



PARISH

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SERVICE OF CELEBRATION AND COVENANT RENEWAL

Ordinary Time
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How can Christian pastors hope to feed their flock on a well-balanced spiritual diet if they completely neglect the 39 books of Holy Scripture on which Jesus and all the New Testament authors received their own spiritual nourishment?
—Gleason Archer

For years, I'd been asking myself and anyone who would listen, "What's the Old Testament all about?" The Author, the divine Author behind the human authors, had already given the answer to similarly confused disciples about two thousand years ago. Jesus told them the Old Testament was all about Him. —David Murray

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—Acts 4:11-12

[Jesus] is the cornerstone. And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.

Sung Response—Come, Christians, Join To Sing, Vs. 1

The musical score is written in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of four systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are: "Come, Chris - tians, join to sing Al - le - lu - ia! A - men! Loud praise to Christ our King: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men! Let all, with heart and voice, be - fore His throne re - jice; Praise is His gra - cious choice. Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!"

Text: Christian H. Bateman, 1843; Music: MADRID, Traditional Spanish melody,
arr. David Evans, 1927.

Call to Worship—from Psalm 103:1-2, 20-22

Pastor: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name!

All: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits.

Reader 1: Bless the Lord, O you His angels, you mighty ones who do His word, obeying the voice of His word!

Reader 2: Bless the Lord, all His hosts, His ministers, who do His will!

All: Bless the Lord, all His works, in all places of His dominion.

Pastor: Bless the Lord, O my soul!

Congregational Hymn—To Our Redeemer's Glorious Name



To our Re - deem - er's glor - ious name a - wake the sac - red song:
Let won - der still with love u - nite, and gra - ti - tude and joy;
Dear Lord, while we a - dor - ing pay our hum - ble thanks to Thee,
O may the sweet, the bliss - ful theme fill ev - ery heart and tongue,



O may His love— im - mor - tal flame—tune ev - ery heart and tongue.
Be Jes - us our su - preme de - light, His praise our best em - ploy.
May ev - ery heart with glad - ness say, the Sav - ior died for me.
Till strang - ers love Thy charm - ing name, and join the sa - cred song.

Text: Anne Steel, 1760; Music: MCKEE, Irish Melody, arr. H. T. Burleigh, 1939.

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—Within Your Temple Lord (Psalm 48)



With - in Your tem - ple Lord, — we on Your mer - cies dwell; —
Let Zi - on's mount re - joice, — let Ju - dah's daugh - ters praise —
The walls of Zi - on tell, — her pal - a - ces sur - vey, —



As is Your name a - dored, — so — let Your praise ex - cel: —
The Lord with cheer - ful voice, — for judg - ment He dis - plays; —
Mark all her tow - ers well, — and to your child - ren say: —



Your prais - es sound through ev - ery land, and right Your scep - ter shall com - mand,
Go round the walls on Zi - on's mount, go round her splen - dors to re - count
“Our God for - ev - er shall a - bide, and He ‘till death, will be our guide
Our God for - ev - er shall a - bide, and He ‘till death, will be our guide



Your scep - ter shall com - mand.
Her splen - dors to re - count.
“Till death, will be our guide.”
‘Till death, will be our guide.”

Text: Psalm 48:9-14, *The Psalter of the United Presbyterian Church*, 1887, alt. Henry C. Haffner, 2019;
Music: SAINT JOHN'S, Henry C. Haffner, 2019.

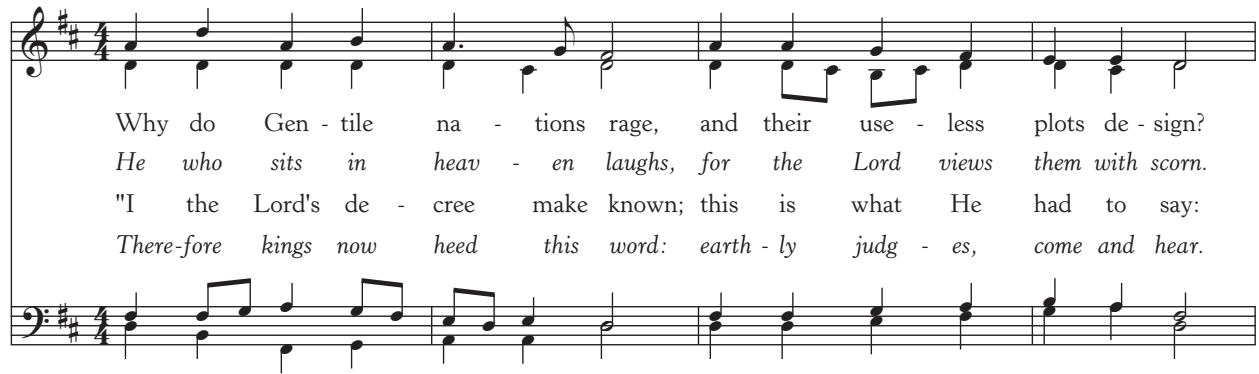
Scripture Reading—2 Samuel 7:8, 12-16

Now, therefore, thus you shall say to My servant David, “Thus says the Lord of hosts... When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for My name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. I will be to him a father, and he shall be to Me a son. When he commits iniquity, I will discipline him with the rod of men, with the stripes of the sons of men, but My steadfast love will not depart from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away from before you. And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before Me. Your throne shall be established forever.”

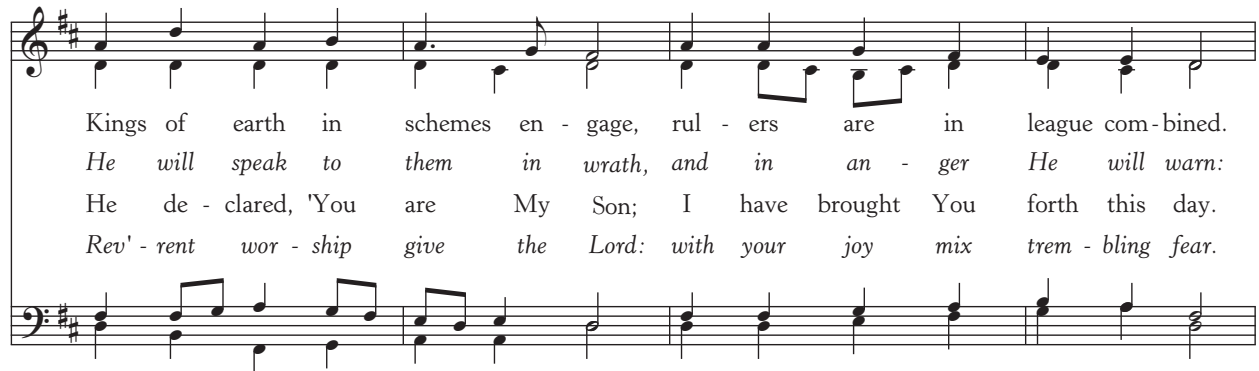
Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

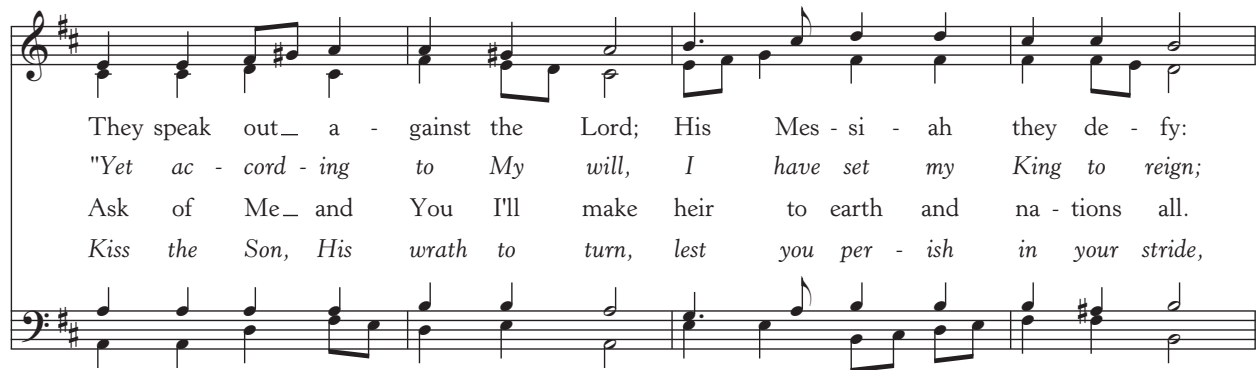
Congregational Psalm—Why Do Gentile Nations Rage (Psalm 2)



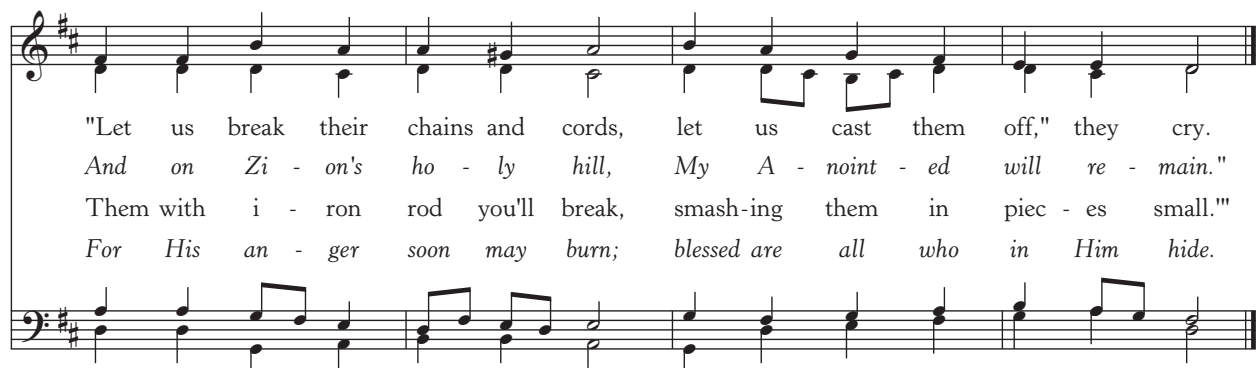
Why do Gen - tile na - tions rage, and their use - less plots de - sign?
He who sits in heav - en laughs, for the Lord views them with scorn.
"I the Lord's de - cree make known; this is what He had to say:
There-fore kings now heed this word: earth - ly judg - es, come and hear.



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.

Text: Psalm 2:1-12; *The Book of Psalms for Worship*, Copyright © 2010 Crown and Covenant Publications;
Music: SALZBURG, Jakob Hintze, 1678, harm. J. S. Bach, 18th c.

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Reading of the Word—Hebrews 1:4-7

^{3b} After making purification for sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴ having become as much superior to angels as the name He has inherited is more excellent than theirs. ⁵ For to which of the angels did God ever say, “You are My Son, today I have begotten you”? Or again, “I will be to Him a father, and He shall be to Me a Son”? ⁶ And again, when He brings the firstborn into the world, He says, “Let all God’s angels worship Him.” ⁷ Of the angels He says, “He makes His angels winds, and His ministers a flame of fire.”

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sung Response—Of The Father’s Love Begotten, Vs. 1



Of the Fath - er's love be - got - ten ere the worlds be - gan to be,



He is Al - pha and O - me - ga, He the Source, the End - ing He.



Of the things that are, that have been, and that fu - ture years shall see,



Ev - er more and ev - er - more.

Text: Aurelius Clemens Prudentius, 4th century, tr. John Mason Neale, 1851 and H. W. Baker, 1859;

Music: DIVINUM MYSTERIUM, plainsong, 13th century.

Sermon—*The Son is Greater Than Servants*

—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 95:7-10

Pastor: Lord, we come confessing. You are the Lord; that is Your name; Your glory You give to no other, nor Your praise to carved idols.

All: Who is blind but Your servants, or deaf as Your messengers whom You send?

Pastor: Hear, you deaf, and look, you blind, that you may see!

All: We have seen many things, but have not observed them; our ears are open, but we have not heard.

Pastor: Who gave up Jacob to the looter, and Israel to the plunderers?

All: Was it not the Lord, against whom we have sinned, in whose ways they would not walk, and whose law they would not obey?

Assurance of Pardon—Isaiah 43:1-3; 2 Corinthians 1:3-4

But now thus says the Lord, He who created you, O Jacob, He who formed you, O Israel: “Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are Mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

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—How Firm A Foundation, Vs. 3



When through the deep wa - ters I call you to go, the riv - ers of sor - row shall not o - ver - flow;



For I will be with you, your trou - bles to bless, and sanc - ti - fy to you your deep - est dis - tress.

Text: “K” in John Rippon’s *A Selection of Hymns*, 1787; Music: FOUNDATION, Traditional American Melody.

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.

Congregational Psalm—Bless The Lord, O My Soul (Psalm 104)



Bless the Lord, O my soul! For my God is great in deed.
He lays down the cor - ner - stone of His throne up - on the wat - ers.
Vast, O Lord, are Your works! All Your creat - ures fill the earth.
May the glor - y of the Lord ev - er en - dure as He re - joic - es!



Glo - ry! Splen - dor is His robe; light for cov'r - ing as a tent;
On the clouds His char - i - ot rides. He, on wings of wind, in - spires;
Wis - dom, You have made them all; teem - ing life both great and small;
I will sing as He gives breath; praise my God while life af - fords.



Stretch - ing out the heav - ens.
Mak - ing saints a flam - ing fire.
Formed to fill Your might - y call.
O my soul, now bless the Lord!

Text: paraphrase of Psalm 104, Nathan George, 2001; Music: Nathan George, 2011.

Congregational Hymn—There Is A Redeemer



There is a Re - deem - er Je - sus, God's own Son;
Je - sus, my Re - deem - er, name a - bove all names;
When I stand in glo - ry, I will see His face;



Pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes - si - ah, Ho - - - ly One.
Pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes - si - ah, hope for sin - ners slain.
There I'll serve my King for - ev - er in that ho - ly place.

Chorus



Thank you, O my Fa - ther, for giv - ing us Your Son,



And leav - ing Your Spir - it till the work on earth is done.

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—Ye Servants Of God



Ye ser-vants of God, your mas - ter pro-claim, and pub-lish a - broad His won-der - ful name;
God rul - eth on high, al - migh - ty to save, and still He is nigh, His pres-ence we have;
"Sal - va - tion to God, who sits on the throne!" Let all cry a - loud and hon - or the Son;
Then let us a - dore and give Him His right, all glor - y and power, all wis - dom and might;



The name all vic-tor - ious of Je - sus ex - tol, His king - dom is glor-ious and rules o - ver all.
The great con-gre - ga - tion His tri-umph shall sing, as - crib - ing sal - va - tion to Jes - us, our King.
The prais - es of Je - sus the an-gels pro-claim, fall down on their face - s and wor - ship the Lamb.
All hon - or and bless - ing with an-gels a - bove, and thanks nev - er ceas - ing and in - fi - nite love.



Text: Charles Wesley, *Hymns in Times of Trouble and Persecution*, 1744;
Music: LYONS, Joseph Martin Kraus, 1784.

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—2 Corinthians 13:14

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. *Amen.*

Sung Response—Gloria Patri

The musical score for the Gloria Patri is written in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "Glor - y be__ to the Fath - er, and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; As it was in the be - gin - ning, is__ now, and ev - er shall be, World__ with - out end. A - men. A - - - men." The score includes various musical notations such as treble and bass clefs, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and time signatures of 4/4, 2/4, and 4/4. The piano accompaniment features chords and moving lines that support the vocal melody.

Text: Lesser Doxology, 2nd century;
Music: Nathan George, 2015, harm. Henry C. Haffner, 2015.

Announcements

Worship Notes:

According to Phillipians 2:9, the Father has bestowed upon Jesus “the name that is above every name.” His name is “glorious,” adored within His temple and loved by strangers whose hearts are filled with its “blissful theme.” The Lord declares of Him in Psalm 2, “You are My Son; I have brought You forth this day.” He is called “Alpha and Omega,” begotten before the world began to be. His throne will be established like Solomon’s, and the rulers of the earth must offer Him reverent worship. Even the angels, called “winds” and “flaming fires” in Psalm 104, must fall down on their faces and worship the Lamb. What a wonder that this Jesus—to whom is due all glory, all power, all wisdom, all might, all honor, and all blessing—has been given to us, to be slain as the hope for sinners. —Henry C. Haffner

Key words: Name, Inherited, Superior, Father, Son, Begotten, Angels, Worship

Keystone verse: [Jesus has] become as much superior to angels as the name He has inherited is more excellent than theirs. (Hebrews 1:4)



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