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From the Biblical viewpoint salvation is solely a gift of grace. God elects His people, enters into a covenant with them, a covenant that demands duties of love and obedience. —Herman Bavinck

The Modern world is full of the old Christian virtues gone mad. The virtues have gone mad because they have been isolated from each other and are wandering alone. Thus some scientists care for truth; but their truth is pitiless. And thus some humanitarians care only for pity; but their pity—I am sorry to say—is often untruthful. —G. K. Chesterton

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—1 Corinthians 15:57

Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Sung Response—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?

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

Call to Worship—Zephaniah 3:14-17

Pastor: Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel!

All: **Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem.**

Reader 1: The Lord has taken away the judgments against you; He has cleared away your enemies.

Reader 2: The King of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall never again fear evil.

Reader 3: Fear not, O Zion; let not your hands grow weak. The Lord your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save.

All: **He will rejoice over you with gladness; He will quiet you by His love.**

Pastor: He will exult over you with loud singing.

Congregational Psalm—O God, Our Help In Ages Past (Psalm 90)

The image shows a musical score for the congregational psalm 'O God, Our Help In Ages Past'. It is written in 4/4 time and G major. The score consists of two systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The lyrics are printed below the vocal line of each system.

O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
Un - der the shad - ow of Thy throne Thy saints have dwelt se - cure;
A thou - sand a - ges in Thy sight are like an eve - ning gone,
O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come:

Our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home.
Suf - fi - cient is Thine arm a - lone, and our de - fence is sure.
Short as the watch that ends the night Be - fore the ris - ing sun.
Be Thou our guard while trou - bles last, And our e - ter - nal home.

Text: paraphrase of Psalm 90, Isaac Watts, 1719;
Music: ST. ANNE, William Croft, 1708.

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 Come Before The Lord, Our King (Psalm 95)



O come be - fore the Lord, our King, and in— His pres - ence let— us sing;
Al - might - y pow'r the Lord main - tains, ex - alt - ed o - ver all— He reigns;
O come and let us wor - ship now, be - fore our Mak - er let— us bow;



Let us in glad and joy - ful lays the rock— of our sal - va - tion praise;
He holds the val - leys in— His hand, He makes the might - y moun - tains stand;
We are His sheep and He— our God, He feeds our souls in pas - tures broad;



Be - fore Him come with thank - ful song, in joy - ful psalms His praise pro - long.
To Him be - long both land— and sea,— Cre - a - tor of the world is He.
He safe - ly leads us in— the way; O come and hear His voice to - day.

Text: Psalm 95:1-7, *The Psalter*, 1912; Music: ST. PETERSBURG, Dimitri Bortniansky, 1825.

Scripture Reading—1 Peter 1:10-25

Concerning this salvation, the prophets who prophesied about the grace that was to be yours searched and inquired carefully, inquiring what person or time the Spirit of Christ in them was indicating when He predicted the sufferings of Christ and the subsequent glories. It was revealed to them that they were serving not themselves but you, in the things that have now been announced to you through those who preached the good news to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven, things into which angels long to look.

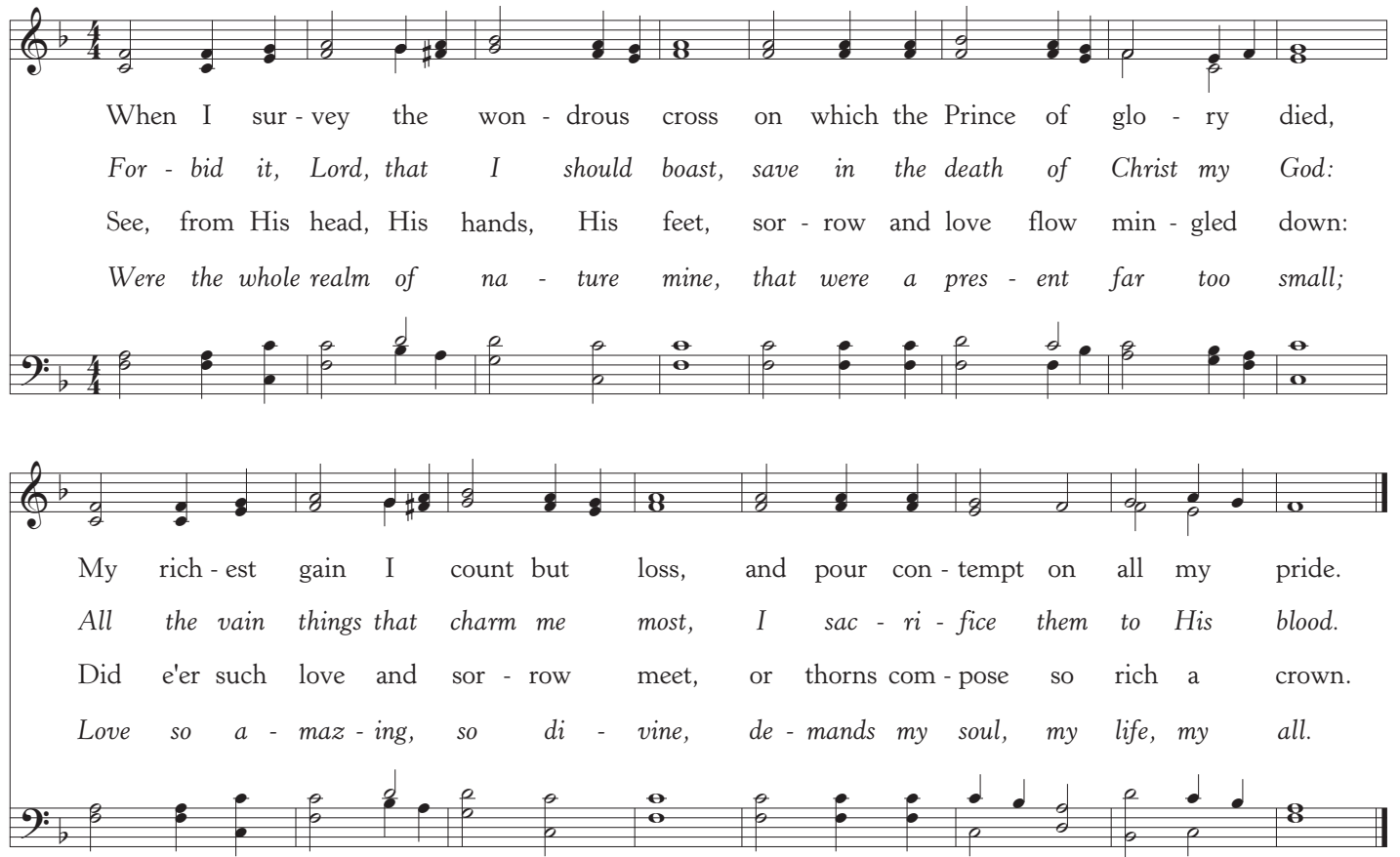
Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, but as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, since it is written, “You shall be holy, for I am holy.” And if you call on Him as Father who judges impartially according to each one’s deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you who through Him are believers in God, who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; for “All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls, but the Word of the Lord remains forever.” And this Word is the good news that was preached to you.

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Congregational Hymn—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:
See, from His head, His hands, His feet, sor - row and love flow min - gled down:
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.
Did e'er such love and sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown.
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.

Reading of the Word—1 Peter 1:3-9

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to His great mercy, He has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, ⁷so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. ⁸Though you have not seen Him, you love Him. Though you do not now see Him, you believe in Him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, ⁹obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Sung Response—Fountain Of Never Ceasing Grace, Vs. 4



Our souls His watch-ful love re-trieves, nor lets them go a - stray,



His right-eous-ness to us He gives, and takes our sins a - way:



We claim sal - va - tion in His right, a - dop - ted and for - giv'n,



His mer-it is our robe of light, His death the gate of Heav'n.

Text: Augustus Toplady, 1774; Music: KINGSFOLD, Old English Folk Song,
harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906.

Sermon—*Living in God's Family*

— Dr. Cameron Clausing

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 Daniel 9:4-5, 7-10; Lamentations 3:40-41, 5:21

Pastor: O Lord, You are the great and awesome God, You keep covenant and steadfast love with those who love You and keep Your commandments. Thus, Lord, we come confessing that have sinned.

All: **We have done wrong and acted wickedly. We have rebelled and turned aside from Your commandments.**

Pastor: To You, O Lord, belongs righteousness, but to us open shame.

All: **We have sinned against You and not obeyed Your voice.**

Pastor: Let us test and examine our ways and return to the Lord!

All: **Let us lift up our hearts and hands to God in heaven. Restore us to Yourself, O Lord, that we may be restored.**

(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—from Philippians 1:6, 12-13; Matthew 11:28

I am sure of this my beloved: He who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. Therefore, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure.

Pastor: This is the promise of God.

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

Pastor: He says to us, “Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.”

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Pastor: Amen.

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

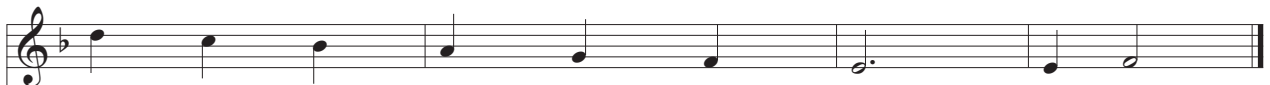


We praise You, we bless You, we wor-ship You, we glo-ri-fy You,

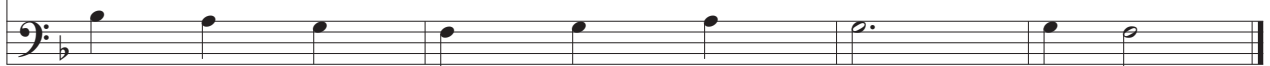
MEN



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.

Congregational Hymn—Coventry Carol

Fine

Lul-ly, lul - lay, thou lit-tle ti - ny child, By by, lul - ly, lul - lay.

O sis - ters too, how may we do for to pre - serve this day;
He - rod, the king, In his rag - ing, char - ged he hath this day
Then woe is me, poor child for thee! And ev - er mourn and say,

After Vs. 3, D.C. al Fine

This poor young - ling for whom we sing, "By, by, lul - ly lul - lay."
His men of might, in his own sight, all chil - dren young to slay.
For thy part - ing nor say nor sing, "By, by, lul - ly lul - lay."

Text and Music: English Carol, 15th century, harm. John Stainer, 1878.

Congregational Hymn—O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

O Love that will not let me go, I rest my wea - ry soul in Thee.
O Light that fol - lows all my way, I yield my flick' - ring torch to Thee.
O Joy that seek - est me through pain, I can - not close my heart to Thee.
O Cross that lift - est up my head, I dare not ask to fly from thee.

I give Thee back the life I owe, that in Thine oce - an depths its flow
My heart re - stores its bor - rowed ray, that in Thy sun - shine's blaze its day
I trace the rain - bow through the rain, and feel the pro - mise is not vain,
I lay in dust, life's glo - ry dead, and from the ground there blos - soms red,

May rich - er, ful - ler be.
May bright - er, fair - er be.
That morn shall tear - less be.
Life that shall end - less be.

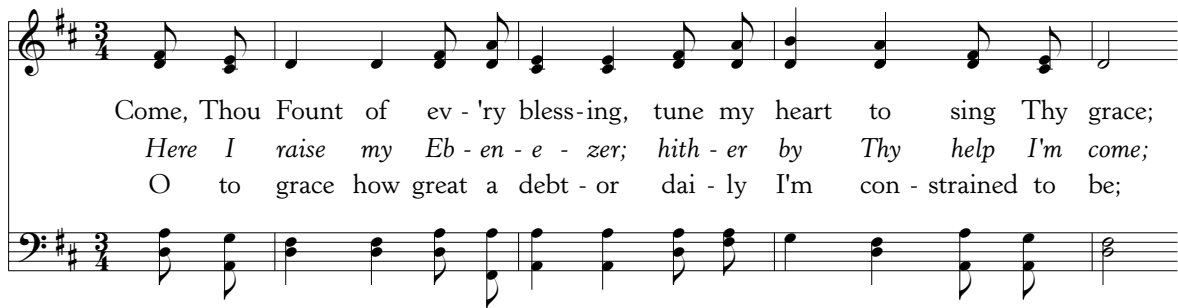
GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND IN GRATEFUL PRAISE, PETITIONS, TITHES & OFFERINGS

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.*

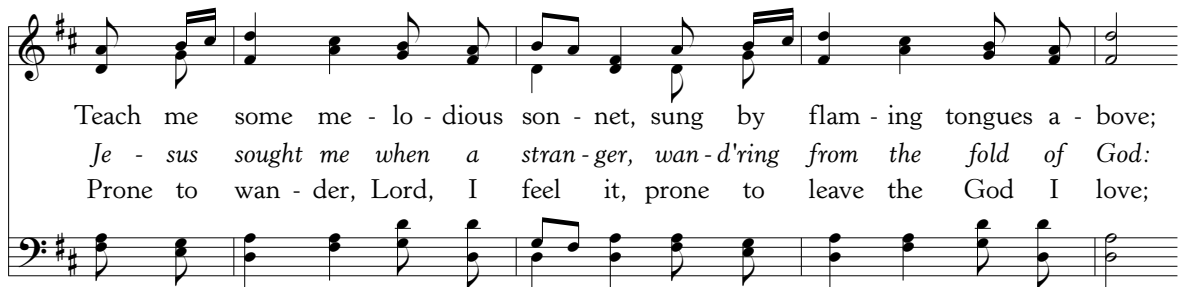
Congregational Hymn—Come, Thou Fount Of Every Blessing



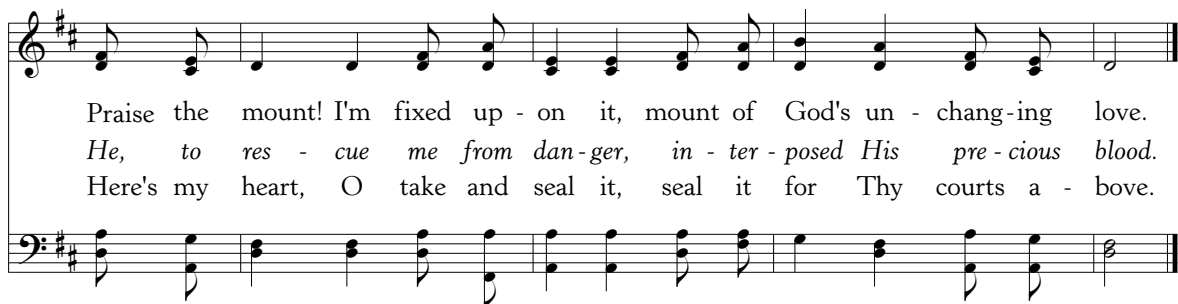
Come, Thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer; hith - er by Thy help I'm come;
O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to be;



Streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
And I hope, by Thy good pleas - ure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
Let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan - d'ring heart to Thee.



Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove;
Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger, wan - d'ring from the fold of God:
Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;



Praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.
He, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed His pre - cious blood.
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts a - bove.

Text: Robert Robinson, 1758; Music: NETTLETON, Asahel Nettleton, 1825.

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—based on 2 Timothy 1:9-10

The Lord has saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of His own purpose and grace, which He gave us in Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the Gospel. May He grant you grace and mercy to know this Gospel of Life. Amen.

Sung Response—What Wondrous Love Is This, Vs. 4

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,

And when from death I'm free I'll sing on; and when from death I'm free,

I'll sing and joy - ful be, and through e - ter - ni - ty

I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on!

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Announcements

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Keystone Verse: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to His great mercy, He has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. (1 Peter 1:3)



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