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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Season of Epiphany

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The Father's will, to Jesus, was the only power that had a right to control the universe. That will did not represent sheer might that behoved to be obeyed; it represented all that was wise and holy and good. To resist was not only infinite madness, but infinite wickedness. —William Blaikie

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—John 6:40

Jesus said, “For this is the will of My Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in Him should have eternal life, and I will raise Him up on the last day.”

Sung Response—Come, Thou Fount Of Every Blessing, Vs. 1

Come, thou Fount of ev-'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace;

Streams of mer-cy, nev-er ceas-ing, call for songs of loud-est praise.

Teach me some me-lo-dious son-net, sung by flam-ing tongues a-bove;

Praise the mount! I'm fixed up-on it, mount of God's un-changing love.

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. It consists of four systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are placed between the two staves of each system. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

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

Call to Worship—Psalm 33:1, 8-12

Pastor: Shout for joy in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise befits the upright.

All: **Let all the earth fear the Lord; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him!**

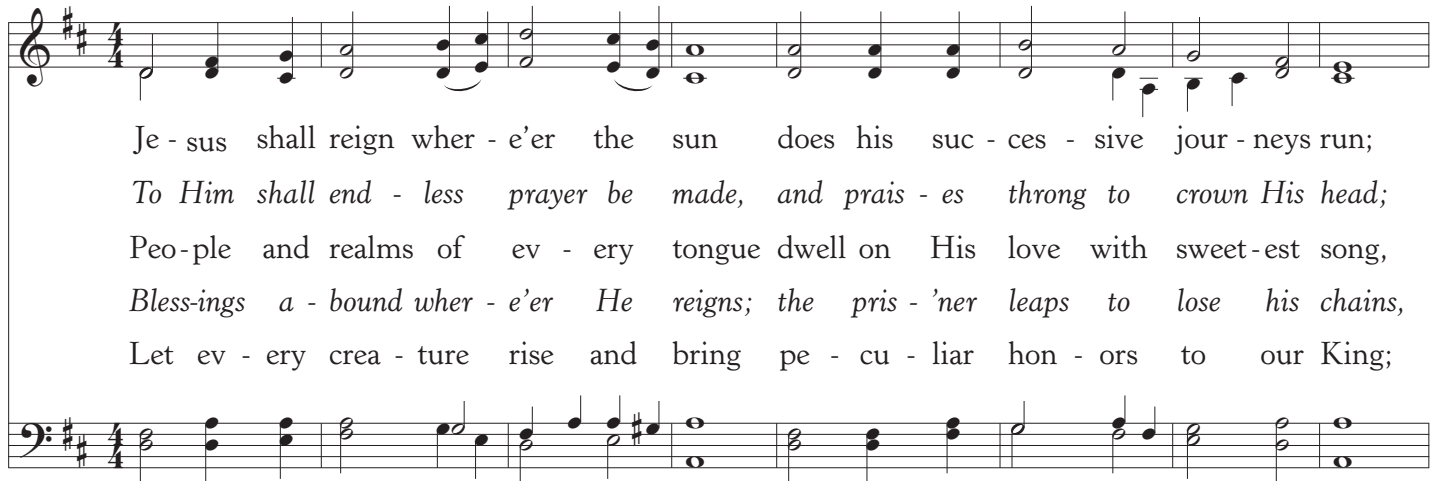
Reader 1: For He spoke, and it came to be; He commanded, and it stood firm.

Reader 2: The Lord brings the counsel of the nations to nothing; He frustrates the plans of the peoples.

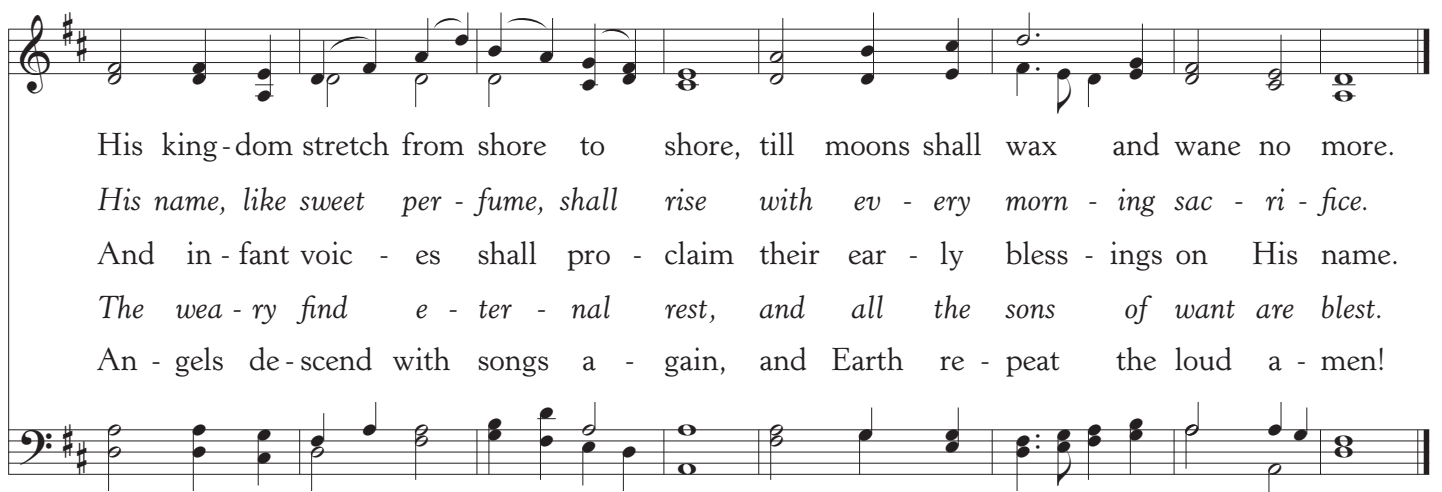
All: **The counsel of the Lord stands forever, the plans of His heart to all generations.**

Pastor: Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people whom He has chosen as His heritage!

Congregational Hymn—Jesus Shall Reign



Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does his suc - ces - sive jour - neys run;
To Him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es throng to crown His head;
Peo - ple and realms of ev - ery tongue dwell on His love with sweet - est song,
Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er He reigns; the pris - 'ner leaps to lose his chains,
Let ev - ery crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar hon - ors to our King;



His king - dom stretch from shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
His name, like sweet per - fume, shall rise with ev - ery morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
And in - fant voic - es shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on His name.
The wea - ry find e - ter - nal rest, and all the sons of want are blest.
An - gels de - scend with songs a - gain, and Earth re - peat the loud a - men!

Text: Isaac Watts, 1719; Music: DUKE STREET, John Hatton, 1793.

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—In Judah The Almighty's Known (Psalm 76)



In Ju - dah the Al - migh - ty's known, (Al - migh - ty there by_ won - ders shown,)
Those val - iant chiefs that came for spoil, them-selves met there a__ shame - ful foil;
From heav'n on high earth heard its doom; it stilled with fear, when You did come



His name is great in Is - ra - el; His house of prayer in__ Sa - lem stands;
Se - cure - ly down to sleep, they lay: they wake no more; their stout - est band
To save the hum-ble and the poor: The wrath of man shall yield You praise;



The maj - es - ty that heav'n com-ands in Zi - on con - de - scends to dwell.
Could not lift a re - sis - ting hand a - gainst the Lord up - on that day.
their last at - tempts but serve to raise the tri - umphs of our migh - ty Lord.



He broke the flash - ing ar - rows there, des - troyed their weap - ons, sword and spear,
When Ja - cob's God be - gan to frown, the horse and ri - ders o - ver - thrown
Vow to the Lord, you na - tions; bring your gifts to the e - te - rnal King;;



For slain the migh - ty ar - my lay; then Zi - on's fame on earth is spread,
To - ge - ther slept in end - less night. When You, whom earth and heav - en fear,
To Him due rev - 'rence you shall pay: the proud - est kings that here do dwell;



Of grea - ter glo - ry,__ grea - ter dread, than hills where li - ons take their prey.
Do once with wrath - ful__ look ap - pear, can mor - tals stand with - in Your sight?
And earth - ly ru - lers__ ter - ri - ble, will fear the Lord up - on His day.

Text: *A New Version of the Psalms of David*, 1696, alt. Henry C. Haffner, 2021;
Music: RODERICK, Henry C. Haffner, 2021.

Scripture Reading—Psalm 40:4-8

Blessed is the man who makes the Lord his trust, who does not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after a lie! You have multiplied, O Lord my God, Your wondrous deeds and Your thoughts toward us; none can compare with You! I will proclaim and tell of them, yet they are more than can be told. In sacrifice and offering You have not delighted, but You have given me an open ear. Burnt offering and sin offering You have not required. Then I said, “Behold, I have come; in the scroll of the book it is written of me: I delight to do your will, O my God; Your law is within my heart.”

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Congregational Psalm—God Be Merciful To Me (Psalm 51)

God, be mer - ci - ful to me, on Thy grace I rest my plea;
I am ev - il, born in sin; Thou de - sir - est truth with - in.
Gra - cious God, my heart re - new, make my spir - it right and true;
Sin - ners then shall learn from me and re - turn, O God, to Thee;

Plen - teous in com - pas - sion Thou, blot out my trans - gres - sions now;
Thou a - lone my Sav - ior art, teach Thy wis - dom to my heart;
Cast me not a - way from Thee, let Thy Spir - it dwell in me;
Sa - vior, all my guilt re - move, and my tongue shall sing Thy love;

Wash me, make me pure with - in, cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.
Make me pure, Thy grace be - stow, wash me whit - er than the snow.
Thy sal - va - tion's joy im - part, stead - fast make my will - ing heart.
Touch my si - lent lips, O Lord, and my mouth shall praise ac - cord.

Text: Psalm 51:1-2, 5-7, 10-15, *The Psalter*, 1912; Music: REDHEAD, Richard Redhead, 1853.

Reading of the Word—Hebrews 10:1-10

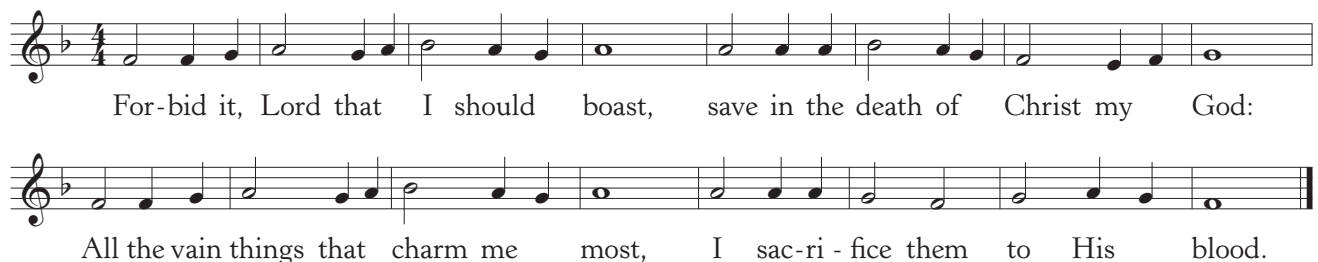
For since the law has but a shadow of the good things to come instead of the true form of these realities, it can never, by the same sacrifices that are continually offered every year, make perfect those who draw near. ² Otherwise, would they not have ceased to be offered, since the worshipers, having once been cleansed, would no longer have any consciousness of sins? ³ But in these sacrifices there is a reminder of sins every year. ⁴ For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins. ⁵ Consequently, when Christ came into the world, He said, “Sacrifices and offerings You have not desired, but a body have you prepared for Me; ⁶ in burnt offerings and sin offerings You have taken no pleasure. ⁷ Then I said, ‘Behold, I have come to do Your will, O God, as it is written of Me in the scroll of the book.’”

⁸ When He said above, “You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings” (these are offered according to the law), ⁹ then He added, “Behold, I have come to do Your will.” He does away with the first in order to establish the second. ¹⁰ And by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sung Response—When I Survey The Wondrous Cross, Vs. 2



For-bid it, Lord that I should boast, save in the death of Christ my God:
All the vain things that charm me most, I sac-ri - fice them to His blood.

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

Sermon—I Have Come To Do Your Will

—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 Psalm 40:11-13

Pastor: Lord, we come confessing. O Lord, do not restrain Your mercy from us! May Your steadfast love and Your faithfulness ever preserve us!

All: Evils have encompassed us beyond number.

Pastor: Be pleased, O Lord, to deliver us! O Lord, make haste to help us!

All: Our iniquities have overtaken us, and we cannot see; they are more than the hairs of our heads; our hearts fail us.

(Silent Prayers of Confession)

Sung Response—Kyrie

WOMEN

Lord have mer - cy ____ Christ have mer - cy ____

MEN

Lord have mer - cy ____ Christ have mer - cy ____

Lord have mer - cy ____ Up - on us.

Lord have mer - cy ____ Up - on us.

The image shows a musical score for a Kyrie. It consists of three systems of music. The first system is for 'WOMEN' and 'MEN'. The 'WOMEN' part is on a treble clef staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The 'MEN' part is on a bass clef staff with the same key signature and time signature. The lyrics for both parts are 'Lord have mer - cy ____ Christ have mer - cy ____'. The second system continues the 'WOMEN' part on the treble clef staff with the lyrics 'Lord have mer - cy ____ Up - on us.' and the 'MEN' part on the bass clef staff with the lyrics 'Lord have mer - cy ____ Up - on us.'.

Text: Traditional; Music: Nathan George & Henry C. Haffner, 2012.

Assurance of Pardon—Psalm 40:1-3; Matthew 28:19-20

I waited patiently for the Lord; He inclined to me and heard my cry. He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure. He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear, and they will put their trust in the Lord.

Pastor: This is the promise of God.

All: This is the Word of the Lord.

Pastor: Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

All: Thanks be to God, our refuge, our strength, and our redeemer.

Sung Response—Fivefold Amen

A - men, a - men. A - men, a - men, a - men.

The image shows a musical score for 'Fivefold Amen'. It consists of two systems of music. The first system is on a treble clef staff with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a common time signature (C). The lyrics are 'A - men, a - men. A - men, a - men, a - men.' The second system continues the music on the same staff.

Text: Traditional; Music: Traditional African-American Spiritual, arr. Nelsie T. Johnson, 1988.

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 Waited Patient For The Lord (Psalm 40)



I wait - ed pa - tient for the Lord, He bowed to hear my cry;
Firm on a rock He made me stand, and taught my cheer - ful tongue
How man - y are Thy thoughts of love! Thy mer - cies, Lord, how great!

He saw me rest - ing on His Word, and brought sal - va - tion nigh.
To praise the won - ders of His hand, in a new thank - ful song.
We have not words nor hours e - nough their num - bers to re - peat.

He raised me from a hor - rid pit, where mourn - ing long I lay,
I'll spread His works of grace a - broad; the saints with joy shall hear,
When I'm af - flict - ed, poor, and low, and light and peace de - part,

And from my bonds re - leased my feet, deep bonds of mir - y clay.
And sin - ners learn to make my God their on - ly hope and fear.
My God be - holds my hea - vy woe, and bears me on His heart.

Text: paraphrase of Psalm 40, Isaac Watts, 1719; Music: FINGAL, Irish Melody, arr. Gregory Wilbur & Jeremiah Small, 2008.

Congregational Hymn—There Is No Greater Portrait



There is no great - er por - trait of love and sac - ri - fice
He ran the race be - fore Him though it was filled with pain,
The Son of Man was lift - ed be - fore cre - a - tion's eyes;
O Sav - ior, let this sin - ner be ran - somed by the flood

Than Je - sus leav - ing glo - ry and lay - ing down His life.
And walked the road to glo - ry in a - go - ny and shame.
Was mocked and scorned by sol - diers, by kings and priests de - spised.
Of mer - cy and for - give - ness a - bun - dant in Your blood.

When I look on the suf - fer - ings my Sav - ior chose to bear,
Then for the joy be - fore Him, He chose to bear the cross,
But now the Son is ris - en, as - cend - ed to the skies.
O Lord, be my sal - va - tion, Your Ho - ly Spir - it send

It fills my heart with sor - row to think I put Him there.
Pur - sued His Fa - ther's plea - sure and count - ed all else loss.
By an - gels He is wor - shipped; by na - tions glor - i - fied.
To change my heart and cause me to love You to the end.

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.

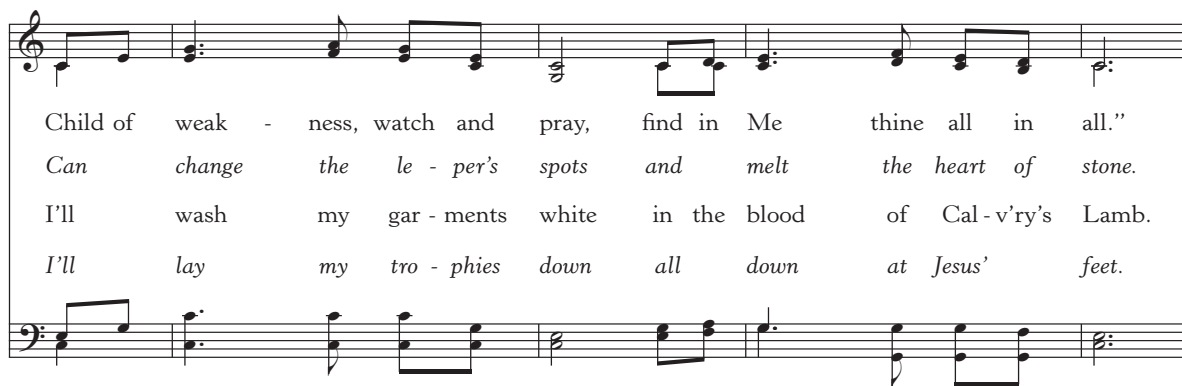
Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession—The Lord's Prayer

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—Jesus Paid It All



I hear the Sav - ior say, "Thy strength in - deed is small;
Lord, now in - deed I find Thy power and Thine a - lone,
For noth - ing good have I where - by Thy grace to claim,
And when be - fore the throne I stand in Him com - plete,

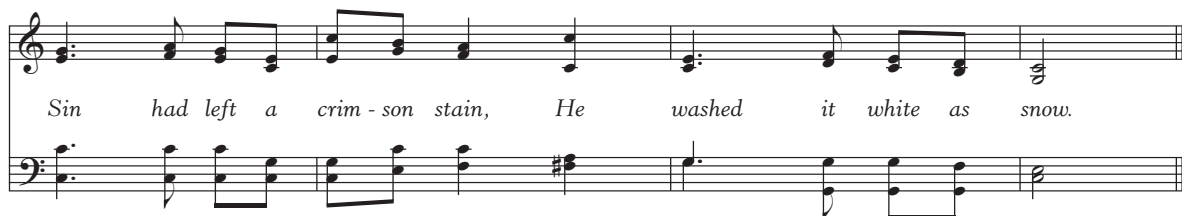


Child of weak - ness, watch and pray, find in Me thine all in all."
Can change the le - per's spots and melt the heart of stone.
I'll wash my gar - ments white in the blood of Cal - v'ry's Lamb.
I'll lay my tro - phies down all down at Jesus' feet.

Refrain



Je - sus paid it all, all to Him I owe;



Sin had left a crim - son stain, He washed it white as snow.

Text: Elvina M. Hall, 1865; Music: ALL TO CHRIST, John T. Grape, 1865.

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—1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it. *Amen.*

Sung Response—Doxology

Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; praise Him, all crea - tures here be - low;

praise Him a - bove ye heav'n-ly host: Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1674; Music: OLD 100TH, Louis Bourgeois, 1551.

Announcements

Worship Notes:

Some weeks, each hymn or psalm that we sing in the service has a particular theme or even a particular word in common. For example, the last two weeks each hymn in the service had some reference to Jesus' blood and Jesus' sacrificial death, respectively. This week, the hymns and psalms are more varied, each responding to the elements in the service that precede them. We are called into worship by Psalm 33, which calls the whole earth to "stand in awe" of the Lord who "brings the counsel of the nations to nothing." We respond with *Jesus Shall Reign* and *In Judah The Almighty's Known—Psalm 76*, two pieces proclaiming Christ's kingship over the whole earth ("from shore to shore") and that all nations and rulers will pay Him "due reverence." Following the Scripture reading in which the psalmist declares, "Your law is within my heart," we sing *God Be Merciful To Me—Psalm 51*, asking the Lord, "teach Thy wisdom to my heart." We sing *I Waited Patient—Psalm 40* during communion, having read from that same psalm three times previously in the service. The final two hymns, *There Is No Greater Portrait* and *Jesus Paid It All* both reflect on the Hebrews 10 passage that we've just heard preached. Since "we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ," we can truly say, "mercy and forgiveness [are] abundant in Your blood." Because Jesus was offered up "once for all," we can sing "all to Him I owe." —Henry C. Haffner

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Keystone Verse: By that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. (Hebrews 10:10)



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