

[Regarding the church in the global south...] The Book of Revelation is the favorite book of our popular communities. Here they find the encouragement they need in their struggle and a criterion for the interpretation of official persecution in our society... The meaning of the church in history is rooted in the witness of the gospel before the state imperialism that destroys the people's life, looming as an idol and caricature of the Holy Trinity.

Gilberto da Silva Gorgulho, Brazilian theologian



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THE WORD



CALL TO WORSHIP • Psalm 46:8-11

Come, behold the works of the LORD,
how he has brought desolations on the earth.
He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;
he breaks the bow and shatters the spear;
he burns the chariots with fire.
"Be still, and know that I am God.
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth!"
The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.

Worship Christ, The Risen King

Text: Jack W. Hayford • Music: Henry T. Smart

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The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Worship Christ, The Risen King'. It is written in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. The score consists of a single melodic line on a treble clef staff. The lyrics are printed below the staff, with some words underlined to indicate phrasing. The score is divided into systems, with measure numbers 3, 5, 7, 9, and 11 marked at the beginning of their respective systems. The lyrics are as follows:

Rise, O church and lift your voice,
See the tomb where death has laid Him,
Hear the earth pro - test and trem - ble,
Doubt may lift its head to mur - mur,
We ac - claim your life, O Je - sus,
Christ has con - quered death and hell.
emp - ty now, its mouth de - clares:
see the stone re - moved with pow'r;
scof - fers mock and sin - ners jeer;
now we sing your vic - tor - y;
Sing as all the earth re - joic - es;
"Death and I could not con - tain him,
all hell's min - ions may as - sem - ble,
But the truth - claims a won - der,
Sin or hell may seek to seize us,
res - ur - rec - tion an - thems swell.
for the throne of life He shares."
but can - not with - stand His hour.
thought - ful hearts re - ceive with cheer.
but your con - quest keeps us free.
Come and wor - ship, come and wor - ship,
Come and wor - ship, come and wor - ship,
He has con - quered, He has con - quered,
He is ris - en, He is ris - en,
Stand in tri - umph, stand in tri - umph,
wor - ship Christ, the ris - en King!
wor - ship Christ, the ris - en King!
Christ the Lord, the ris - en King!
now re - ceive the ris - en King!
wor - ship Christ, the ris - en King!

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 • Exodus 14:30 - 15:18

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, in Jesus Christ you taught us to pray, and to offer our petitions to you in His name.

Guide us by your Holy Spirit, that our prayers for others may serve your will and show your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

God of all generations, you formed your church from the despised of the earth and showed them mercy that they might proclaim salvation to all.

Strengthen those you have chosen that they may faithfully endure all trials by which you conform your church to the cross of Christ through Jesus Christ our Lord.

God of comfort, you bear the pain of the world and stand with those who sorrow.

Look with compassion on those who are troubled, cheer them by your word, and bring them healing as a sign of your grace through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Mighty God, whose word we trust, whose Spirit enables us to pray: accept our requests and further those which will bring about your purpose on earth through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT READING • Revelation 15:1-4

Then I saw another sign in heaven, great and amazing, seven angels with seven plagues, which are the last, for with them the wrath of God is finished.

² And I saw what appeared to be a sea of glass mingled with fire—and also those who had conquered the beast and its image and the number of its name, standing beside the sea of glass with harps of God in their hands. ³ And they sing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying,

“Great and amazing are your deeds,

 O Lord God the Almighty!

Just and true are your ways,

 O King of the nations!

⁴ Who will not fear, O Lord,
 and glorify your name?

For you alone are holy.

 All nations will come

 and worship you,

for your righteous acts have been revealed.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON • “The Song of the Conquerors” (Rev. Eric Costa)



THE UPPER ROOM



CONFESSION OF FAITH • The Heidelberg Catechism, 1

What is your only comfort in life and in death?

That I am not my own, but belong with body and soul, both in life and in death, to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with His precious blood, and has set me free from all the power of the devil. He also preserves me in such a way that without the will of my heavenly Father not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, all things must work together for my salvation. Therefore, by His Holy Spirit He also assures me of eternal life and makes me heartily willing and ready from now on to live for Him. Amen.

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].)

I Lay My Sins On Jesus

Text: Horatius Bonar (1843) • Music: Bartholomaeus Gesius (1605) • Public Domain



I lay my sins _____ on Je - sus, the
I lay my needs _____ on Je - sus; all
I rest my soul _____ on Je - sus, this
I long to be _____ like Je - sus, meek,



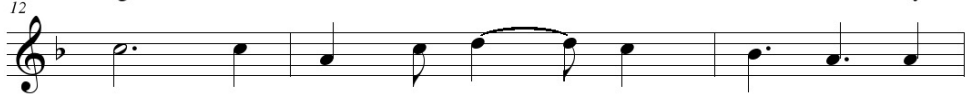
spot - less Lamb _____ of God; he bears them all, _____ and
ful - ness dwells _____ in him; he heals all my _____ dis -
wea - ry soul _____ of mine; his right hand me _____ em -
lov - ing, low - ly, mild; I long to be _____ like



frees us from the ac - curs - ed load: I
eas - es, he doth my soul _____ re - deem: I
brac - es, I on his breast _____ re - cline. I
Je - sus, the Fa - ther's ho - ly child: I



bring my guilt _____ to _____ Je - sus to wash _____ my crim - son
lay my griefs _____ on _____ Je - sus, my bur - dens and _____ my
love the name _____ of _____ Je - sus, Im - man _____ uel, Christ, _____ the
long to be _____ with _____ Je - sus a - mid _____ the heav'n - ly



stains cares; white in his blood _____ most pre - cious, till
Lord; he from them all _____ re - leas - es, he
throng, to sing with saints _____ his prais - es, to



not a spot _____ re - mains.
all my sor - rows shares.
name a - broad _____ is poured.
learn the an - gels' song.

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.



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