Lord than_ men whose rank is_ high. ____

Text: Psalm 118:1-9; Music: WHITE LAKE, Michael Tabon, 1999.
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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—The Lord I Will At All Times Bless (Psalm 34)



The Lord I will at all times bless; with praise my mouth employ;—
O children, come, and gather round for wisdom you should hear;—
The troubles that afflict the just in number many be;—



My soul shall in Jehovah boast, the humble hear with joy—
I'll teach you how to understand and seek the Lord with fear—
But God delivers from them all the righteous He sets free.—



O let us magnify the Lord, exalt His name with me.—
Restrain your lips from speaking lies, control your foolish tongue.—
Your bones He carefully will keep, whatever shall befall,—



Look up to Him, and so your faces radiant shall be.
Depart from ill, do good, seek peace, so shall your days be long.
For not so much as one of them can be broken at all.

Chorus



Taste— and see— that the Lord— is good;— Take refuge in— His blessing—

Last time, to Coda



Fear— Him, you saints:— those who fear— the Lord lack no— good thing.

Coda



The righteous cry unto the Lord salvation He imparts;—



The Lord is ever near to them who ache from broken hearts.— A— men.

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

Scripture Reading—Romans 8:18-25

For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm of Praise—O Lord, Our Lord, How Majestic Is Your Name (Psalm 8)



O Lord, our Lord, how ma - jes - tic is Your name in all the earth!
O, when I gaze at the heavn's and all the works Your hands have made,
Though You have made him low - er than the an - gels for a time.
You set his feet up - on the earth to be a car - ing shield



For You have set Your glor - ious name a - bove the high - est heav'ns.
The moon and stars in the heavn's a - bove, which You have set in place,
You crown'd him in your maj - es - ty, in glo - ry and in light.
For flocks of sheep and herd - ing beasts and cat - tle in the fields,



Out of mouths of babes and in - fants, You es - tab - lished strength!
What is man that You are mind - ful, and re - mem - ber him,
You gave him do - min - ion o - ver all you did cre - ate;
Birds of heav - en, teem - ing wa - ters; all Your won - drous works.



All Your en - e - mies will then be si - lent at Your praise.
And the son of man that You will gen - tly care for him?
O - ver all the won - drous works and all your hands have made.
Lord, our Lord, how ma - jes - tic is Your name in all the earth!

Reading of the Word—1 Corinthians 15:25-49

For He must reign until He has put all His enemies under His feet.²⁶ The last enemy to be destroyed is death.²⁷ For “God has put all things in subjection under His feet.” But when it says, “all things are put in subjection,” it is plain that he is excepted who put all things in subjection under Him.²⁸ When all things are subjected to Him, then the Son Himself will also be subjected to Him who put all things in subjection under Him, that God may be all in all.

²⁹ Otherwise, what do people mean by being baptized on behalf of the dead? If the dead are not raised at all, why are people baptized on their behalf? ³⁰ Why are we in danger every hour? ³¹ I protest, brothers, by my pride in you, which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die every day! ³² What do I gain if, humanly speaking, I fought with beasts at Ephesus? If the dead are not raised, “Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die.” ³³ Do not be deceived: “Bad company ruins good morals.” ³⁴ Wake up from your drunken stupor, as is right, and do not go on sinning. For some have no knowledge of God. I say this to your shame.

³⁵ But someone will ask, “How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?” ³⁶ You foolish person! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. ³⁷ And what you sow is not the body that is to be, but a bare kernel, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. ³⁸ But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body. ³⁹ For not all flesh is the same, but there is one kind for humans, another for animals, another for birds, and another for fish. ⁴⁰ There are heavenly bodies and earthly bodies, but the glory of the heavenly is of one kind, and the glory of the earthly is of another. ⁴¹ There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for star differs from star in glory.

⁴² So is it with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable. ⁴³ It is sown in dishonor; it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness; it is raised in power. ⁴⁴ It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body. ⁴⁵ Thus it is written, “The first man Adam became a living being”; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. ⁴⁶ But it is not the spiritual that is first but the natural, and then the spiritual. ⁴⁷ The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second Man is from heaven. ⁴⁸ As was the man of dust, so also are those who are of the dust, and as is the man of heaven, so also are those who are of heaven. ⁴⁹ Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the Man of heaven.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sung Response—O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing, Vs. 5

The image shows a musical score for a sung response. It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 3/2. The lyrics are: "He speaks and, list' - ning to His voice, new life the dead re - ceive; The mourn - ful, bro - ken hearts re - joice; the hum - ble poor be - lieve."

Text: Charles Wesley, 1739; Music: AZMON, Carl G. Glaser, 1784-1829, arr. Lowell Mason, 1839.

Sermon—*The Resurrection Body*

—Associate Pastor, Brian Phillips

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 51:1, 3-5, 7, 11-12

Pastor: Lord, we come confessing. We come in the hope of the resurrection, which enables us to boldly confess our transgressions and our sins that are ever before us.

All: Against You, You only, have we sinned and done what is evil in Your sight.

Pastor: Behold, we were brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did our mothers conceive us.

All: Have mercy on us, O God, according to Your steadfast love; according to Your abundant mercy, blot out our transgressions.

Pastor: Create in us clean hearts, O God, and wash us that we may be whiter than snow.

All: Restore to us the joy of our salvation, and uphold us with a willing spirit.

Assurance of Pardon—Romans 8:31-34; Romans 1:16-17

What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare His own Son but gave Him up for us all, how will He not also with Him graciously give us all things? Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.

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—The God Of Abraham Praise, Vs. 2



The God of A-braham praise, at whose su - preme com - mand



From earth I rise, and seek the joys at His right hand.



I all on Earth for - sake, its wis - dom, fame and pow'r.



And Him my on - ly por - tion make, my shield and tow'r.

Text: Thomas Olivers, 1770; Music: LEONI, Jewish melody, Arr. Meyer Lyon, 1770.

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-

Lord. Hos-san-na, Hos-san-na, Hos-san-na in the high-est.

san-na, Hos-san-na, Hos-san-na in the high-est.

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 Supplication—Preserve Me Lord, In Time Of Need (Psalm 16)



Pre - serve me, Lord, in time of need; For re - fuge to Thy throne I flee,
When God is nigh, my faith is strong; His might - y arm will keep me sure:
Though in the dust I lay my head, Yet, gra - cious God, Thou wilt not leave
My flesh shall Thy first call o - bey, Shake off the dust, and rise on high;
There streams of end - less plea - sure flow; And full dis - cov - 'ries of Thy grace,



But have no mer - its there to plead: My good - ness can - not reach to_ Thee.
Be glad, my heart; re - jice, my tongue; My dy - ing flesh shall rest_ se - cure.
My soul for - ev - er with the dead, Nor lose Thy chil - dren to_ the grave.
Then shalt Thou lead the won - drous way Up to Thy throne a - bove the sky.
Which we but tas - ted here be - low, Spread heav'n - ly joys through all_ the place.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1719, Alt. Henry C. Haffner, 2015; Music: MONTE BELLA, Henry C. Haffner, 2015.

Hymn of Praise—Rock Of Ages, Cleft For Me

Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in Thee;
Not the la - bors of my hands can ful - fill Thy law's de - mands;
Noth - ing in my hand I bring, simp - ly to the cross I cling;
While I draw this fleet - ing breath, when mine eyes shall close in death,

Let the wa - ter and the blood, from Thy wound - ed side which flowed,
Could my zeal no res - pite know, could my tears for - ev - er flow,
Nak - ed, come to Thee for dress; help - less, look to Thee for grace;
When I soar to worlds un - known, see Thee on Thy judg - ment throne,

Be of sin the doub - le cure; save from wrath and make me pure.
All for sin could not a - tone; Thou must save, and Thou a - lone.
Foul, I to the foun - tain fly; wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.
Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in Thee.

Text: Augustus Toplady, 1776; Music: TOPLADY, Thomas Hastings, 1830.

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.

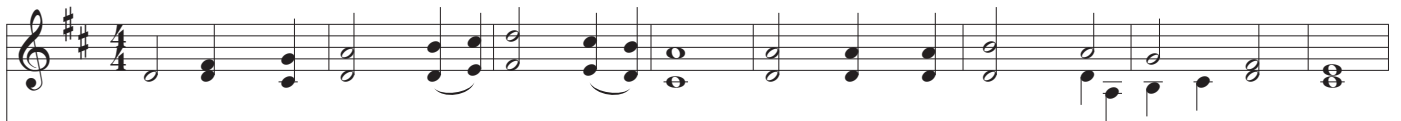
Give us this day our daily bread.

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

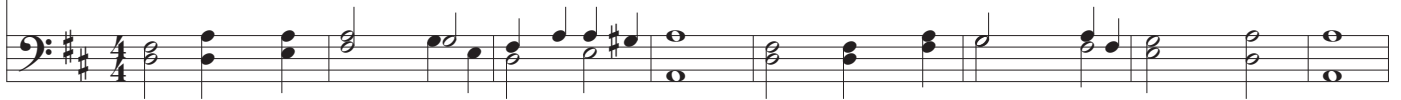
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

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

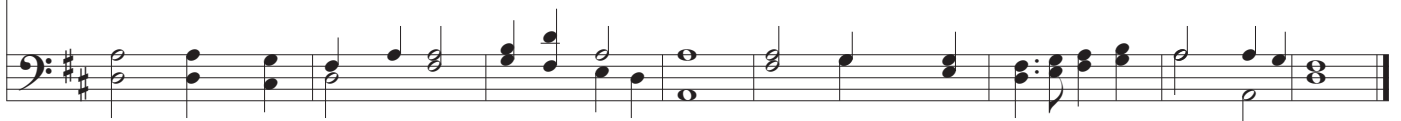
Hymn of Praise—Jesus Shall Reign



Je - sus shall reign wher-e'er the sun does his suc - ces - sive jour - neys run;
To Him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es throng to crown His head;
Peo - ple and realms of ev - ery tongue dwell on His love with sweet - est song,
Let ev - ery crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar hon - ors to our King;



His king - dom stretch from shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
His name, like sweet per - fume, shall rise with ev - ery morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
And in - fant voic - es shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on His name.
An - gels de - scend with songs a - gain, and Earth re - peat the loud a - men!



Text: Isaac Watts, 1719; Music: DUKE STREET, John Hatton, 1793.

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—Hebrews 13:20-21

Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do His will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. *Amen.*

Sung Response—Doxology

Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; praise Him, all crea - tures 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, 1709; Music: OLD 100TH, Louis Bourgeois's *Genevan Psalter*, 1551.

Announcements

Worship Notes:

Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation—if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. —1 Peter 2:2-3

All through the month of July we've been singing a new setting of Psalm 34 (BETHESDA), and I hope the experience has been a blessing. This psalm, written by David after narrowly escaping from his enemies, falls (more or less) into three sections: verses 1-7, in which the poet rejoices at what God has done for him; verses 7-14, in which he invites his readers to join with him in praise and listen to his counsel; and finally, verses 15-22, which reiterates the security that the believer has in the Lord's provision, concluding, "none of those who take refuge in Him will be condemned." The musical structure is intended to mirror this—each stanza is comprised of selected portions of each large section (respectively, verses 1-3, verses 11-14, and verses 19-20). The main verse is built around a harmonic progression of falling thirds which, combined with a lilting, easy-going rhythm, is intended to communicate a sense of comfort and relaxation. By contrast, the chorus employs more chromatic harmony and an incessant triplet rhythm to ratchet up the intensity for the oft-quoted imperative of this psalm: "Taste and see that the Lord is good!" The setting closes with a short coda which combines elements of both the verse and chorus with a line from the final major section of the psalm. This line parallels the central theme: "the Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit."

—Henry C. Haffner

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Keystone Verses: Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the Man of heaven. (1 Corinthians 15:49)



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