

"Whereas once Christ himself was held by death's grip,  
now not only has he been set free from it  
but he also has the power to determine who else will be thus liberated."

G. K. Beale

"Thus says Yahweh, the King of Israel,  
and his Redeemer, Yahweh of hosts:  
'I am the first and I am the last; besides me there is no god.'"

Isaiah 44:6



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**CALL TO WORSHIP • Isaiah 60:1**

Arise, shine, for your light has come,  
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.

# Rejoice, The Lord Is King

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Tenor

8 Re - joice the Lord is King: your Lord and King a -  
Je - sus the sav - ior reigns, the God of truth and  
His king - dom can - not fail, he rules o'er earth and  
He sits at God's right hand till all his foes sub -  
4 Re - joice in glo - rious hope! Our Lord the Judge shall  
8 dore! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing and tri - umph ev - er -  
love; when he had purged our stains, he took his seat a -  
heav'n; the keys of death and hell are to our Je - sus  
mit, and bow to his com - mand, and fall be - neath his  
8 come, and take his ser - vants up to their e - ter - nal  
more. Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Re - joice, a - gain I  
bove.  
giv'n.  
feet.  
home.  
13  
8 say re - - - - joice!

## **PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

He is risen!

*He is risen indeed!*

Let us pray...

## **CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN • Hebrews 7:23-25**

The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office, but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. Consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he lives always to make intercession for them.

## **CONFESSION OF SIN**

*Holy Trinity, God of love, our Creator and Redeemer; we are living paradoxes. Even though you made us in your image, we distort the reflection of your glory in our self-love. Even though you grant us every good gift—including the gift of our very selves—we refuse to accept your generosity in our demand to be self-made. In our sin we have violated your reality, and yet we have convinced ourselves that we have done no such thing. In reaching out to seize life apart from you, we have lost everything. But our betrayal could not stop your love. You came into the world in the person of your Son to seek and to save the lost. Save us from ourselves, and help us to find ourselves in the Beloved, forgiven and accepted. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.*

(Silent confession)

## **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS • Hebrews 7:26-27**

For it was indeed fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, innocent, unstained, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. He has no need, like those high priests, to offer sacrifices daily, first for his own sins and then for those of the people, since he did this once for all when he offered up himself.

May the peace of Christ be with you.

*And also with you!*

## **OFFERING • Luke 6:38**

*"Give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you."*

## **DOXOLOGY**

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow!*

*Praise him, all creatures here below!*

*Praise him above, ye heavenly host!*

*Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! Amen.*

## **OLD TESTAMENT READING • Daniel 7:9-14**

The Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God!*

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

The Lord be with you.

*And also with you.*

Let us pray...

Almighty God who is from everlasting to everlasting, grant us, amidst the conflicts of this world, the comfort of a perfect trust in you.

From pride and selfishness, greed and anger, spring passions that lead to war among brothers and sisters in Christ, as well as war among nations:

*Save and help us, O Lord.*

For all who are afflicted by war within themselves, by the conflicts of doubt, a rebellious will, and the darkness of despair:

*Save and help us, O Lord.*

For all who suffer in body and circumstance, the sick, the poor, and the prisoner, that they would be touched by your compassion in their time of need:

*Save and help us, O Lord.*

And now as our Savior taught us, we pray:

*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.*

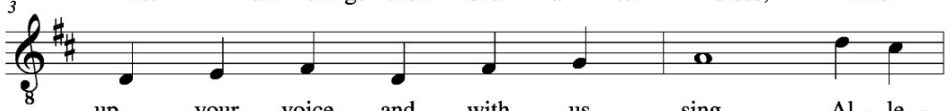
*For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.*

# All Creatures Of Our God And King

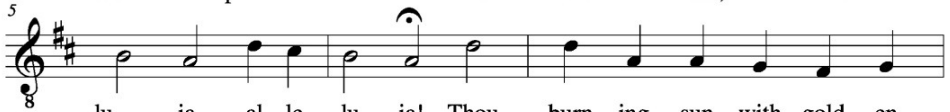
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All crea - tures of our God and King, lift  
Thou rush - ing wind that art so strong, ye  
Thou flow - ing wat - er pure and clear, make  
And all ye men of ten - der heart, For -  
Let all things their Cre - a - tor bless, And



up your voice and with us sing Al - le -  
clouds that sail in heav'n a - long, O  
mu - sic for thy Lord to hear, Al - le -  
giv - ing oth - ers, take your part, O  
wor - ship Him in hum - ble - ness, O



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Thou burn - ing sun with gold - en  
praise Him, al - le - lu - ia! Thou ris - ing morn in praise re -  
lu - ia! al - le - lu - ia! Thou fire so mas - ter - ful and  
sing ye! Al - le - lu - ia! Ye who long pain and sor - row  
praise Him! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise, praise the Fath - er, praise the



beam, thou sil - ver moon with soft - er gleam, O  
joice, Ye lights of eve - ning find a voice,  
bright, That giv - est man both warmth and light,  
bear, Praise God and on Him cast your care!  
Son, And praise the Spir - it, Three in One!



praise Him, O praise Him, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

## In Christ Alone

Text & Music: Keith Getty & Stuart Townsend • ©2001 Thankyou Music

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'In Christ Alone'. It consists of ten staves of music in a 3/4 time signature with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words hyphenated across lines. The score includes a treble clef, a key signature of one flat, and a 3/4 time signature. The lyrics are: In Christ a - lone my hope is found, He is my In Christ a - lone, who took on flesh, ful - ness of There in the ground His bo - dy lay, light of the light, my strength, — my song; — This Cor - ner - God in help - less babe! — This gift of world by dark - ness slain: — Then burst - ing stone, this so - lid ground. firm through the love and right - eous - ness, scorned by the forth in glor - ious day up from the fier - cest drought — and storm. — What heights of ones he came — to save: — 'Till on that grave He rose — a - gain! — And as He love, what depths of peace — when fears are cross as Je - sus died, — the wrath of stands in vic - to - ry — sin's curse has stilled, when striv - ings cease! My com - fort - er, my all in God was sa - tis - fied. — For ev - 'ry sin on Him was lost its grip on me, — for I am His and He is all, here in the love of Christ — I stand. laid; here in the death of Christ — I live. mine, bought with the pre - cious blood — of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow'r of Christ in me;  
from life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.  
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from his hand;  
'till he returns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand!

## NEW TESTAMENT READING • Revelation 1:9-20

I, John, your brother and partner in the tribulation and the kingdom and the patient endurance that are in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos on account of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. <sup>10</sup> I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet <sup>11</sup> saying, "Write what you see in a book and send it to the seven churches, to Ephesus and to Smyrna and to Pergamum and to Thyatira and to Sardis and to Philadelphia and to Laodicea."

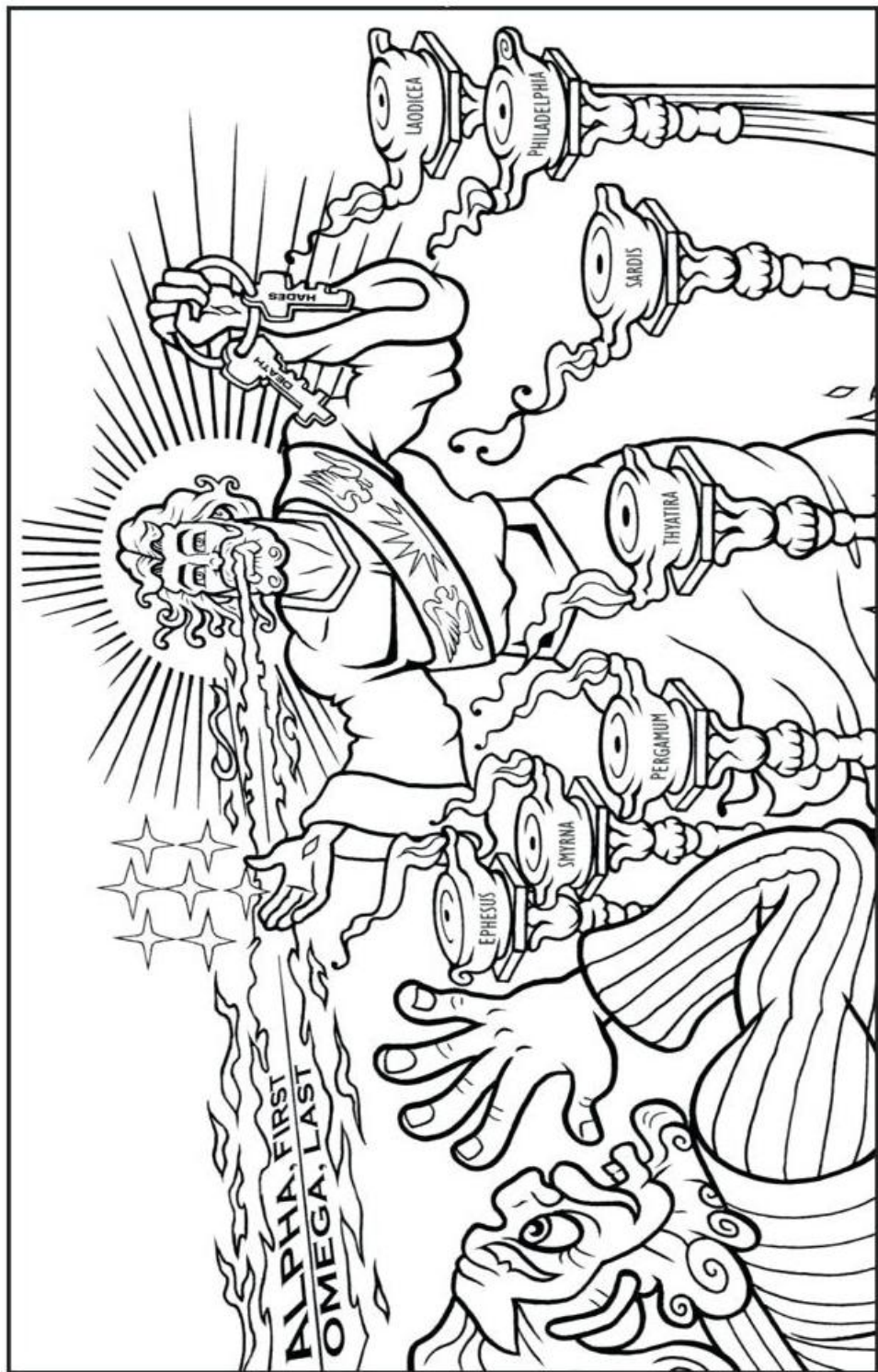
<sup>12</sup> Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands, <sup>13</sup> and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash around his chest. <sup>14</sup> The hairs of his head were white, like white wool, like snow. His eyes were like a flame of fire, <sup>15</sup> his feet were like burnished bronze, refined in a furnace, and his voice was like the roar of many waters. <sup>16</sup> In his right hand he held seven stars, from his mouth came a sharp two-edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining in full strength.

<sup>17</sup> When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, "Fear not, I am the first and the last, <sup>18</sup> and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades. <sup>19</sup> Write therefore the things that you have seen, those that are and those that are to take place after this. <sup>20</sup> As for the mystery of the seven stars that you saw in my right hand, and the seven golden lampstands, the seven stars are the angels of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands are the seven churches.

The Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God!*

**SERMON • "The Lord of the Lampstands" (Rev. Eric Costa)**







THE UPPER ROOM



**CONFESSION OF FAITH (Jn. 20:28; Rom. 10:9; 1 Cor. 12:3; Eph. 4:5; Phil. 2:6-11)**

What does God the Father want you to know and trust?

*Jesus Christ is Lord!*

What does God the Spirit enable you to confess and proclaim?

*Jesus Christ is Lord!*

What is the grace and truth of the revelation of God?

*Jesus Christ is Lord!*

Who is the Lord of your life?

*Jesus Christ is Lord!*

Who is the Lord of the church?

*Jesus Christ is Lord!*

Who is the Lord of heaven and earth whose reign endures forever?

*Jesus Christ is Lord, and there is no other! Amen.*

**PASSING OF THE PEACE • Colossians 3:15**

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful.

(Greet one another with the words, “*The peace of Christ be with you.*”)

**INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE AND PRAYER**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION • 1 Corinthians 11:23-26**

**THE MYSTERIUM FIDEI • 1 Corinthians 11:26; 5:7-8**

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

*Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.*

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

*Therefore let us keep the feast.*

The gifts of God for the people of God.

**GIVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP**

(All who confess faith in Jesus Christ may partake of this Sacrament: baptized members of a congregation that proclaims the Gospel, who are at peace with God and with their brothers and sisters in Christ, and who seek God’s grace to live more faithfully for him in this world. Please come forward after the musicians. The glasses on your right contain grape juice for those who do not want wine. There are gluten-free crackers on the table. An Elder is available for prayer upon request [James 5:13-16].)

# What Wondrous Love Is This

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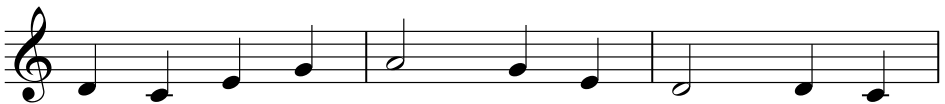
1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my  
2 When I was sin-king down, sin-king down, sin-king  
3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will  
4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing



soul, what won-drous love is this, O my soul! What  
down, when I was sin-king down, sin-king down;— when  
sing, to God and to the Lamb I will sing!— To  
on, and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on!— And



won-drous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss to  
I was sin-king down be - neath God's right eous frown, Christ  
God and to the Lamb, who is the great "I AM," while  
when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joy - ful be, and



bear the dread - ful curse for my soul, for my  
laid a - side his crown for my soul, for my  
mil - lions join the theme, I will sing, I will  
through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on, I'll sing



soul, to bear the dread-ful curse for my soul!  
soul, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul!  
sing, while mil lions join the theme, I will sing.  
on, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

# Abide With Me

Text: Henry Lyte • Music: Justin Smith • ©2007 Justin Smith Music

Tenor

The musical score is written for a Tenor voice part. It consists of five staves of music. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The music is written in a treble clef with a soprano C-clef (C4). The lyrics are written below the notes. The score includes a '3' above the second staff and a '6' above the third staff, likely indicating measure numbers. The lyrics are: 'A - bide with me; fastfallthe e - ven - Thou on my head,in ear - ly youth didst tide; The dark - ness deepens; Lordwith me a - smile; And, though re - bel - lious, - and per - verse mean - bide. When oth - er help - ers, fail and com - forts while, Thou hast not left me, oft as I left flee, help of the help - less, a - bide with me. Thee, on to the close Lord, a - bide with me.'

A - bide with me; fastfallthe e - ven -  
Thou on my head,in ear - ly youth didst  
tide; The dark - ness deepens; Lordwith me a -  
smile; And, though re - bel - lious, - and per - verse mean -  
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while, Thou hast not left me, oft as I left  
flee, help of the help - less, a - bide with me.  
Thee, on to the close Lord, a - bide with me.

I need thy presence every passing hour.  
What but thy grace can foil the tempter's power?  
Who, like thyself, my guide and stay can be?  
Through cloud and sunshine, abide with me.

I fear no foe with thee at hand to bless;  
ills have no weight, tears lose their bitterness.  
Where is thy sting death? Where grave thy victory?  
I triumph still, abide with me.

Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes;  
shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.  
Heav'n's morning breaks and earth's vain shadows flee;  
In life and death, Lord, abide with me.

## BENEDICTION • 1 Thessalonians 3:12

May the Lord make you increase and abound  
in love for one another and for all.

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*Every gathering is an opportunity to invite friends,  
to introduce others to the Christ-centered community and life of the church!*

**After Worship** • Please stay a while for coffee and conversation! Around 11:45am we will begin Sunday School classes for the children in the sanctuary, and Sermon Discussion for the adults in the fellowship hall. (Infants and toddlers are welcome to join the adults in Sermon Discussion.)

**Presbytery** • This Thursday and Friday in Corvallis is the quarterly meeting of the Pacific Northwest Presbytery, when PCA pastors and elders from Washington, Oregon, Idaho, and Alaska meet for worship, fellowship, and the work of the regional church. Please pray for us, that we would faithfully serve one another and the churches in the love of Christ.

**Athanasius Discussion Group** • 6pm - 7:30pm Tuesdays, beginning January 28 at the Stevensons' home (5885 NE Tunbridge Street, Hillsboro). Rob and Joanna will host a 10-week series of discussions of Athanasius' fourth-century classic, *On The Incarnation*. Dinner and on-site babysitting will be provided. RSVP (robert.james.stevenson@gmail.com).

**Refreshments Volunteers** • Bringing refreshments to share at church is a great way to practice hospitality. Contact: Nicole Hamilton (neh.hamilton@gmail.com)

Today: Jaques

Next week: Stevenson

**Nursery Volunteers** • Can you play with young children and help their parents once every 6-8 weeks? Contact: Rainy Aznoe (rainyrr@aol.com).

Today: Elliott

Next week: Childers

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