



SERVICE OF CELEBRATION AND COVENANT RENEWAL

Season of Lent

13 March 2022

Did Christ die, and shall sin live? Endeavor to destroy sin, that we may be like unto Christ. —John Owen

Both the greatness of the things given and the weakness of them that receive show His power: He not only gave great things, but also to those who are little. —John Chrysostom

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 Titus 1:2

God, who cannot lie, promised the hope of eternal life before the ages began.

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?

The musical score is written in treble clef with a 3/2 time signature. It consists of four staves of music with lyrics underneath. The first staff has a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a 3/2 time signature. The lyrics are: "What won - drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!". The second staff continues the melody with lyrics: "What won-drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this". The third staff has lyrics: "That caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread - ful curse for my soul,". The fourth staff concludes with lyrics: "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 116:5, 7-10, 13

Pastor: Gracious and righteous is the Lord. Our God is merciful.

All: **Return, O my soul, to your rest; for the Lord has dealt bountifully with you.**

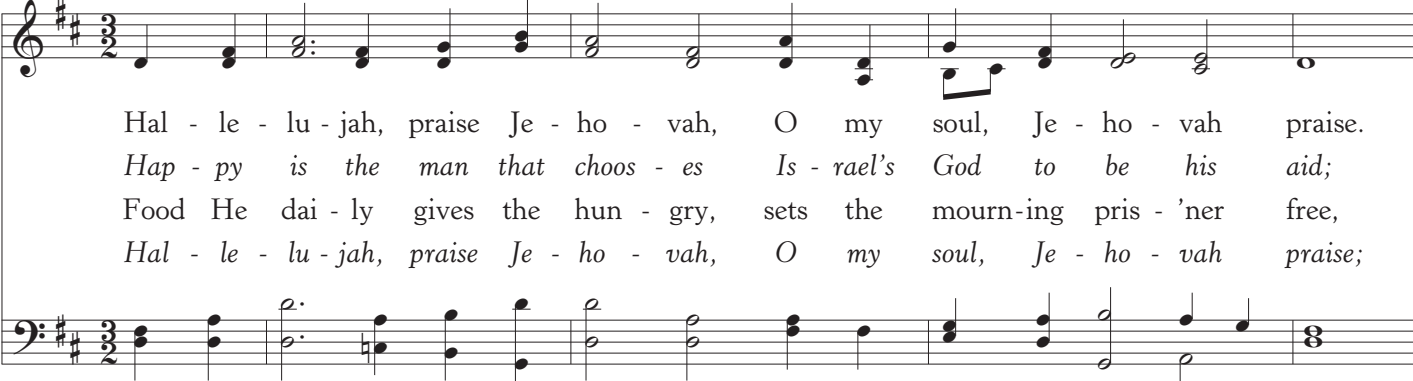
Reader 1: For You have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling.

Reader 2: I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living.

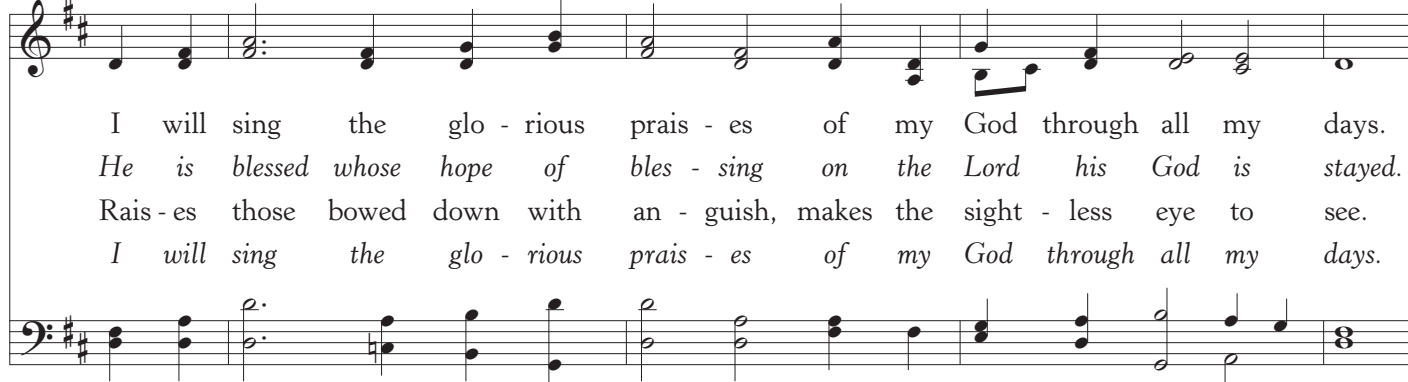
All: **We believed, and so we spoke, "We are greatly afflicted."**

Pastor: We will lift the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.

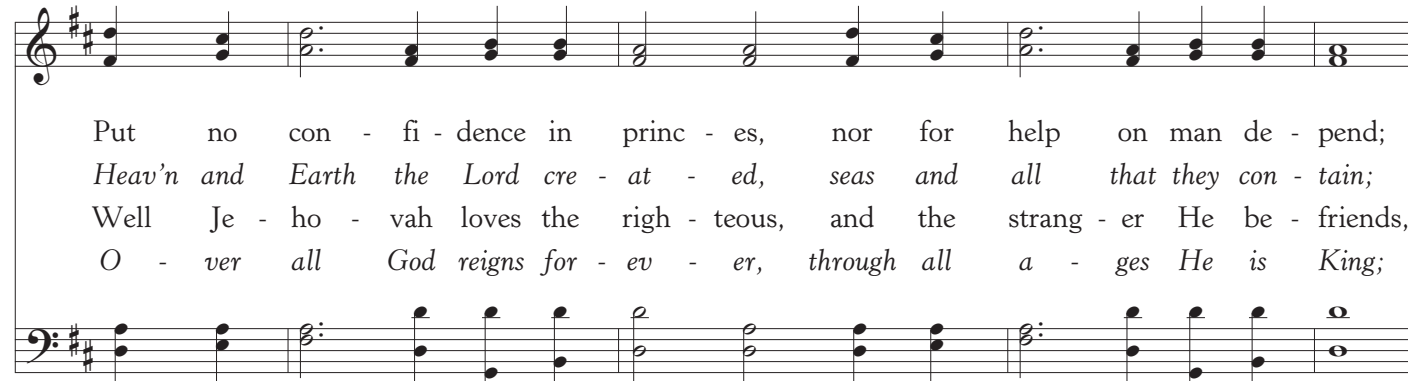
Psalm of Praise—Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah (Psalm 146)



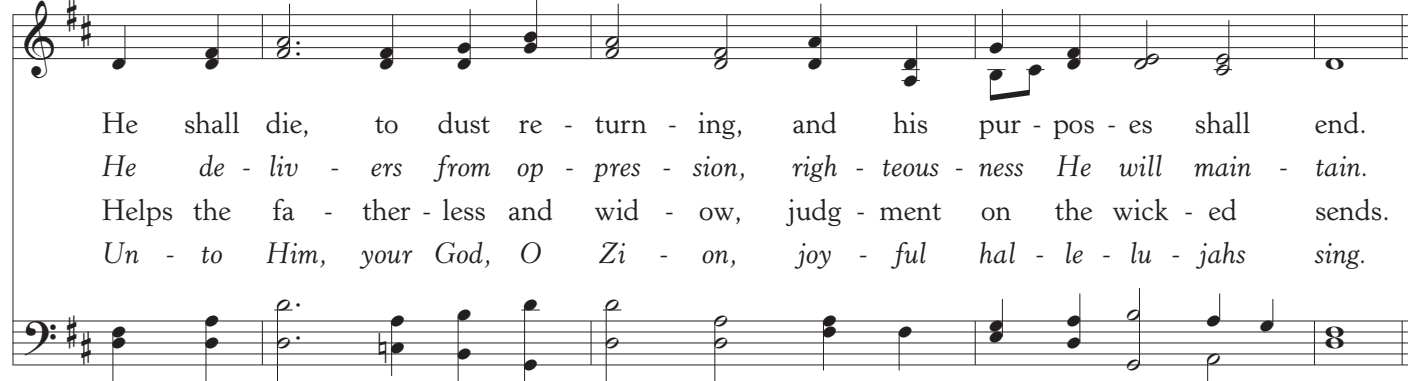
Hal - le - lu - jah, praise Je - ho - vah, O my soul, Je - ho - vah praise.
Hap - py is the man that choos - es Is - rael's God to be his aid;
 Food He dai - ly gives the hun - gry, sets the mourn - ing pris - 'ner free,
 Hal - le - lu - jah, praise Je - ho - vah, O my soul, Je - ho - vah praise;



I will sing the glo - rious prais - es of my God through all my days.
He is blessed whose hope of bles - sing on the Lord his God is stayed.
 Rais - es those bowed down with an - guish, makes the sight - less eye to see.
 I will sing the glo - rious prais - es of my God through all my days.



Put no con - fi - dence in princ - es, nor for help on man de - pend;
Heav'n and Earth the Lord cre - at - ed, seas and all that they con - tain;
 Well Je - ho - vah loves the righ - teous, and the strang - er He be - friends,
 O - ver all God reigns for - ev - er, through all a - ges He is King;



He shall die, to dust re - turn - ing, and his pur - pos - es shall end.
He de - liv - ers from op - pres - sion, righ - teous - ness He will main - tain.
 Helps the fa - ther - less and wid - ow, judg - ment on the wick - ed sends.
 Un - to Him, your God, O Zi - on, joy - ful hal - le - lu - jahs sing.

Text: Psalm 146 *The Psalter*, 1912; Music: RIPLEY, Gregorian Chant,
 arr. Lowell Mason, 1839.

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—By Babylon's Great Riverside (Psalm 137)



By Ba - by - lon's great ri - ver - side we cap - tive peo - ples sat and wept;
For there our cap - tors asked for songs; tor - ment - ing us, they asked for praise;
Re - mem - ber Lord, how they laid bare our home up - on that dread - ful day;



While o - ver all our hearts the tide of Zi - on's me - mor - ies had swept.
Re - quir - ing songs that hap - py throngs on Zi - on had been known to raise.
Though wick - ed E - dom now seems fair, her sons are doomed to pass a - way.



On weep - ing wil - lows, droop - ing low, our si - lent, joy - less harps we hung;
But how can we, in for - eign land, Je - ho - vah's songs be made to sing?
Re - mem - ber Lord, the dread - ful day of our land's fall and bit - ter woe

Verse 1&2, then Chorus



Their strings were bro - ken, tuned with woe, when with such aw - ful grief they sung.
If I for - get you, let this hand lose all its skill up - on the string.
How hap - py he who shall re - pay the cru - el hat - red of her foe.

Chorus



If I do not re - mem - ber you, for - get my songs, let lan - guage cease



If I should place a - no - ther joy a - bove my care for Zi - on's peace.

Text: Psalm 137, Edward Collier, *Lyrics from the Psalter*, 1907; *The Psalter*, 1912; Alt. Henry C. Haffner, 2021;
Music: WILLIAMSON, Henry C. Haffner, 2021.

Scripture Reading—Judges 7:2-4, 7-8


The Lord said to Gideon, “The people with you are too many for Me to give the Midianites into their hand, lest Israel boast over Me, saying, ‘My own hand has saved me.’ Now therefore proclaim in the ears of the people, saying, ‘Whoever is fearful and trembling, let him return home and hurry away from Mount Gilead.’” Then 22,000 of the people returned, and 10,000 remained.

And the Lord said to Gideon, “The people are still too many ... with 300 men ... I will save you and give the Midianites into your hand, and let all the others go every man to his home.” So the people took provisions in their hands, and their trumpets. And he sent all the rest of Israel every man to his tent but retained 300 men. And the camp of Midian was below him in the valley.

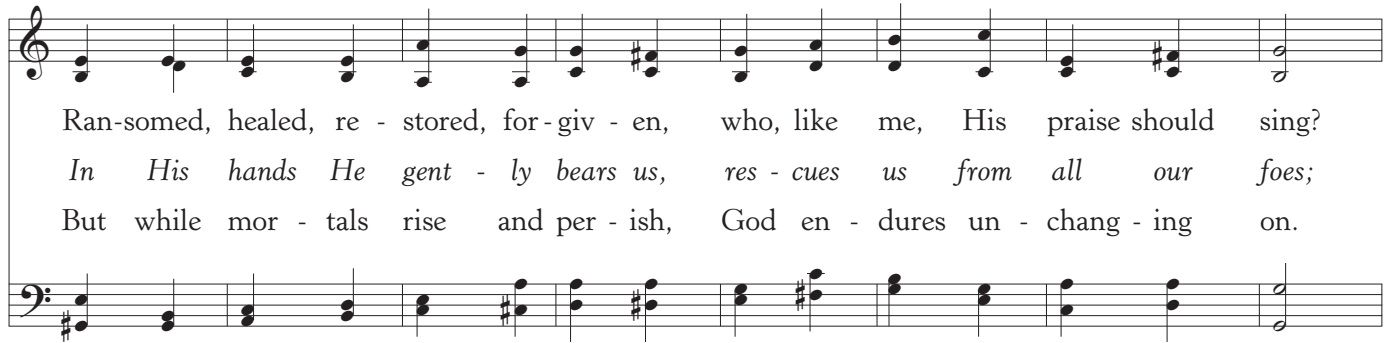
Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

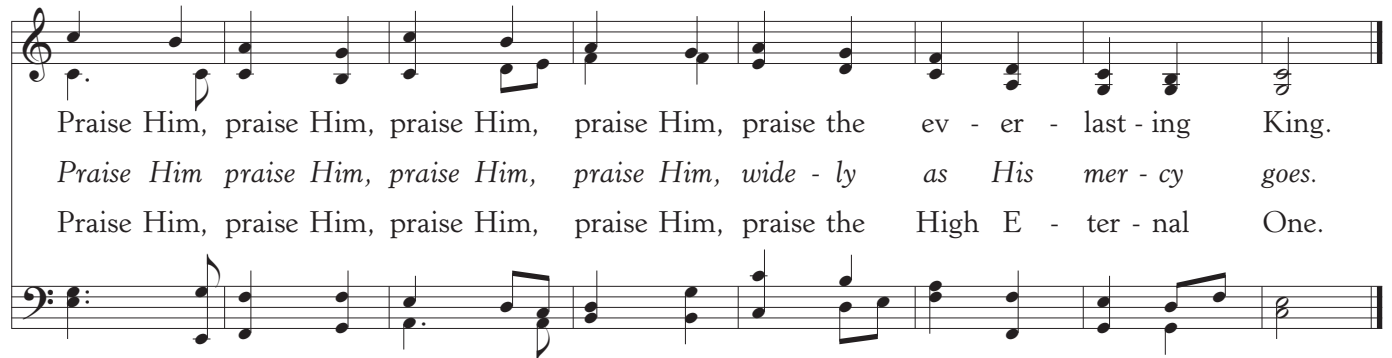
Hymn of Praise—Praise, My Soul, The King Of Heaven



Praise, my soul, the King of Heav - en, to His feet your trib - ute bring;
Fa - ther-like, He tends and spares us; well our fee - ble frame He knows;
Frail as sum - mer's flow'r we flour - ish, blows the wind and it is gone;



Ran-somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, who, like me, His praise should sing?
In His hands He gent - ly bears us, res - cues us from all our foes;
But while mor - tals rise and per - ish, God en - dures un - chang - ing on.



Praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise the ev - er - last - ing King.
Praise Him praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, wide - ly as His mer - cy goes.
Praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise the High E - ter - nal One.

Text: from Psalm 103, Henry F. Lyte, 1834; Music: LAUDA ANIMA, John Goss, 1869.

Baptism of Caleb Young, son of Charles and Lisa Young

Reading of the Word—2 Corinthians 4:7-15

But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us. ⁸We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; ⁹persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; ¹⁰always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies. ¹¹For we who live are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. ¹²So death is at work in us, but life in you.

¹³Since we have the same spirit of faith according to what has been written, "I believed, and so I spoke," we also believe, and so we also speak, ¹⁴knowing that He who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into His presence. ¹⁵For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Sung Response—It Is Well With My Soul, Vs. 1



When peace, like a riv - er, at - tend - eth my way, when sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll;



What - ev - er my lot, Thou has taught me to say, it is well, it is well, with my soul.

Musical notation for the third line of the song, including both treble and bass clefs. The treble clef part has lyrics underneath it.

It is well with my soul; it is well, it is well with my soul.
It is well with my soul;

Text: Horatio G Spafford, 1873; Music: VILLE DU HAVRE, Phillip P. Bliss, 1876.

Sermon—*Heavenly Treasure in Jars of Clay*

—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 Romans 6:12-13

Pastor: Father, we have let sin reign in our mortal body, to make us obey its passions.

All: So, Lord, we come confessing.

Pastor: We have presented our members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness.

All: So, Lord, we come confessing.

Pastor: We have not presented ourselves to You as those who have been brought from death to life, nor our members as instruments for righteousness.

All: So, Lord, we come confessing.

(Silent Prayers of Confession)

Sung Response—Lamb Of God

UNISON

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—Romans 6:8-11; Mark 12:30

Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with Him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over Him. For the death He died He died to sin, once for all, but the life He lives He lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Pastor: This is the promise of God. This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Therefore, let us love the Lord our God with all our heart and with all our soul and with all our mind and with all our strength.

Sung Response—Twofold Amen

A - men, a - men

Text: Traditional; Music: DRESDEN, Johann Naumann, 18th Century.

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:

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

WOMEN

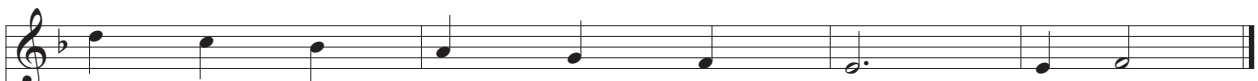


We praise You, we bless You, we wor-ship You, we glo-ri-fy You,

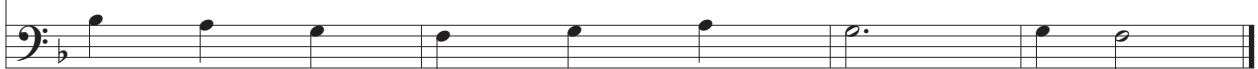
MEN



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



We give You thanks for Your great glo - ry.



We give You thanks for Your great glo - ry.

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—To Live Is Christ



I re - jice! for through your prayers, — and the help of Je - sus' Spir - it,
My sure hope and ex - pec - ta - tion is that I will not be shamed —
Our de - sire is to de - part, — be with Christ up - on that day —

Vs. 1&2 then Chorus



All these pre - sent trials will turn — to de - li - ver - ance.
But that — Christ will gain the glo - ry in my life or death.
Though now — we are called to live, — live in joy and faith.

Chorus



To live is Christ, to be His ser - vant. To die and live with Him is — gain.



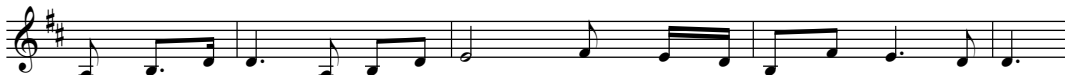
Though as I live, may fruit - ful la - bor glor - i - fy His Name, glo - ri - fy His Name.

Text: based on Philippians 1:19-25; Music: Nathan George, 2012.

Hymn of Praise—In Christ Alone



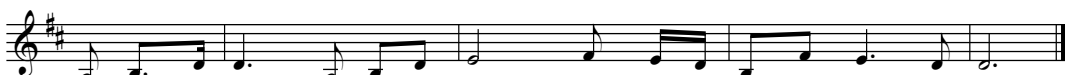
In Christ a - lone my hope is found; He is my light, my strength, my song;
In Christ a - lone, Who took on flesh, Full - ness of God in help - less babe!
There in the ground His bod - y lay, Light of the world by dark - ness slain;
No guilt in life, no fear in death— This is the pow'r of Christ in me;



This cor - ner - stone, this so - lid ground, Firm through the fierc - est drought and storm.
This gift of love and right - eous - ness, Scorned by the ones He came to save.
Then burst - ing forth in glor - ious day, Up from the grave He rose a - gain!
From life's first cry to fi - nal breath, Je - sus com - mands my des - ti - ny.



What heights of love, what depths of peace, When fears are stilled, when striv - ings cease!
Till on that cross as Je - sus died, The wrath of God was sat - is - fied;
And as He stands in vic - to - ry, Sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, Can ev - er pluck me from His hand;



My com - fort - er, my all in all— Here in the love of Christ I stand.
For ev' - ry sin on Him was laid— Here in the death of Christ I live.
For I am His and He is mine— Bought with the prec - ious blood of Christ.
Till He re - turns or calls me home— Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

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—When I Survey The Wondrous Cross

When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the Prince of glo - ry died,
For - bid it, Lord that I should boast, save in the death of Christ my God:
Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a pres - ent far too small;

My rich - est gain I count but loss, and pour con - tempt on all my pride.
All the vain things that charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to His blood.
Love so a - maz - ing, so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1709; Music: HAMBURG, Gregorian Chant,
arr. Lowell Mason, 1824.

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—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:

In Matthew 16 Jesus tells His disciples, “If anyone would come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me.” The Christian walk is not easy—as Paul writes to the Corinthians, we are afflicted in every way, perplexed, persecuted, and struck down. The Christian life requires us to continually lay down our lives in order to become more like Christ. We must take up Christ’s cross, instead of trusting in our own works. Even though we are frail as summer’s flower, we can have confidence that the King of Heaven will gently bear us and rescue us from all our foes (*Praise My Soul The King Of Heaven*). We “put no confidence in princes nor for help on man depend.” Instead, we trust in our God who reigns forever and promises to deliver us from oppression (*Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah*). When our hope is in Christ alone, “no power of Hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck us from His hand” (*In Christ Alone*). We must sacrifice all the vain things that charm us most, and instead boast in the death of Christ our God (*When I Survey The Wondrous Cross*). Because Christ offers us life in Him, we can say, “it is well with my soul” —whatever our circumstances may be (*It Is Well With My Soul*). This morning as we lay down our crosses, we take up Christ’s cross and rest in His “love so amazing, so divine.” Let’s lay down our lives to live in Christ.

—Emma Marsh & Henry C. Haffner

Key Words: Treasure, Clay, Power, Death, Life, Mortal, Raise, Faith Thanksgiving
Keystone Verse: But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us. (2 Corinthians 4:7)



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