

FOR THOSE JOINING US AT THE OUTDOOR SERVICES...

Greetings! In deference to current state mandates, we are limiting our services to 50 participants each. Please sign up early if you plan to attend a service. (If you need access to the online signup sheet, contact Eric: rev.eric.costa@gmail.com) If your name is not on the list by the time of the service on Sunday, and the service is already full, we ask that you would instead join us via Zoom at 10:30am.

Please wear a mask and observe "social distancing."

During Communion, parents, please distribute the bread and cup to participating children.

If you are experiencing symptoms of illness, please stay at home.

Thank you for your help making others feel comfortable joining us for Worship!

FOR THOSE JOINING US ON ZOOM AT 10:30AM...

Please remain "muted" throughout the service, but feel free to "unmute" afterwards and catch up with each other.

Forgive us for the technical glitches we're sure to have!



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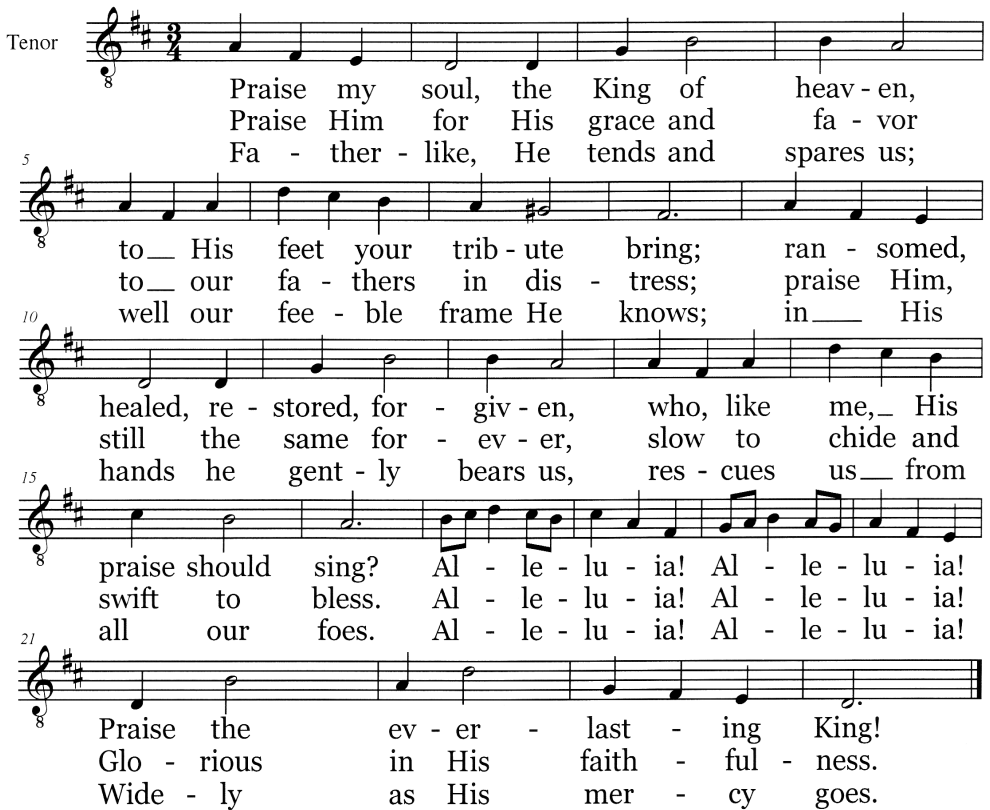
**CALL TO WORSHIP • Psalm 68:4**

Sing to God, sing praises to his name;  
lift up a song to him who rides through the deserts;  
his name is the LORD;  
exult before him!

# Praise, My Soul, The King Of Heaven

Text: Henry F. Lyte • Music: Mark Andrews • Public Domain

Tenor



8 Praise my soul, the King of heav-en,  
Praise Him for His grace and fa-vor  
Fa-ther-like, He tends and spares us;  
5 to His feet your trib-ute bring; ran-somed,  
to our fa-thers in dis-tress; praise Him,  
10 well our fee-ble frame He knows; in His  
8 healed, re-stored, for-giv-en, who, like me, His  
still the same for-ev-er, slow to chide and  
15 hands he gent-ly bears us, res-cues us from  
8 praise should sing? Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!  
swift to bless. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!  
21 all our foes. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!  
8 Praise the ev-er-last-ing King!  
Glo-rious in His faith-ful-ness.  
Wide-ly as His mer-cy goes.

Frail as summer's flow'r we flourish, blows the wind and it is gone;  
but while mortals rise and perish, God endures unchanging on.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the High Eternal One!

Angels, help us to adore him; you behold him face to face;  
sun and moon, bow down before him, dwellers all in time and space.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace!

## **PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

He is risen!

*He is risen indeed!*

Let us pray...

## **CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN • Luke 23:34**

Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do."

## **CONFESSION OF SIN**

*Fountain of Living Waters, you give to all mankind life and breath and everything. But we have refused to honor you or give you thanks. We stubbornly pretend that we don't need you, that we can help ourselves. We actively resist your presence and will in our lives. We thoughtlessly ignore you, which may be the worst slight of all. Yet you remain a God of light and life and love, and, in your grace, you have invaded this world to save us from ourselves. Your presence and will, as seen in Jesus, is better than our autonomy. We are sorry for our foolish rebellion. Please forgive us, and fix our eyes on Christ, who came to seek and save the lost, in whose name we pray. Amen.*

(silent confession)

## **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS • Luke 24:46-47**

"Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations."

May the peace of Christ be with you.

*And also with you!*

## **OFFERING • Exodus 23:19**

The best of the firstfruits of your ground you shall bring into the house of the LORD your God.

(If you have brought a gift with you, please place it in one of the bags on the table when you come forward for Communion later.)

## **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 • Isaiah 65:17–19**

- 17 “For behold, I create new heavens  
and a new earth,  
and the former things shall not be remembered  
or come into mind.
- 18 But be glad and rejoice forever  
in that which I create;  
for behold, I create Jerusalem to be a joy,  
and her people to be a gladness.
- 19 I will rejoice in Jerusalem  
and be glad in my people;  
no more shall be heard in it the sound of weeping  
and the cry of distress.”

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.*

## **NEW TESTAMENT READING • Revelation 21:1-8**

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. <sup>2</sup> And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup> And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. <sup>4</sup> He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."

<sup>5</sup> And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." <sup>6</sup> And he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment. <sup>7</sup> The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son. <sup>8</sup> But as for the cowardly, the faithless, the detestable, as for murderers, the sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars, their portion will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death."

The Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God!*

**SERMON • "The New Heaven and New Earth" (Rev. Eric Costa)**



THE UPPER ROOM



**CONFESSION OF FAITH • Philippians 2:6-11**

What do you believe about Jesus Christ?

*I believe that Jesus Christ, being God, made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born a man. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. 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].)

# On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand

Text: Samuel Stennett • Music: Christopher Miner • ©1997 Christopher Miner

Tenor

8 On Jor-dan's stor - my banks I stand, and cast a wish - ful  
4 eye; To Can-aan's fair and hap - py land, where my pos-se - sions  
8 lie. O'er all those wide ex - ten - ded plains, shines  
11 chil - ling winds or poi - son breath, can  
8 one et - er - nal day; There God the Son\_ for -  
14 reach that health - ful shore; Where sick - ness, sor - row,  
8 ev - er reigns, and scat-ters night a - way. I am bound, I am  
18 pain and death, are felt and feared no more.  
8 bound, I am bound for the prom-ised land!\_ I am bound, I am  
22 bound, I am bound for the prom - ised land!\_ No

When I shall reach that happy place, I'll be forever blessed;  
for I shall see my Father's face, and in his bosom rest.

*(Chorus)*

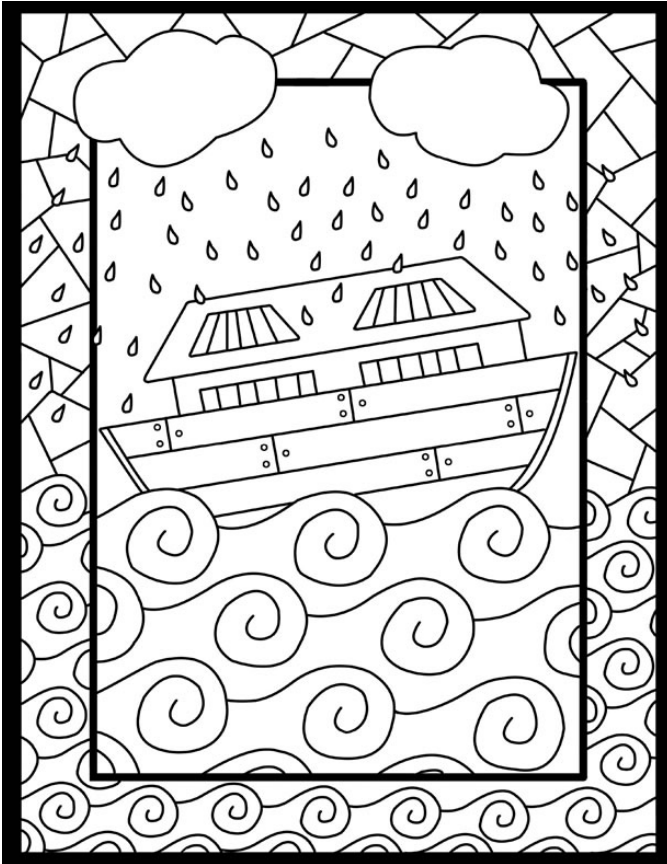
Filled with delight my raptured soul would here no longer stay;  
though Jordan's waves around me roll, fearless I'd launch away.

*(Chorus)*

**BENEDICTION • Psalm 134:3**

May the LORD bless you from Zion,  
he who made heaven and earth!

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