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# ASCENSION

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## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

PALM SUNDAY WORSHIP • APRIL 5, 2020



**CALL TO WORSHIP • Zechariah 9:9**

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!  
Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!  
Behold, your king is coming to you;  
righteous and having salvation is he,  
humble and mounted on a donkey,  
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

# Jesus Shall Reign Where'er The Sun

Text: Isaac Watts • Music: John Hatton • Public Domain

Tenor



Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the  
sun does its suc - ces - sive jour - neys  
run, His king - dom stretch from  
shore to shore, till moons shall wax and  
wane no more.

To him shall endless prayer be made, and praises throng to crown his head.  
His name like sweet perfume shall rise with every morning sacrifice.

People and realms of every tongue dwell on his love with sweetest song,  
and infant voices shall proclaim their early blessings on his name.

Blessings abound where'er he reigns: the prisoners leap to lose their chains,  
the weary find eternal rest, and all who suffer want are blest.

Let every creature rise and bring the highest honors to our King,  
angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud amen.

## **PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

He is risen!

*He is risen indeed!*

Let us pray...

## **CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN • Psalm 32:1-4**

Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,  
whose sin is covered.

Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity,  
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away  
through my groaning all day long.

For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;  
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.

## **CONFESSION OF SIN**

*Lord Jesus, I have sinned times without number, and been guilty of pride and unbelief, and of neglect to seek you in my daily life. My sins and shortcomings present me with a list of accusations, but I thank you that they will not stand against me, for all have been laid on Christ. Deliver me from every evil habit, every interest of former sins, everything that dims the brightness of your grace in me, everything that prevents me taking delight in you. Amen.*

(Silent confession)

## **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS • Psalm 32:5**

I acknowledged my sin to you,  
and I did not cover my iniquity;

I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,"  
and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

May the peace of Christ be with you.

*And also with you!*

## **OFFERING • 1 John 3:16-18**

By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and truth.

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## 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 • Psalm 118:21–29

- 21 I thank you that you have answered me  
and have become my salvation.
- 22 The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone.
- 23 This is the LORD's doing;  
it is marvelous in our eyes.
- 24 This is the day that the LORD has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.
- 25 Save us, we pray, O LORD!  
O LORD, we pray, give us success!
- 26 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD!  
We bless you from the house of the LORD.
- 27 The LORD is God,  
and he has made his light to shine upon us.  
Bind the festal sacrifice with cords,  
up to the horns of the altar!
- 28 You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;  
you are my God; I will extol you.
- 29 Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;  
for his steadfast love endures forever!

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...

(Elder prays)

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.*

## **Where Is God?**

Text & Music: Dana Dirksen (based on Psalm 139) • © 2006 Dana Dirksen  
From *Questions with Answers, Vol. 1: God and Creation* (songsforsaplings.com)

*Where can I go from your Spirit?  
Where can I flee from your presence, O Lord?  
If I go up to the heavens, you are there;  
If I make my bed in the depths, you are there.*

*Where is God?  
Everywhere.*

*Where is God?  
Everywhere. God is everywhere.*

*Psalm 139, verse 7 and 8,  
God is everywhere.*

## GOSPEL READING • John 12:12–16

The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. <sup>13</sup> So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!” <sup>14</sup> And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written,

<sup>15</sup> “Fear not, daughter of Zion;  
behold, your king is coming,  
sitting on a donkey’s colt!”

<sup>16</sup> His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about him and had been done to him.

The Gospel of Jesus Christ.

*Praise be to you, O Christ!*

## SERMON • “Fear Not, Your King Is Coming” (Rev. Eric Costa)

## 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.*

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\* The oldest known confession of the Christian church is also the shortest: “Jesus is Lord!” This adaptation is meant to unfold some of the facets of this gem of a confession.

# For All The Saints

Text: William H. How • Music: Christopher Miner • ©1998 Christopher Miner

Tenor

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For all the saints who from this  
Thou wast their rock, their for-tress

2

la-bor's rest to thee by-faith be-fore the  
and their might; thou Lord their cap-tain in the

4

world con-fess thy name O Je-sus, be for-  
well fought fight; thou in the dark-ness drear, their

6

e-ver blessed, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu.  
one true light, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu.

The image shows a musical score for a Tenor part. It consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff starts with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a common time signature (C). The lyrics are: 'For all the saints who from this / Thou wast their rock, their for-tress'. The second staff continues: 'la-bor's rest to thee by-faith be-fore the / and their might; thou Lord their cap-tain in the'. The third staff continues: 'world con-fess thy name O Je-sus, be for- / well fought fight; thou in the dark-ness drear, their'. The fourth staff concludes: 'e-ver blessed, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu. / one true light, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu.' There are measure numbers 8, 2, 4, and 6 indicated at the beginning of the first, second, third, and fourth staves respectively.

O may thy soldiers faithful, true, and bold,  
fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,  
and win with them the victor's crown of gold.  
Alleluia, Alelu...

The golden evening brightens in the west;  
soon, soon to faithful warriors comes their rest;  
sweet is the calm of paradise the blest,  
Alleluia, Alelu...

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,  
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,  
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:  
Alleluia, Alleluia,  
Alleluia, Alleluia.

**BENEDICTION • 2 Thessalonians 3:16**

Now may the Lord of peace himself  
give you peace at all times in every way.  
The Lord be with you all.



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