



SERVICE OF CELEBRATION AND COVENANT RENEWAL

Season of Ordinary Time
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Quote for Reflection

On the system of “Do this and live,” no peace, and even no true obedience, can ever be attained. It is “Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved.” When this belief enters the heart, joy and confidence enter along with it. The righteousness we try to work out for ourselves eludes our impotent grasp, and never can a soul arrive at a true and permanent rest in the pursuit of this object. —Thomas Chalmers

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 1:18

The word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Introit—O Worship The King, Vs. 1

O wor-ship the King, all glor-ious a - bove, O grate-ful-ly sing His pow'r and His love;

Our shield and de-fend-er, the An-cient of Days, pa-vil-ioned in splen-dor, and gird - ed with praise.

The image shows a musical score for the Introit 'O Worship The King, Vs. 1'. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are: 'O wor-ship the King, all glor-ious a - bove, O grate-ful-ly sing His pow'r and His love;' and 'Our shield and de-fend-er, the An-cient of Days, pa-vil-ioned in splen-dor, and gird - ed with praise.'

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

Call to Worship—based on Psalm 111:2,7,10

Pastor: The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

All: Praise the Lord! We will give thanks to the Lord with our whole hearts.

Reader 1: Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who delight in them. Full of splendor and majesty is His work, and His righteousness endures forever. He has shown His people the power of His works.

Reader 2: The works of His hands are faithful and just; all His precepts are trustworthy; they are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.

All: He has established His covenant forever.

Pastor: Holy and awesome is His name!

Hymn of Praise—Christ Is Made The Sure Foundation

Christ is made the sure found - a - tion, Christ the head and cor - ner - stone;
To this tem - ple, where we call Thee, come, O Lord of Hosts, to - day;
Here vouch - safe to all Thy ser - vants as they ask of Thee to gain;

Chos - en of the Lord, and pre - cious, bind - ing all the Church in one,
With Thy want - ed lov - ing - kind - ness hear Thy ser - vants as they pray.
What they gain from Thee for - ev - er and Thy bles - sèd rest re - tain,

Ho - ly Zi - on's help for - ev - er, and her con - fi - dence a - lone.
And Thy full - est be - ne - dic - tion shed with - in its walls al - way.
And here - af - ter in Thy glor - y ev - er - more with Thee to reign.

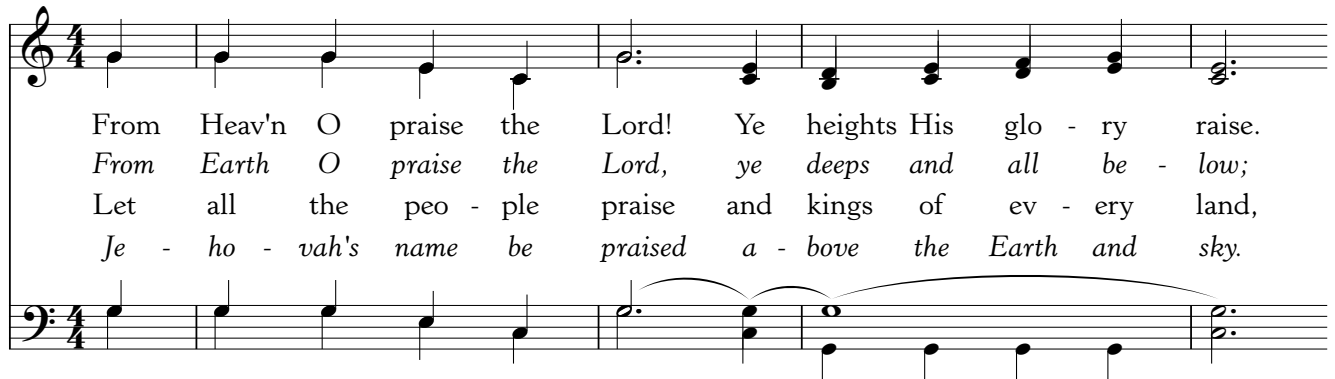
The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). It consists of three systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a bass line (bass clef). The lyrics are placed between the vocal and bass lines of each system.

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Music: REGENT SQUARE, Henry Smart, 1867.

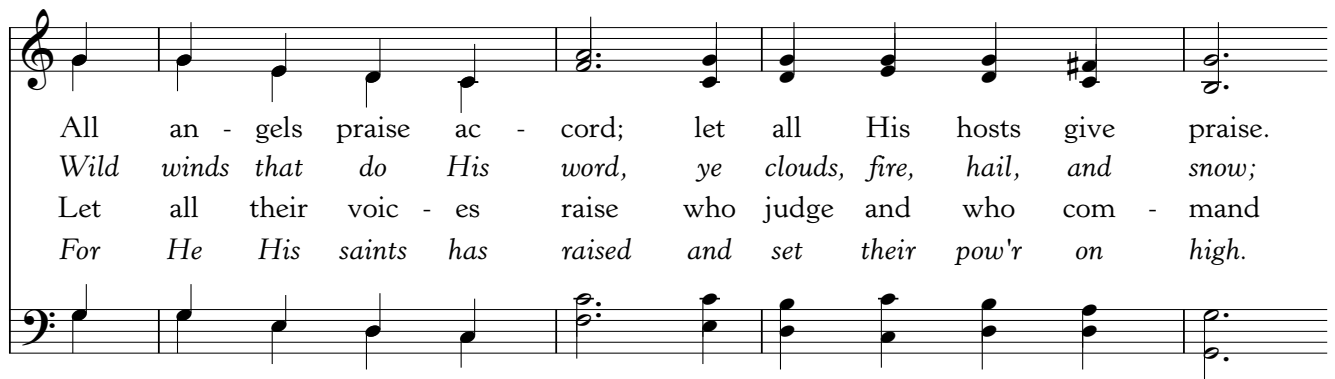
GOD SPEAKS TO HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

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.

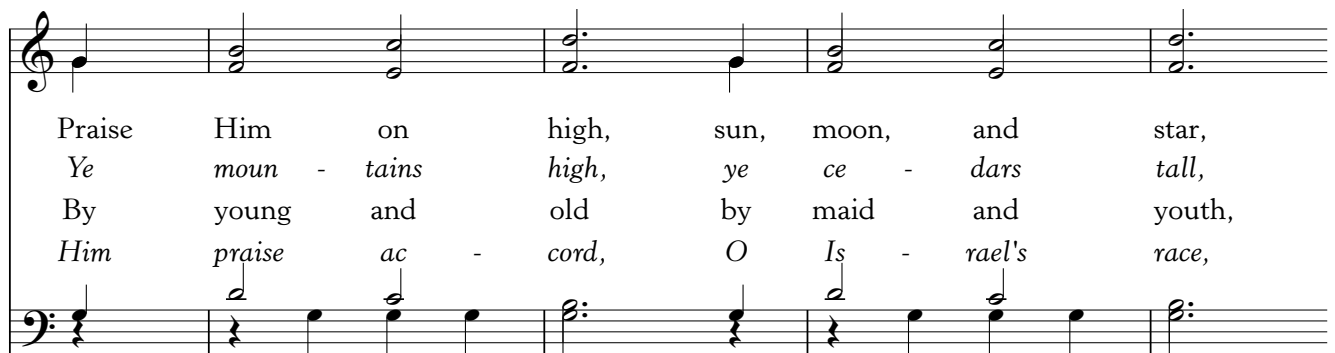
Psalm of Praise—From Heav'n O Praise The Lord (Psalm 148)



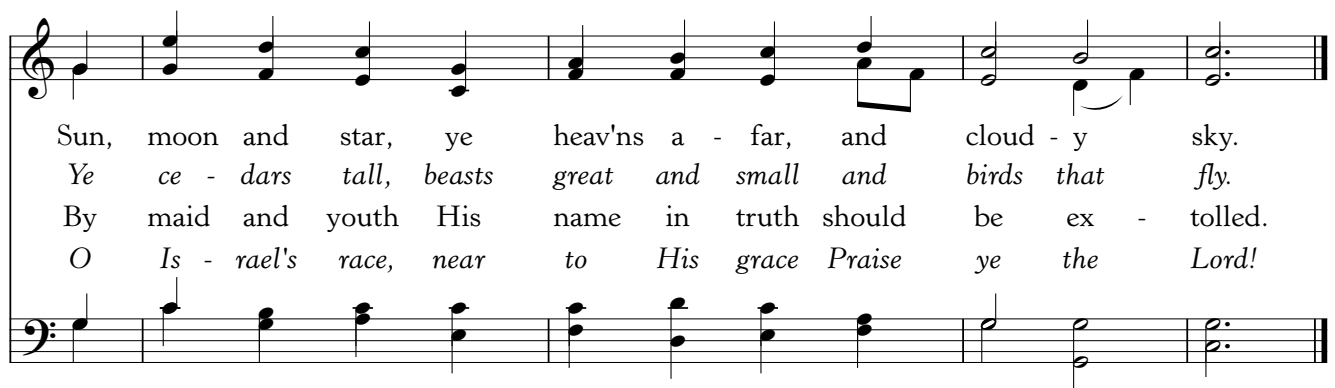
From Heav'n O praise the Lord! Ye heights His glo - ry raise.
From Earth O praise the Lord, ye deeps and all be - low;
Let all the peo - ple praise and kings of ev - ery land,
Je - ho - vah's name be praised a - bove the Earth and sky.



All an - gels praise ac - cord; let all His hosts give praise.
Wild winds that do His word, ye clouds, fire, hail, and snow;
Let all their voic - es raise who judge and who com - mand
For He His saints has raised and set their pow'r on high.



Praise Him on high, sun, moon, and star,
Ye moun - tains high, ye ce - dars tall,
By young and old by maid and youth,
Him praise ac - cord, O Is - rael's race,



Sun, moon and star, ye heav'ns a - far, and cloud - y sky.
Ye ce - dars tall, beasts great and small and birds that fly.
By maid and youth His name in truth should be ex - tolled.
O Is - rael's race, near to His grace Praise ye the Lord!

Text: *The Book of Psalms for Singing*, Copyright © 1973 Crown and Covenant Publications;
Music: St. Catherines, Horatio R. Palmer.

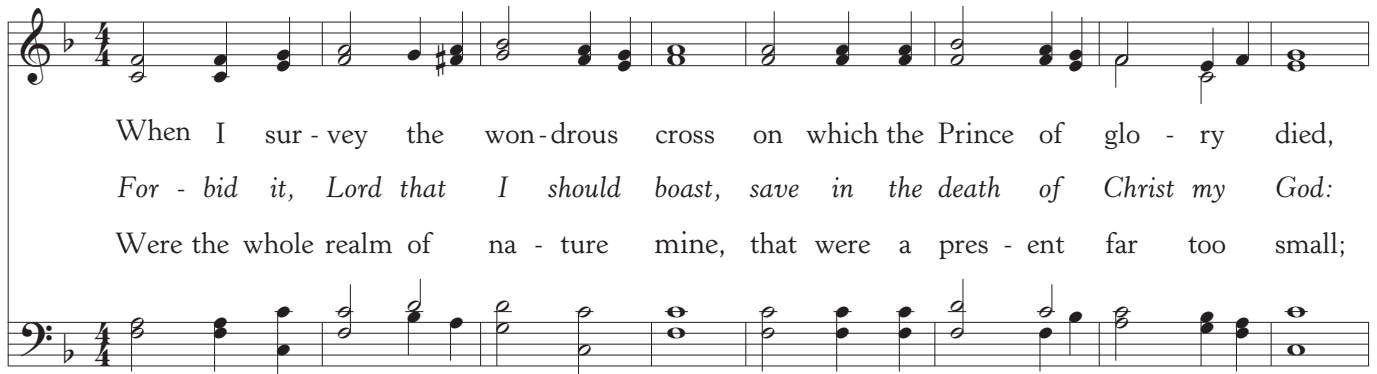
Scripture Reading—1 Corinthians 1:19-25

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm of Praise—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:
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.
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—Galatians 1:11-2:14

For I would have you know, brothers, that the gospel that was preached by me is not man's gospel. ¹²For I did not receive it from any man, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ. ¹³For you have heard of my former life in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God violently and tried to destroy it. ¹⁴And I was advancing in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people, so extremely zealous was I for the traditions of my fathers. ¹⁵But when He who had set me apart before I was born, and who called me by His grace, ¹⁶was pleased to reveal His Son to me, in order that I might preach Him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately consult with anyone; ¹⁷nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me, but I went away into Arabia, and returned again to Damascus. ¹⁸Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas and remained with him fifteen days. ¹⁹But I saw none of the other apostles except James the Lord's brother. ²⁰(In what I am writing to you, before God, I do not lie!) ²¹Then I went into the regions of Syria and Cilicia. ²²And I was still unknown in person to the churches of Judea that are in Christ. ²³They only were hearing it said, "He who used to persecute us is now preaching the faith he once tried to destroy." ²⁴And they glorified God because of me.

^{2:1} Then after fourteen years I went up again to Jerusalem with Barnabas, taking Titus along with me. ² I went up because of a revelation and set before them (though privately before those who seemed influential) the gospel that I proclaim among the Gentiles, in order to make sure I was not running or had not run in vain. ³ But even Titus, who was with me, was not forced to be circumcised, though he was a Greek. ⁴ Yet because of false brothers secretly brought in—who slipped in to spy out our freedom that we have in Christ Jesus, so that they might bring us into slavery—⁵ to them we did not yield in submission even for a moment, so that the truth of the gospel might be preserved for you. ⁶ And from those who seemed to be influential (what they were makes no difference to me; God shows no partiality)—those, I say, who seemed influential added nothing to me. ⁷ On the contrary, when they saw that I had been entrusted with the gospel to the uncircumcised, just as Peter had been entrusted with the gospel to the circumcised ⁸ (for He who worked through Peter for His apostolic ministry to the circumcised worked also through me for mine to the Gentiles), ⁹ and when James and Cephas and John, who seemed to be pillars, perceived the grace that was given to me, they gave the right hand of fellowship to Barnabas and me, that we should go to the Gentiles and they to the circumcised. ¹⁰ Only, they asked us to remember the poor, the very thing I was eager to do. ¹¹ But when Cephas came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he stood condemned. ¹² For before certain men came from James, he was eating with the Gentiles; but when they came, he drew back and separated himself, fearing the circumcision party. ¹³ And the rest of the Jews acted hypocritically along with him, so that even Barnabas was led astray by their hypocrisy. ¹⁴ But when I saw that their conduct was not in step with the truth of the gospel, I said to Cephas before them all, “If you, though a Jew, live like a Gentile and not like a Jew, how can you force the Gentiles to live like Jews?”

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

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.

Sermon—*In Step with the Truth*

—Pastor, George Grant

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 Isaiah 53:6-7; 12

Pastor: Lord, we come confessing. All we like sheep have gone astray.

All: We have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

Pastor: He was oppressed, and He was afflicted, yet He opened not His mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so He opened not His mouth.

All: He poured out His soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors.

Pastor: Yet He bore the sin of many and makes intercession for sinners.

(Silent prayers of confession)

Assurance of Pardon—Romans 8:1-3, 15

There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, He condemned sin in the flesh. For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!"

Pastor: This is the promise of God.

All: This is the Word of the Lord.

Pastor: For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God and are justified by His grace as a gift through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.

All: Amen.

Sung Response—Jesus, Lover Of My Soul, Vs. 3



Thou, O Christ, art all I want; more than all in Thee I find:



Raise the fall - en, cheer the faint, heal the sick, and lead the blind.



Just and ho - ly is Thy name; I am all un - righ - teous - ness;



False and full of sin I am, Thou art full of truth and grace.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1740; Music: Martyn, Simeon B. Marsh, 1834.

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:

WOMEN

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of pow'r and might

MEN

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of pow'r and might Hea-ven and Earth are

Hea-ven and Earth are full of Your glo-ry, Ho-san-na in the high-est.

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Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the

Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hos-

Lord. Hos-san-na, Hos-san-na, Hos-san-na in the high-est.

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Text: Traditional, based on Isaiah 6:3, Matthew 21:9; Music: CLOVERCROFT SANCTUS, Henry C. Haffner, 2019.

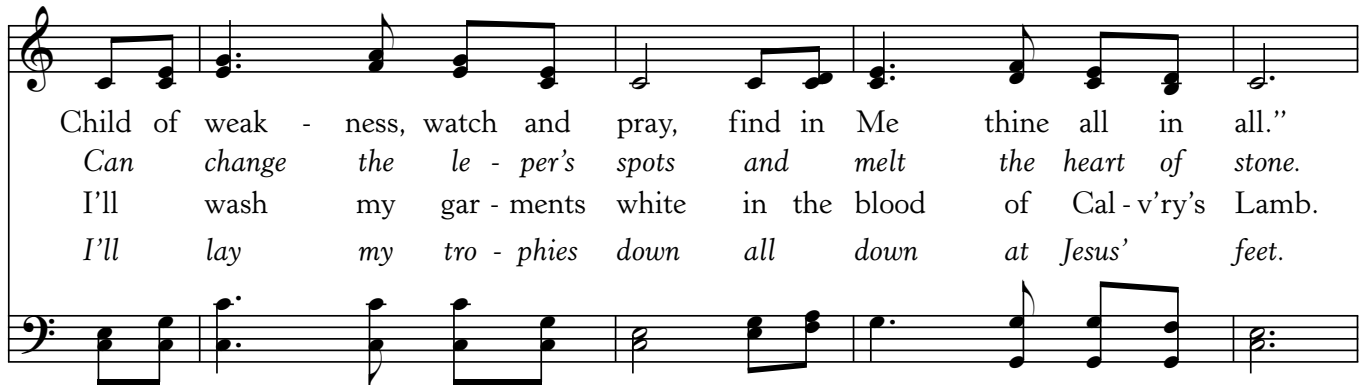
WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND THE LORD'S TABLE

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 at the table nearest you. The outer ring of the tray of cups is grape juice; the inner ring is wine.

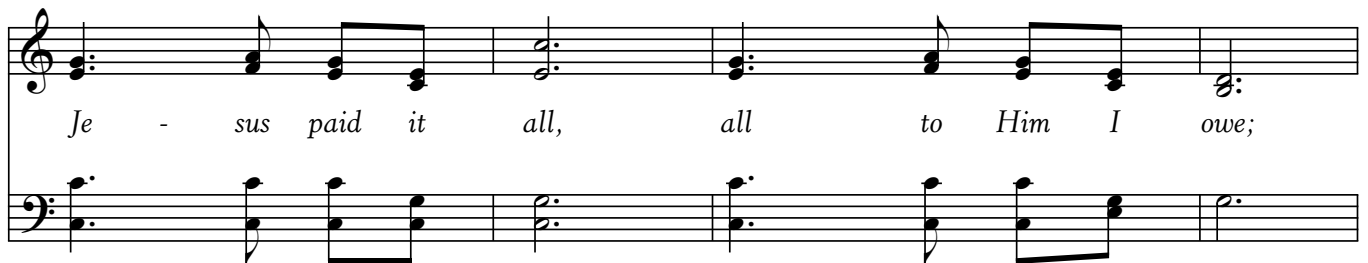
Hymn of Communion—Jesus Paid It All



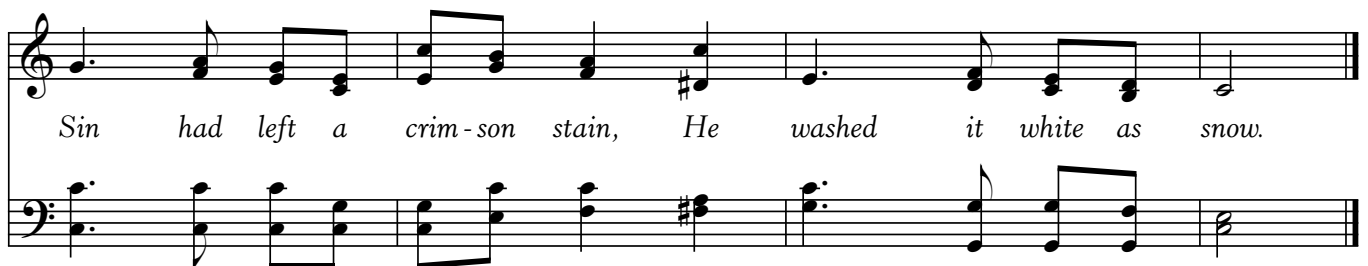
I hear the Sav - ior say, "Thy strength in - deed is small;
Lord, now in - deed I find Thy power and Thine a - lone,
For noth - ing good have I where - by Thy grace to claim,
And when be - fore the throne I stand in Him com - plete,



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.



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: John T. Grape, 1865.

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.

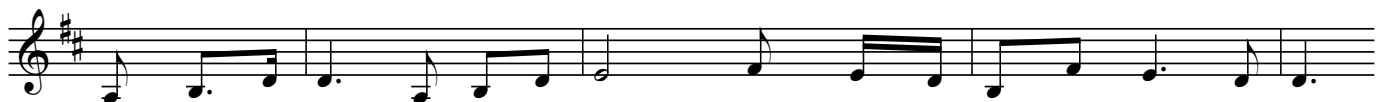
Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession—The Lord's Prayer

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—In Christ Alone



In Christ a - lone my hope is found; He is my light, my strength, my song;
In Christ a - lone, Who took on flesh, Full-ness of God in help - less babe!
There in the ground His bod - y lay, Light of the world by dark - ness slain;
No guilt in life, no fear in death— This is the pow'r of Christ in me;



This cor - ner-stone, this so - lid ground, Firm through the fierc - est drought and storm.
This gift of love and right-eous-ness, Scorned by the ones He came to save.
Then burst - ing forth in glor - ious day, Up from the grave He rose a - gain!
From life's first cry to fi - nal breath, Je - sus com - mands my des - ti - ny.



What heights of love, what depths of peace, When fears are stilled, when striv - ings cease!
Till on that cross as Jes - us died, The wrath of God was sat - is - fied;
And as He stands in vic - to - ry, Sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, Can ev - er pluck me from His hand;



My com - fort - er, my all in all— Here in the love of Christ I stand.
For ev' - ry sin on Him was laid— Here in the death of Christ I live.
For I am His and He is mine— Bought with the prec - ious blood of Christ.
Till He re - turns or calls me home— Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

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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 8:16-17

The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs—
heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ. Go forth in His hope. *Amen.*

Sung Response—Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here be low;
Praise Him above ye heav'nly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. A - men.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1709; Music: OLD 100TH, Louis Bourgeois's *Genevan Psalter*, 1551.

Announcements

Worship Notes:

Several times the past two weeks, we have heard the book of Galatians described as a “one stringed harp,” a letter with a single-minded focus on the gospel of Christ. You’ll find a similar single-mindedness in the hymns we sing this morning: just as Paul’s narrative of his own conversion and ministry puts Christ front and center, each of our hymns does as well. Christ is the foundation which binds us all together, and our confidence alone (*Christ Is Made The Sure Foundation*). We boast in nothing except the death of Christ (*When I Survey The Wondrous Cross*). Christ is all we want, in Him we find “more than all” (*Jesus, Lover Of My Soul*) and our “all in all” (*Jesus Paid It All*). He is our light, our strength and our song, and we stand in His love and power (*In Christ Alone*). At the center of the service, just before the sermon, we pray in song that Christ would be with, within, behind, above, and all around us (*Christ Be With Me*). The music for this Sunday may include more repeated words and phrases (“Christ,” “alone,” “all”) than we are used to, but I hope that singing these hymns will remind us to never waver from our focus on Christ. —Henry C. Haffner

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Keystone Verse: Their conduct was not in step with the truth of the Gospel. (Galatians 2:14)



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