



SERVICE OF CELEBRATION AND COVENANT RENEWAL

Season of Lent

1 March 2020

What, then, are we to say about the suggestion that a hearty faith in the absolute sovereignty of God is inimical to evangelism? We are bound to say that anyone who makes this suggestion thereby shows that he has simply failed to understand what the doctrine of divine sovereignty means. Not only does it undergird evangelism, and uphold the evangelist, by creating a hope of success that could not otherwise be entertained; it also teaches us to bind together preaching and prayer; and as it makes us bold and confident before men, so it makes us humble and importunate before God. —J.I. Packer

If God is not sovereign over the entire created order, then he is not sovereign at all... If God is not sovereign, then he is not God. It belongs to God as God to be sovereign. —R.C. Sproul

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 145:8

The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

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?

Text: American Folk Hymn; Music: WONDROUS LOVE, *The Southern Harmony*, 1835.

Call to Worship—based on Psalm 145:3-6, 9-10

Leader: Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, and His greatness is unsearchable.

All: **One generation shall commend Your works to another, and shall declare Your mighty acts.**

Reader 1: On the glorious splendor of Your majesty, and on Your wondrous works, we will meditate.

Reader 2: We shall speak of the might of Your awesome deeds, and we will declare Your greatness.

All: **The Lord is good to all, and His mercy is over all that He has made.**

Leader: All Your works shall give thanks to You, O Lord, and all Your saints shall bless You!

Hymn of Praise—O Worship The King

The musical score is written in 3/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment line on a bass clef staff. The lyrics are printed between the two staves of each system.

O wor - ship the King, all glor - ious a - bove, O grate - ful - ly sing His pow'r and His love;
O tell of His might, O sing of His grace, whose robe is the light, whose can - o - py space,
Your boun - ti - ful care, what tongue can re - cite? It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
O mea - sure - less might! In - eff - ab - le love! Whom an - gels de - light to wor - ship a - bove,

Our shield and de - fend - er, the An - cient of Days, pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor, and gird - ed with praise.
His char - iots of wrath the deep thun - der - clouds form, and dark is His path on the wings of the storm.
It streams from the hills, it de - scends to the plain, and sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.
The hum - bler cre - a - tion, though fee - ble their lays, with true a - dor - a - tion shall all sing Your praise.

Text: Robert Grant, 1833, based on Psalm 104;
Music: LYONS, Joseph Martin Kraus, 1784.

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—Hear Me, All You People (Psalm 49)



Hear me, all— you peo - ple hear, folk of— all the earth, give ear;
When with wick - ed - ness my foes shall sur - round me and op - pose,
If from death one would be— free and cor - rup - tion ne - ver see,



All of high and low de - gree, rich and poor, give heed to me
Should I then to fear give way when I— see the e - vil day?
Cost - ly is— life's ran - som price, far— be - yond all sac - ri - fice.



Truth with all my heart I— seek, and— my mouth shall wis - dom speak;
They that trust in trea - sured gold, though they boast of weath un - told,
If men be not tru - ly— wise, they— are like the beast that dies,



Lis - ten how with mu - sic's strain I— make hid - den wis - dom plain.
None can bid— his bro - ther live; none to— God a ran - som give.
Death their shep - herd, they the— sheep; He— with - in his fold will keep.



If men be not tru - ly— wise, they are— like the beast that dies,



But my Lord my soul shall save; God will raise me from the grave.

Text: *The Psalter*, 1912, Alt. Henry C. Haffner, 2019;
Music: ROSE HILL, Henry C. Haffner, 2019.

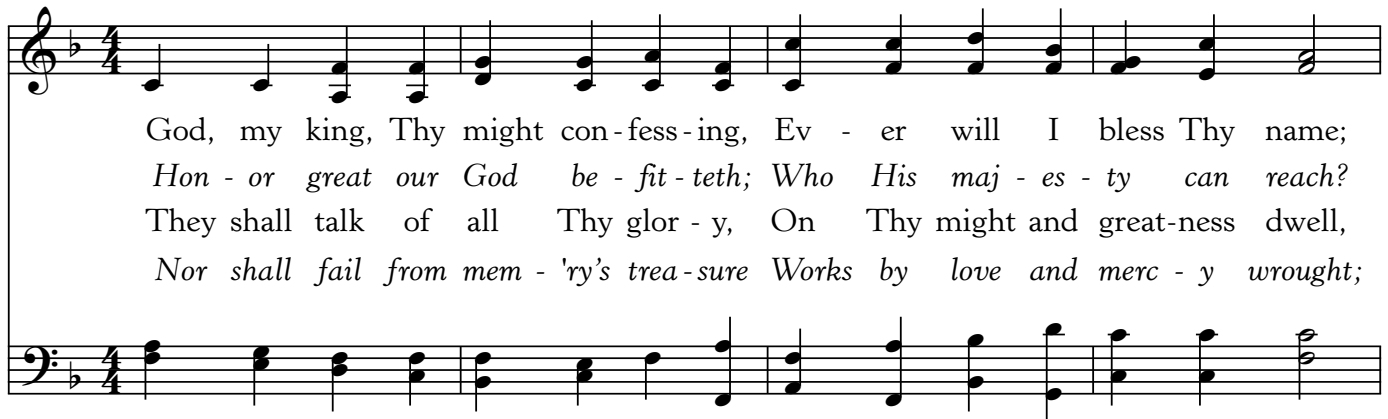
Scripture Reading—Isaiah 46:8-11

Remember this and stand firm, recall it to mind, you transgressors, remember the former things of old; for I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like Me, declaring the end from the beginning and from ancient times things not yet done, saying, “My counsel shall stand, and I will accomplish all My purpose,” calling a bird of prey from the east, the man of My counsel from a far country. I have spoken, and I will bring it to pass; I have purposed, and I will do it.

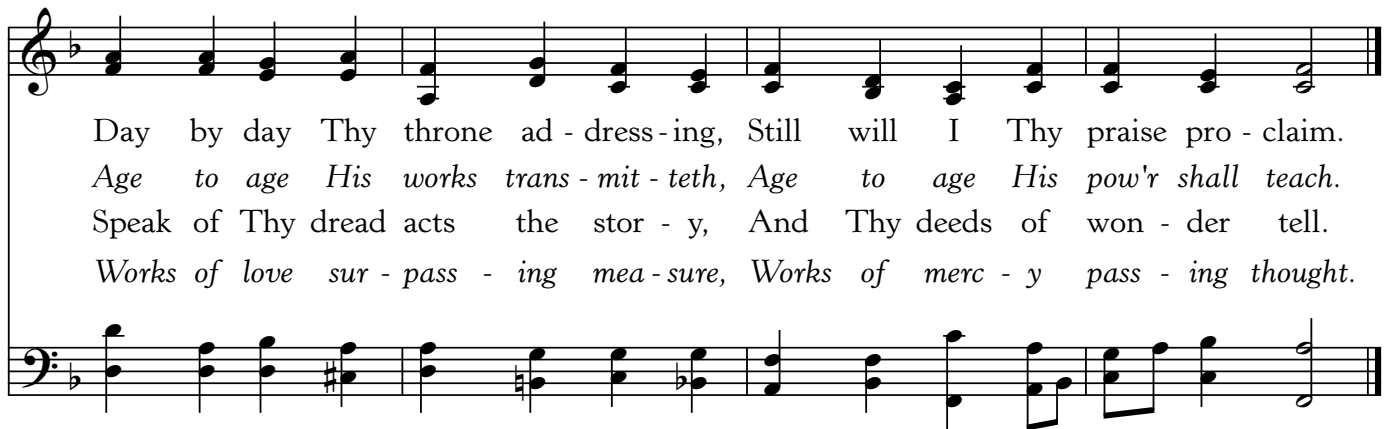
Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Hymn of Praise—God, My King, Thy Might Confessing



God, my king, Thy might con-fess-ing, Ev - er will I bless Thy name;
Hon - or great our God be - fit - teth; Who His maj - es - ty can reach?
They shall talk of all Thy glor - y, On Thy might and great-ness dwell,
Nor shall fail from mem - 'ry's trea - sure Works by love and merc - y wrought;



Day by day Thy throne ad - dress - ing, Still will I Thy praise pro - claim.
Age to age His works trans - mit - teth, Age to age His pow'r shall teach.
Speak of Thy dread acts the stor - y, And Thy deeds of won - der tell.
Works of love sur - pass - ing mea - sure, Works of merc - y pass - ing thought.

Text: Richard Mant, 1824; Music: STUTTGART, Christian F. Witt, 1715.

Reading of the Word—Romans 1:18-23

¹⁸For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth. ¹⁹For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. ²⁰For His invisible attributes, namely, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse. ²¹For although they knew God, they did not honor Him as God or give thanks to Him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened. ²²Claiming to be wise, they became fools, ²³and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sung Response—Speak, O Lord, Vs. 2



Teach us, Lord, full o - be - di-ence, ho-ly rev - er-ence, true hu - mil - i-ty;



Test our thoughts and our at - ti-tudes in the ra - di-ance of Your pur - i-ty.



Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see Your ma-jes-tic love and au-thor-i - ty.



Words of pow'r that can nev - er fail— let their truth pre-vail o-ver un - be-lief.

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Sermon—Our Sovereign Creator

—Assistant 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 139:1-2; Psalm 51:1-2

Pastor: O Lord, we come confessing that You have searched us and known us!

All: You know when we sit down and when we rise up; You discern our thoughts from afar.

Pastor: So we confess that we know our transgressions, and our sin is ever before us.

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

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

All: Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity, and cleanse us from our sin.

(Silent prayers of confession)

Sung Response—Lamb of God

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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—Psalm 32:1-2; Mark 12:30

Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity, and in who spirit there is no deceit.

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—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. —

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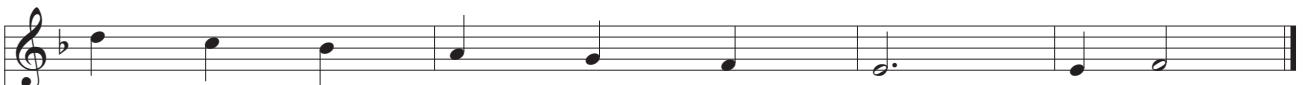


We praise You, we bless You, we wor-ship You, we glo-ri-fy You,

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 Communion—Come Ye Souls, By Sin Afflicted



Come, ye souls by sin af - flict - ed, Bowed with fruit - less sor - row down;
Take His ea - sy yoke and wear it; Love will make o - bed - ience sweet;
Bless - ed are the eyes that see Him, Blest the ears that hear His voice;
Sweet as home to pil - grims wear - y, Light to new - ly o - pened eyes,



By the bro - ken law con - vict - ed, Through the cross be - hold the crown;
Christ will give you strength to bear it, While His wis - dom guides your feet
Bless - ed are the souls that trust Him, And in Him a - lone re - joice;
Or full springs in des - erts drear - y Is the rest the cross sup - plies;



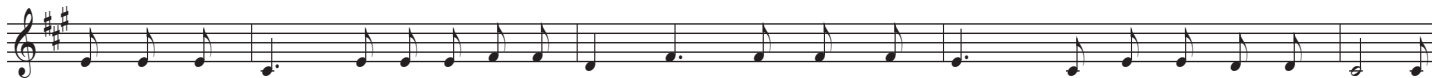
Look to Je - sus; mer - cy flows through Him a - lone.
Safe to glor - y, where His ran - somed cap - tives meet.
His com - mand - ments then be - come their hap - py choice.
All who taste it shall to rest im - mor - tal rise.

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Hymn of Praise—How Great Thou Art



O Lord my God, when I in awes - ome won - der Con - si - der all the worlds thy hands have made,
And when I think that God, his Son not spar - ing, Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!



I see the stars, I hear the roll - ing thun - der, Thy power through - out the un - i - verse dis - played:
That on the cross, my bur - den glad - ly bear - ing, He bled and died to take a - way my sin:
Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o - ra - tion, and there pro - claim, "My God, how great thou art!"



Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to thee: How great thou art! How great thou art!



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CCLI #2844402 Text: Stuart K. Hine, 1949; Music: O STORE GUD, Swedish Folk Melody,
Harm. Stuart K. Hine, 1949.

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—Not All The Blood Of Beasts

Not all the blood of beasts on Jew - ish al - tars slain
But Christ, the Heav'n - ly Lamb, takes all our sins a - way;
My faith would lay her hand on that dear head of Thine,
My soul looks back to see the bur - dens Thou didst bear
Be - liev - ing, we re - joice to see the curse re - move;

Could give the guil - ty con - science peace or wash a - way the stain.
A sac - ri - fice of no - bler name and rich - er blood than they.
While, like a pen - i - tent, I stand, and there con - fess my sin.
When hang - ing on the curs - ed tree, and hopes her guilt was there.
We bless the Lamb with cheer - ful voice, and sing His bleed - ing love.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the treble clef staff. The first system covers the first five lines of lyrics, and the second system covers the next five lines. The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with block chords and single notes.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1709, Alt. 1961; Music: SOUTHWELL, William Damon, 1579.

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 15:13

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope. *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:

This Sunday is the first Sunday of Lent, a traditional time of prayer, fasting, and repentance observed by Christians since the days of the early church. Several elements of the service have been adjusted to fit the character of this season. We will begin each Sunday by singing *What Wondrous Love Is This* (meditating on the sacrifice of Christ on the cross) and go out singing *Christ Be With Me* (confessing our need for His continual presence in our lives). Each week we will take a moment after corporate confession to confess silently and then respond by singing from John 1:29, “Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us,” in a new musical setting, the *Clovercroft Agnus Dei*. We will also learn a new psalm, *Hear Me, All You People—Psalm 49*. This psalm’s bleak text and somber melody point us to the glorious reality that Christ came to deal with death—though “Man in his pomp will not remain,” “God will ransom my soul from the power of Sheol, for He will receive me” (Psalm 49:12, 15). I pray that over these next six weeks, these meditative elements in the service would refresh our hearts in preparation for the joy to come on Easter Sunday. —Henry C. Haffner

Key Words: God, Attributes, Creation, Thinking, Honor, Thanks, Hearts
Keystone Verse: For His invisible attributes, namely, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse. (Romans 1:20)



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