



PARISH

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Season of Kingdomtide

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[God] has, in His word, pronounced a blessing upon His people; and we are bound to believe that that blessing does accordingly rest upon them, though there be not the visible effects of it. Hence we may conclude that God's people, though they may lie under the reproaches and censures of men, are surely blessed of Him, who blesses indeed, and therefore can command a blessing. —Matthew Henry

The psalms train us in a conversion of language, from talking about God to talking to God. —Eugene Peterson

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—Revelation 7:9–11

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

Sung Response—The Lord Is King, Vs. 1



The Lord is King! lift up thy voice, O Earth; and all ye heav'ns, re-joice!



From world to world the joy shall ring, “The Lord om-ni - po - tent is King.”

Text: Josiah Conder, 1824; Music: ROCKBRIDGE, Lucius Chapin,
from *The Harmonia Sacra*, 1812, Alt. 2010.

Call to Worship—Psalm 149:1-4

Pastor: Praise the Lord!

All: Sing to the Lord a new song, His praise in the assembly of the godly!

Reader 1: Let Israel be glad in His Maker; let the children of Zion rejoice in their King!

Reader 2: Let us praise His name with dancing; let us make melody to Him with tambourine and lyre!

All: For the Lord takes pleasure in His people; He adorns the humble with salvation.

Pastor: Praise the Lord!

Congregational Hymn—Praise My Soul, The King Of Heaven

The image shows a musical score for a congregational hymn. It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line and a bass line. The key signature has one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 2/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal lines.

Praise, my soul, the King of Heav - en, to His feet your trib - ute bring;
Praise Him for His grace and fa - vor, to our fa - thers in dis - tress;
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?
Praise Him, still the same for - ev - er, slow to chide and swift to bless;
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, glo - rious in His faith - ful - ness.
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.

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 Praise Ye The Lord And Sing A New Song (Psalm 149)



O— praise ye the Lord and sing a new song,— a - mid all His saints His prais-es pro - long.



The praise of their ma-ker His peo-ple shall sing,— and chil-dren of Zi-on— re - joice in their King.



With drum and with harp sing praise to His name; give praise with your dance, and— joy - ful ac-claim.

In glo - ry ex - ult, you saints of the Lord, with songs on your beds loud prais - es ac-cord.

Great rul - ers you'll bind and king - doms des-troy, these hon - ors are yours, these tri - umphs en-joy.

D.C. al Fine



For God in His peo-ple His plea - sure will seek; beau-ty and sal - va - tion He gives to the meek.

His Word is a two edg-ed— sword in your hand, to— ex - e - cute ven-geance on all heath-en lands.

For Lo! It is writ-en His saints shall not fail: O— sing “Al - le - lu - ia,” His might shall pre - vail.

Text: *The Psalter*, 1909; *New Version of the Psalms of David in Meter*, 1709; Alt. Henry C. Haffner, 2019;
Music: PULASKI, Henry C. Haffner, 2019.

Scripture Reading—2 Samuel 15:13–18, 23-26

And a messenger came to David, saying, “The hearts of the men of Israel have gone after Absalom.” Then David said to all his servants who were with him at Jerusalem, “Arise, and let us flee, or else there will be no escape for us from Absalom. Go quickly, lest he overtake us quickly and bring down ruin on us and strike the city with the edge of the sword.” And the king's servants said to the king, “Behold, your servants are ready to do whatever my lord the king decides.” So the king went out, and all his household after him. And the king left ten concubines to keep the house. And the king went out, and all the people after him. And they halted at the last house.

And all his servants passed by him, and all the Cherethites, and all the Pelethites, and all the six hundred Gittites who had followed him from Gath, passed on before the king. And all the land wept aloud as all the people passed by, and the king crossed the brook Kidron, and all the people passed on toward the wilderness. And Abiathar came up, and behold, Zadok came also with all the Levites, bearing the ark of the covenant of God. And they set down the ark of God until the people had all passed out of the city. Then the king said to Zadok, “Carry the ark of God back into the city. If I find favor in the eyes of the Lord, He will bring me back and let me see both it and His dwelling place. But if He says, ‘I have no pleasure in you,’ behold, here I am, let Him do to me what seems good to Him.”

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Congregational Hymn—Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Guide me, O Thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this bar - ren land.
O - pen now the cry - stal foun-tain, whence the heal - ing stream doth flow;
 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my an - xious fears sub - side;

I am weak, but Thou art might - y; hold me with Thy power - ful hand.
Let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me all my jour - ney through.
 Death of deaths, and hell's de - struc - tion, land me safe on Can - aan's side.

Bread of Heav - en, Bread of Heav - en, feed me till I want no
Strong De - liv - 'rer, strong De - liv - 'rer, be Thou still my Strength and
 Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es, I will ev - er give to

More; (*want no more*) feed me till I want no more.
Shield; (Strength and Shield) be Thou still my Strength and Shield.
 Thee; (*give to Thee*) I will ev - er give to Thee.

Text: William Williams, 1745; Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1907.

Reading of the Word—Psalm 3:1–8

O Lord, how many are my foes!
Many are rising against me;
² many are saying of my soul,
“There is no salvation for him in God.” *Selah*

³ But You, O Lord, are a shield about me,
my glory, and the lifter of my head.
⁴ I cried aloud to the Lord,
and He answered me from His holy hill. *Selah*

⁵ I lay down and slept;
I woke again, for the Lord sustained me.
⁶ I will not be afraid of many thousands of people
who have set themselves against me all around.

⁷ Arise, O Lord!
Save me, O my God!
For You strike all my enemies on the cheek;
You break the teeth of the wicked.

⁸ Salvation belongs to the Lord;
Your blessing be on Your people! *Selah*

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Sung Response—How Sweet The Name Of Jesus Sounds, Vs. 3



Je - sus, the rock on which I build, my shield and hid - ing place,



My nev - er fail - ing trea - s'ry, filled with bound - less stores of grace!

Text: John Newton, 1779; Music: ST. PETER, Alexander R. Reinagle, 1836.

Sermon—So Secure You Can Sleep

—Assistant Pastor, Mike Fennema

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—Psalm 51:1-3, 7, 10-12

Pastor: Lord, we come confessing. Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your steadfast love; according to Your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

All: **Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!**

Pastor: For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

All: **Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.**

Pastor: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

All: **Cast me not away from Your presence, and take not Your Holy Spirit from me.**

Pastor: Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.

Assurance of Pardon—Ephesians 2:4-7; from Colossians 2:6-7

But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with Him and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages He might show the immeasurable riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

Pastor: This is the promise of God.

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

Pastor: Therefore, in the same way you received Christ Jesus as Lord, so continue to walk in Him.

All: **So then, we are rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith.**

Pastor: Therefore, let us abound in thanksgiving.

Sung Response—God Be Merciful To Me (Psalm 51), Vs. 1

God, be mer - ci - ful to me, on Thy grace I rest my plea;

Plen-teous in com - pas - sion Thou, blot out my trans - gres - sions now;

Wash me, make me pure with - in, cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.

The musical score is written in G minor (one flat) and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are placed below the vocal lines.

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 Psalm—I Lift My Eyes And See The Hills (Psalm 121)



I lift my eyes and see— the hills: from where will come my aid? —
He'll not al - low your foot to slip, nor rest while you— He keeps. —
The Lord will keep you, He's your shade, the Lord stands at— the right. —
The Lord will keep you from all harm; He'll keep your life— se - cure. —



My help comes from the Lord a - bove, who Heav'n and Earth has made. —
The one pre - serv - ing Is - ra - el, He slum - bers not, nor sleeps. —
The sun will do no harm to you, nor will— the moon at night. —
Your go - ing out and com - ing in the Lord— keeps ev - er - more. —

Text: Psalm 121:1-8, *The Book of Psalms for Worship*, Copyright © 2010 Crown and Covenant Publications;
Music: HOPE, D. Bruce Martin, 1920.

Congregational Hymn—Be Thou My Vision



Be Thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
Be Thou my wis - dom, and Thou my true word;
Be Thou my bat - tle - shield, sword for my fight;
Rich es I heed not, nor man's emp - ty praise,
High King of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,



Nought be all else to me, save that Thou art.
I ev - er with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Be Thou my dig - ni - ty, Thou my de - light,
Thou mine in - her - i - tance now and al - ways:
May I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!



Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Thou my great Fa - ther, I Thy true son;
Thou my soul's shel - ter, Thou my high tow'r:
Thou and Thou on - ly, first in my heart,
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



Wak - ing or sleep - ing, Thy pres - ence my light.
Thou in me dwell - ing, and I with Thee one.
Raise Thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
High King of heav - en, my trea - sure Thou art.
Still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Text: Ancient Irish Poem, Tr. Mary Byrne, 1905; Music: SLANE, Traditional Irish Melody.

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.

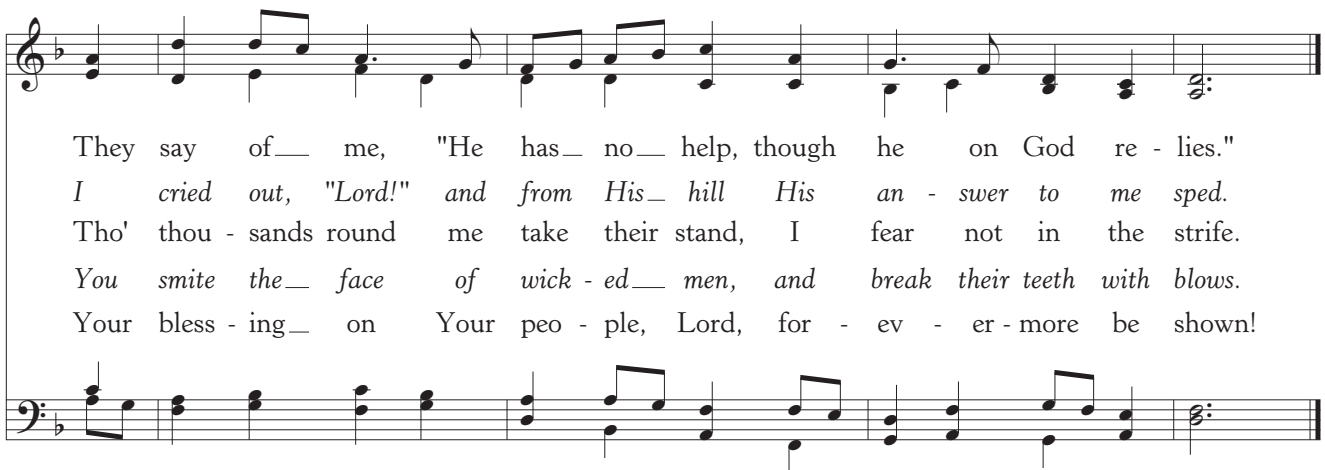
Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession—The Lord's Prayer

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 Psalm—O Lord, How Many Are My Foes (Psalm 3)



O Lord, how man - y are— my foes! A - gainst me man - y rise.
You are my shield and glo - ry, — Lord, the lift - er of my head.
I lay down, slept, and woke a - gain: the Lord sus - tains my life.
A - rise, O Lord, and save me, God! You pun - ish all my foes.
De - liv - 'rance to the Lord be - longs, sal - va - tion His a - lone!



They say of — me, "He has — no — help, though he on God re - lies."
I cried out, "Lord!" and from His — hill His an - swer to me sped.
Tho' thou - sands round me take their stand, I fear not in the strife.
You smite the — face of wick - ed — men, and break their teeth with blows.
Your bless - ing — on Your peo - ple, Lord, for - ev - er - more be shown!

Text: Psalm 3:1-8, *The Book of Psalms for Worship*, 2009, alt. 2018; Music: DETROIT, Ananias Davisson, *A Supplement to the Kentucky Harmony*, 1820, harm. Dale Grotenhuis, © 2009.

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. *Amen.*

Sung Response—Unto Christ Who Loved Us



Un-to Christ, who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood,
And has made us kings and priests un - to God and His Fa - ther:
Un-to Him be glo-ry and do-min-ion for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

CCLI #2844402 ©1936 Oxford University Press; Text: Revelation 1:5-6;
Music: UNTO HIM WHO LOVED US, Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1936.

Announcements

Worship Notes:

Since we were first planted, Parish has been a church that has prioritized singing the psalms. The section of our worship service called “God speaks to His people through His Word” always includes at least one psalm (this week it’s a setting of Psalm 149, which is also our Call to Worship), and often we’ll sing several more psalms throughout the morning (this week we also sing from Psalms 51 and 121). During the current sermon series on the first eight psalms, each week the closing musical piece of the morning will be the psalm that was preached earlier in the service. Psalm 3 has not been a text that we have sung many times at Parish, so the setting this week is not very familiar. “O Lord, How Many Are My Foes—Psalm 3” is taken from the *Trinity Psalter Hymnal*, a joint publication of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church and the United Reformed Churches in North America in 2018. The text is quite faithful to the psalm, with each four-bar phrase corresponding roughly to a verse in the original, expanding on verse 8 a bit to balance out the added length of verse 7. The editors of the hymnal chose to set this psalm to Ananias Davisson’s tune DETROIT. This melody from *The Kentucky Harmony*, one of the first shape note collections to be published south of the Mason-Dixon line, possesses qualities of both loneliness and firm determination which pair well with the sentiment David communicates in Psalm 3. Though it may take a little more work this week, because the words and music are new to us, I pray that singing God’s Word back to Him will drive the truths we have just heard preached deeper into our hearts. —Henry C. Haffner

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Keystone Verse: Salvation belongs to the Lord; Your blessing be on Your people! (Psalm 3:8)



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