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The race of men would have gone to ruin, had not the Lord and Savior of all, the Son of God, come among us to put an end to death. —Athanasius

The first person who was solemnly designed to teach and represent Christ, by what he was and did, was a priest... This was Melchizedek. —John Owen

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—Isaiah 32:17 (NKJV)

The work of righteousness will be peace, and the effect of righteousness, quietness and assurance forever.

Sung Response—Come, Thou Almighty King, Vs. 1

Come, Thou Al - might - y King, help us Thy name to sing,

Help us to praise! Fa - ther all glo - ri - ous, o'er all vic - to - ri - ous,

Come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days!

The musical score is written in 3/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of three systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The lyrics are placed between the staves. The first system ends with a double bar line, and the second system ends with a double bar line. The third system ends with a double bar line.

Text: Anonymous, 1757; Music: ITALIAN HYMN, Felice de Gardini, 1769.

Call to Worship—from Psalm 110:1-4

Pastor: The Lord says to my Lord: “Sit at My right hand, until I make Your enemies Your footstool.”

All: **We, Your people, offer ourselves freely on the day of Your power, in holy garments.**

Reader 1: From the womb of the morning, the dew of Your youth will be Yours.

Reader 2: The Lord has sworn and will not change His mind:

All: **You are a priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek.**

Pastor: The Lord sends forth from Zion Your mighty scepter. Rule in the midst of Your enemies!

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—O Thank The Lord For All His Goodness (Psalm 118)



O Thank the Lord for all His good - ness: "His love en-dures for - ev - er - more!"
O - pen to me the gates of jus - tice: o - pen the gates of right - eous - ness,
The stone the build-ers had re - jec - ted now has be - come the cor - ner - stone.
Blest he who in the Lord's name en - ters; we bless you from His ho - ly house.



Let Is - r'el say in joy - ful cho - rus: "His love en-dures for - ev - er - more!"
that I may en - ter them with glad - ness and show the Lord my thank - ful - ness.
How mar - vel - ous to us this won - der; this is the work of God a - lone!
The Lord is God; He shines up - on us. Bind up with cords your sac - ri - fice.



O house of Aa - ron, join your voic - es: "His love en-dures for - ev - er - more!"
This is the gate the right - eous en - ter, the gate - way of the Lord our God.
This is the day, the Lord has made it! Be glad in it, re - joice, and bless.
Bring to the al - tar's horns your of - f'ring. You are my God, whom I a - dore.



Let all who fear the Lord de - clare it: "His love en - dures for - ev - er - more!"
You have be - come my great sal - va - tion; You an - swered me and made me glad.
Save us, we pray, O Lord! Ho - san - na! O Lord, we pray, give us suc - cess.
O thank the Lord for all His good - ness, His love en - dures for - ev - er

Text: Psalm 118:1-4, 19-29, OPC/URCNA, 2016;
Music: GENEVAN 66 (RENDEZ À DIEU), Genevan Psalter, 1551.

Scripture Reading—Genesis 14:17-20

After Abram's return from the defeat of Chederlaomer and the kings who were with him, the king of Sodom went out to meet him at the Valley of Shaveh (that is, the King's Valley). And Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine. (He was priest of God Most High.) And he blessed him and said, "Blessed be Abram by God Most High, Possessor of heaven and earth; and blessed be God Most High, who has delivered your enemies into your hand!" And Abram gave him a tenth of everything.

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Congregational Hymn—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.

Reading of the Word—Hebrews 7:1-10

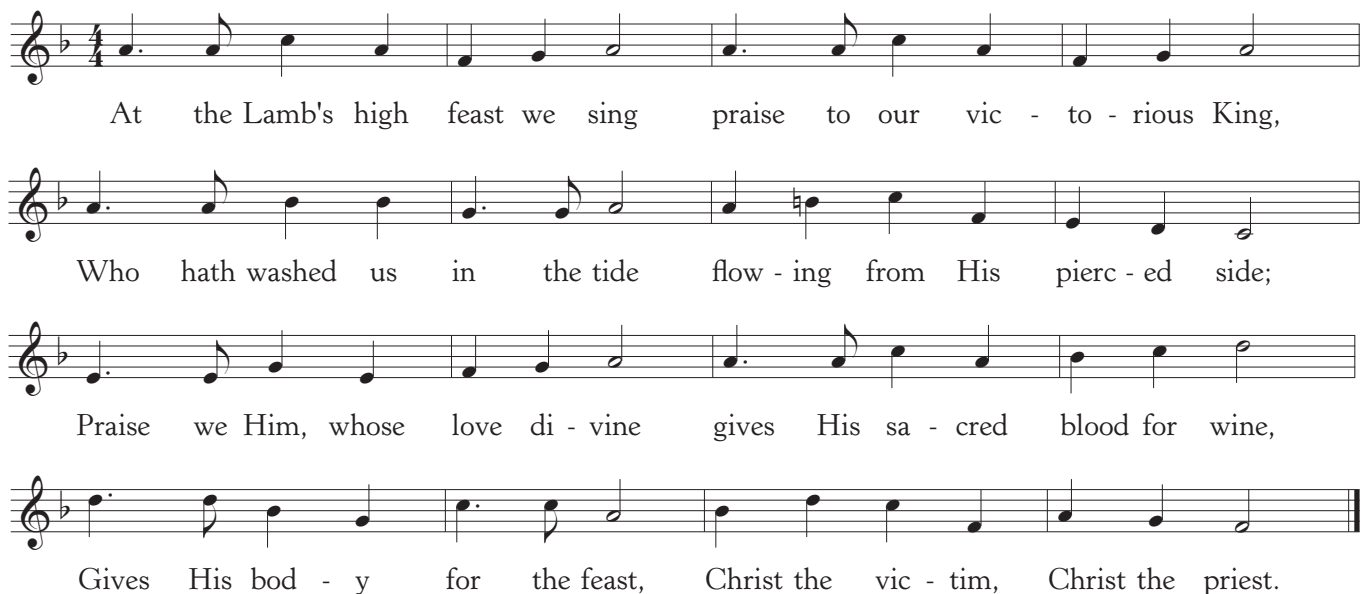
For this Melchizedek, king of Salem, priest of the Most High God, met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings and blessed him, ² and to him Abraham apportioned a tenth part of everything. He is first, by translation of his name, king of righteousness, and then he is also king of Salem, that is, king of peace. ³ He is without father or mother or genealogy, having neither beginning of days nor end of life, but resembling the Son of God he continues a priest forever.

⁴ See how great this man was to whom Abraham the patriarch gave a tenth of the spoils! ⁵ And those descendants of Levi who receive the priestly office have a commandment in the law to take tithes from the people, that is, from their brothers, though these also are descended from Abraham. ⁶ But this man who does not have his descent from them received tithes from Abraham and blessed him who had the promises. ⁷ It is beyond dispute that the inferior is blessed by the superior. ⁸ In the one case tithes are received by mortal men, but in the other case, by one of whom it is testified that he lives. ⁹ One might even say that Levi himself, who receives tithes, paid tithes through Abraham, ¹⁰ for he was still in the loins of his ancestor when Melchizedek met him.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sung Response—At The Lamb's High Feast We Sing, Vs. 1



At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to our vic - to - rious King,
Who hath washed us in the tide flow - ing from His pierc - ed side;
Praise we Him, whose love di - vine gives His sa - cred blood for wine,
Gives His bod - y for the feast, Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest.

Text: Latin Hymn, 6th C., tr. Robert Campbell, 1849; Music: ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR, George J. Elvery, 1859.

Sermon—*The Priest Who Lives Forever*

—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 Malachi 3:7-10

Pastor: Lord, we come confessing. From the days of our fathers we have turned aside from Your statutes and have not kept them. "Return to Me, and I will return to you," says the Lord of hosts.

All: **But we say, "How shall we return?"**

Pastor: "Will man rob God? Yet you are robbing Me."

All: **But we say, "How have we robbed You?"**

Pastor: "In your tithes and contributions. You are cursed with a curse, for you are robbing Me, all of you."

All: **"Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, and thereby put Me to the test," says the Lord of hosts, "if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down a blessing until there is no more need."**

Assurance of Pardon—Hebrews 7:24-25; Titus 2:11-14

Jesus holds His priesthood permanently, because He continues forever. Consequently, He is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.

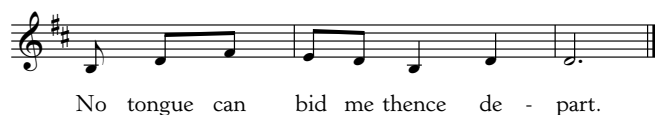
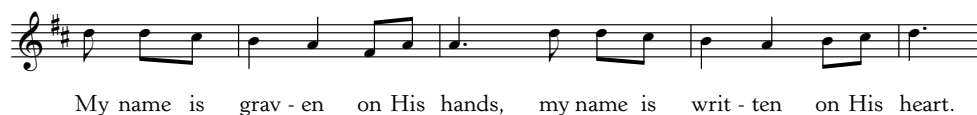
Pastor: This is the promise of God.

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

Pastor: 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.

All: **And so we await our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ.**

Sung Response—Before The Throne Of God Above, Vs. 1



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:

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly is the Lord God Al - might - y,
Heav'n and Earth are full of Thy glor - y, glor - y— be un - to— Thee,
O Lord most high, O Lord most high, O Lord most high, A - men.

Text: Traditional, based on Isaiah 6:3, Revelation 4:8;
Music: Nathan George, 2013.

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 Hymn—My Heart Is Filled With Thankfulness



My heart is filled with thank-ful - ness to Him who bore my pain;
My heart is filled with thank-ful - ness to Him who walks be - side;
My heart is filled with thank-ful - ness to Him who reigns a - bove;

Who plumbed the depths of my dis - grace and gave me life a - gain;
Who floods my weak - ness - es with strength and caus - es fears to fly.
Whose wis - dom is my per - fect peace, whose ev - 'ry thought is love.

Who crushed my curse of sin - ful - ness and clothed me with His light
Whose ev - 'ry pro - mise is e - nough for ev - 'ry step I take.
For ev - 'ry day I have on Earth is giv - en by the King.

And wrote His law of right - eous - ness with pow'r up - on my heart.
Sus - tain - ing me with arms of love and crown - ing me with grace.
So I will give my life, my all, to love and fol - low Him.

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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.

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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—God Of Our Fathers

God of our fa - thers, whose al - might - y hand
Thy love div - ine hath led us in the past;
Re - fresh Thy peo - ple on their toil - some way;

Leads forth in beau - ty all the star - ry band
In this free land with Thee our lot is cast;
Lead us from night to ne - ver end - ing day;

Of shin - ing worlds in splen - dor through the skies,
Be Thou our rul - er, guard - ian, guide, and stay,
Fill all our lives with love and grace div - ine,

Our grate - ful songs be - fore Thy throne a - rise.
Thy Word our law, Thy paths our chos - en way.
And glo - ry, laud, and praise be ev - er Thine.

Text: Daniel C. Roberts, 1876; Music: NATIONAL HYMN, George W. Warren, 1876.

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—Numbers 6:24-26

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

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 line. 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:

I love being a Christian. Thanksgiving, Advent, and Christmas are such joyful times in otherwise dreary days. In the midst of barren trees, grey skies, and soggy fields, we make time to remember the unchanging God who gives us every good and perfect gift. I was reminded about how many good gifts our nation has been given when I traveled to Chile. In the poorest neighborhood of Santiago, every house was surrounded by 12-foot walls capped with razor wire. My home has a tiny fence in the backyard that would not keep anyone out. And we *usually* remember to lock our doors. It is not just that we have the luck of the draw or a happy fate; we have God to thank. So even while we have fears for the future, sins in the past, and evil in the present, God has not changed! The King of Righteousness sits on the throne, ruling over this sinful world. And the fruit of His righteousness will be peace. So in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. —Pastor James Crampton

Key Words: Priest, King, Righteousness, Peace, Alive, Forever, Bless

Keystone verse: He is without father or mother or genealogy, having neither beginning of days nor end of life, but resembling the Son of God He continues a priest forever. (Hebrews 7:3)



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