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THE WORD  


**CALL TO WORSHIP • Psalm 118:24**

This is the day that Yahweh has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

# O Worship The King

Text: Robert Grant (Psalm 104)

Music: Johann Michael Haydn • Public Domain

Alto

The image shows a musical score for an Alto voice part. It consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff starts with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: "O wor-ship the King all - glo - rious a - bove, O". The second staff continues: "O tell of his might, O sing of his grace, Whose". The third staff: "grate-ful - ly sing his pow'r and his love; our". The fourth staff: "robe is the light, whose can - o - py space. His". The fifth staff: "shield and De - fend - er the An - cient of Days, pa -". The sixth staff: "char - iots of wrath the deep thun - der - clouds form, and". The seventh staff: "vil - ioned in splen-dor and gird - ed with praise.". The eighth staff: "dark is his path on the wings - of the storm.".

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dark is his path on the wings - of the storm.

The earth with its store of wonders untold,  
almighty, thy power hath founded of old;  
established it fast by a changeless decree,  
and round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.

Thy bountiful care, what tongue can recite?  
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;  
it streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,  
and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,  
in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;  
thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,  
our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.

## **PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

He is risen!

*He is risen indeed!*

Let us pray...

## **CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN • 2 Corinthians 5:20b**

We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

## **CONFESSION OF SIN**

*Our Father in heaven, we confess that we have doubted your gracious love.*

*Instead of living like you delight in us, we avoid you in shame and guilt.*

*Instead of receiving your favor as a gift, we try to earn it with our efforts.*

*Instead of accepting your freedom, we prefer our chains.*

*Instead of pursuing your purposes, we cling to our own agendas.*

*Forgive us. Embrace us. Cleanse us. Heal us.*

*We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.*

(silent confession)

## **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS • 2 Corinthians 5:21**

For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

May the peace of Christ be with you.

*And also with you!*

## **OFFERING • Exodus 35:4-5, 21**

Moses said to all the congregation of the people of Israel, "This is the thing that Yahweh has commanded. Take from among you a contribution to Yahweh. Whoever is of a generous heart, let him bring Yahweh's contribution..." And they came, everyone whose heart stirred him, and everyone whose spirit moved him, and brought Yahweh's contribution to be used for the tent of meeting, and for all its service.

## **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 118:19-29**

- 19 Open to me the gates of righteousness,  
that I may enter through them  
and give thanks to Yahweh.
- 20 This is the gate of Yahweh;  
the righteous shall enter through it.
- 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 Yahweh's doing;  
it is marvelous in our eyes.
- 24 This is the day that Yahweh has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.
- 25 Save us, we pray, O Yahweh!  
O Yahweh, we pray, give us success!
- 26 Blessed is he who comes in the name of Yahweh!  
We bless you from the house of Yahweh.
- 27 Yahweh 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 Yahweh, 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...

Our Lord Jesus Christ, you came into the world to reign in justice as our King:

*Cause our President and Congress to love justice and mercy. Help our Mayor and City Council to increase the peace of the city.*

Our Lord Jesus Christ, you came into the world to destroy the works of the devil:

*Restrain the wickedness in our city by your Law. Destroy the wickedness in our own hearts by your Spirit. Protect us from the temptations, deceit and accusations of the devil.*

Our Lord Jesus Christ, you came into the world to bring us peace with God:

*Bring peace between nations in your world; help Ascension to live in your peace together; come again soon to fully establish your peace on earth.*

Our Lord Jesus Christ, you came into the world to seek and save that which was lost:

*Show mercy to our friends who do not yet know you; deepen our faith in the Gospel of grace.*

Our Lord Jesus Christ, you came into the world to destroy death and to bring life and immortality to light through the gospel:

*Comfort those who are suffering in grief, in poverty, in sickness, in injustice.*

Our Lord Jesus Christ, you came into the world to sympathize with our weaknesses:

*Please hear us as we bring you our specific requests. (Silent prayer)*

Our Lord Jesus Christ, we pray now in the words you taught us:

*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.*

# Psalm 126

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1. Our mouths they were filled, fil - led with laugh - ter  
2. The na - tions will say, "He has done great things!"

7  
our tongues, they were loosed, loos-ed with joy.  
The na - tions will sing songs of joy.

13  
Re - store us, O Lord! Re - store us, O Lord!

21 *Refrain*  
Al-though we are weep - ing, Lord, help us keep sow - ing the

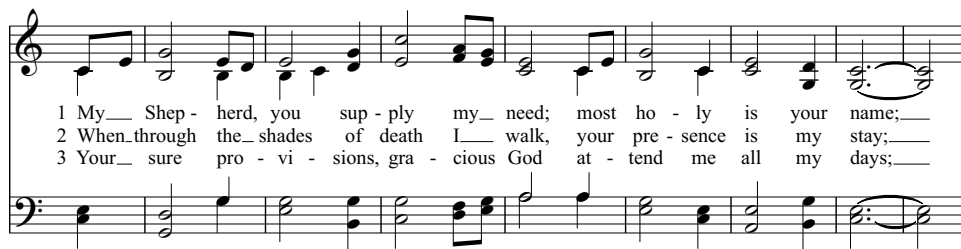
30  
seeds of your King - dom for the day you will reap them! Your

38  
sheaves we will car - ry; Lord, please do not tar - ry! All

46  
those who sow weep-ing, will go out with songs of joy!

# My Shepherd, You Supply My Need (Psalm 23)

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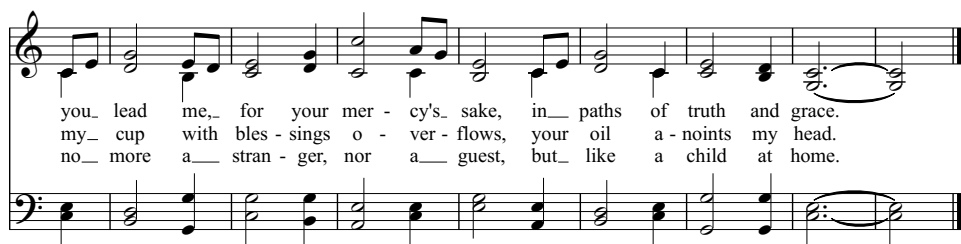
1 My Shep - herd, you sup - ply my need; most ho - ly is your name; \_\_\_  
2 When through the shades of death I walk, your pre - sence is my stay; \_\_\_  
3 Your sure pro - vi - sions, gra - cious God, at - tend me all my days; \_\_\_



in pas - tures fresh you make me feed, be - side the li - ving stream. \_\_\_  
one word of your sup - por - ting breath drives all my fears a - way. \_\_\_  
oh, may your house be my a - bode, and all my work be praise. \_\_\_



You bring my wand' - ring spi - rit back, when I for - sake your ways; \_\_\_  
Your hand, in sight of all my foes, does still my ta - ble spread; \_\_\_  
Here would I find a set - tled rest, while o - thers go and come; \_\_\_



you lead me, for your mer - cy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.  
my cup with bles - sings o - ver - flows, your oil a - noints my head.  
no more a stran - ger, nor a guest, but like a child at home.

## **GOSPEL READING • Matthew 21:1-11**

Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, <sup>2</sup> saying to them, “Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. <sup>3</sup> If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, ‘The Lord needs them,’ and he will send them at once.” <sup>4</sup> This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying,

<sup>5</sup> “Say to the daughter of Zion,  
‘Behold, your king is coming to you,  
humble, and mounted on a donkey,  
on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.’”

<sup>6</sup> The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. <sup>7</sup> They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them.

<sup>8</sup> Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. <sup>9</sup> And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!” <sup>10</sup> And when he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, saying, “Who is this?” <sup>11</sup> And the crowds said, “This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee.”

The Gospel of Jesus Christ.

*Praise be to you, O Christ!*

## **SERMON • “Hosanna!” (Rev. Eric Costa)**





THE UPPER ROOM



**CONFESSION OF FAITH • The Apostles' Creed**

What do you believe?

*I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.*

*And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell.<sup>1</sup> The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he shall come to judge the living and the dead.*

*I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic<sup>2</sup> church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. 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].)

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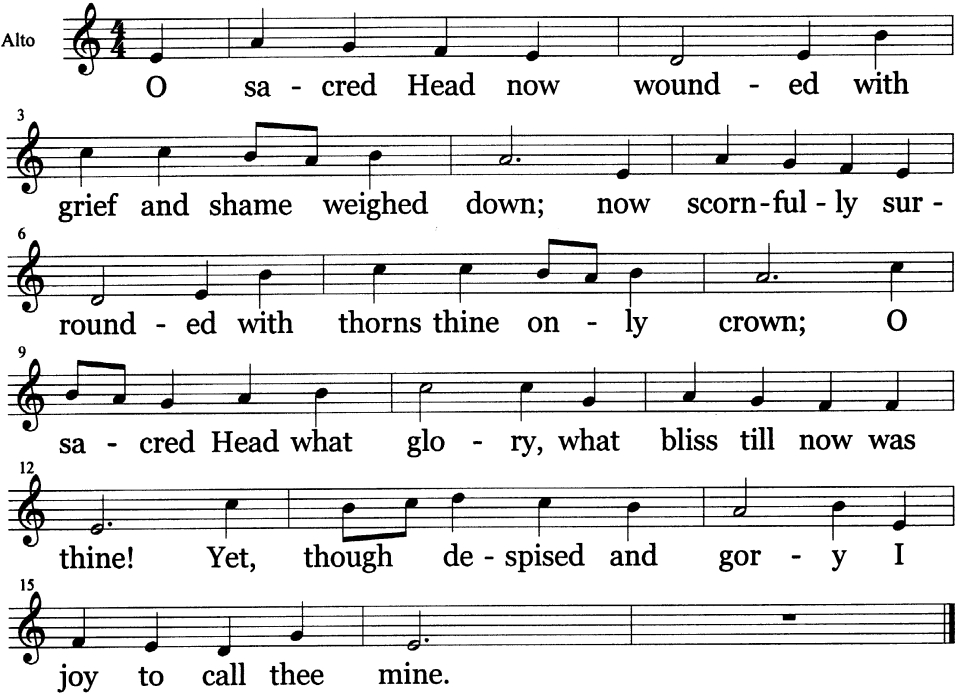
<sup>1</sup> When the Creed states that Jesus “descended into hell,” we understand it to mean that he suffered the holy wrath of God for the sins of his people.

<sup>2</sup> Or, “universal.”

# O Sacred Head

Text: Bernard of Clairvaux • Music: J. S. Bach • Public Domain

Alto



O sa - cred Head now wound - ed with  
grief and shame weighed down; now scorn - ful - ly sur -  
round - ed with thorns thine on - ly crown; O  
sa - cred Head what glo - ry, what bliss till now was  
thine! Yet, though de - spised and gor - y I  
joy to call thee mine.

What thou, my Lord, hast suffered, was all for sinners' gain;  
mine, mine was the transgression, but thine the deadly pain.

Lo, here I fall, my Savior! 'Tis I deserve thy place;  
look on me with thy favor, vouchsafe to me thy grace.

What language shall I borrow to thank thee, dearest friend,  
for this thy dying sorrow, thy pity without end?

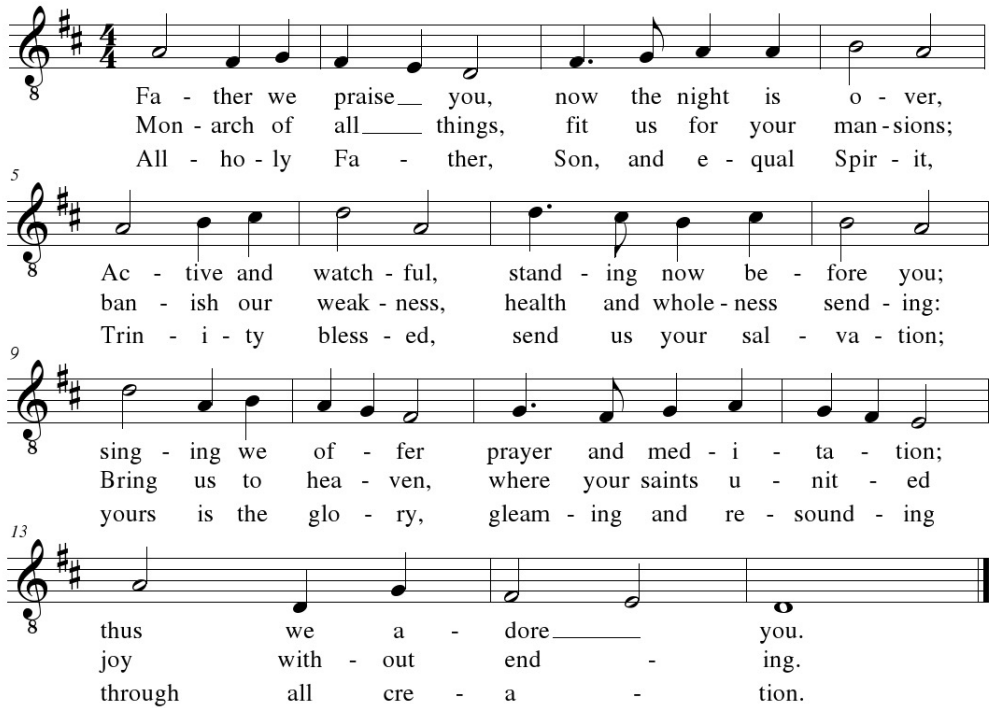
O make me thine forever, and should I fainting be,  
Lord, let me never, never outlive my love to thee.

# Father, We Praise You

Text: Gregory I (540-604)

Music: *Christe Sanctorum*, French Church Melody (1681)

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8 Fa - ther we praise you, now the night is o - ver,  
Mon - arch of all things, fit us for your man - sions;  
5 All - ho - ly Fa - ther, Son, and e - qual Spir - it,  
8 Ac - tive and watch - ful, stand - ing now be - fore you;  
ban - ish our weak - ness, health and whole - ness send - ing:  
9 Trin - i - ty bless - ed, send us your sal - va - tion;  
8 sing - ing we of - fer prayer and med - i - ta - tion;  
Bring us to hea - ven, where your saints u - nit - ed  
yours is the glo - ry, gleam - ing and re - sound - ing  
13 thus we a - dore you.  
joy with - out end - ing.  
through all cre - a - tion.

## BENEDICTION • 2 Peter 1:2

May grace and peace be multiplied to you  
in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.

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**After Worship Today** • Join us at 11:30 for Sunday School (kids) and Sermon Discussion (adults).

### Midweek Studies

- 8:15am Tue. men's study of the Book of Judges, at Longbottom Coffee.  
Contact: Eric Costa (rev.eric.costa@gmail.com).
- 6:30am Wed. men's study, at the Starbucks on Walker & 158th.  
Contact: Joe Pope (pope.joe@gmail.com).
- 1:30pm Wed. women's study of *Jesus through the Eyes of Women*, by Rebecca McLaughlin.  
Contact: Cheryl Boden (wu.gardens@gmail.com).
- 7pm Thu. women's study of *Jesus through the Eyes of Women*, by Rebecca McLaughlin.  
Contact: Holly McGarry (hollykiewer8@gmail.com).

**Youth Group** • 6:30pm to 8pm Wednesdays. Students in grades 6-12 are welcome to join us and to invite their friends. Contact: Tim Sery (fiby2020@gmail.com).

**Shepherding Meetings** • The elders want to check in with the members of the church. We like to use these questions to kickstart our conversations: 1) *What are you thankful for?* 2) *Where are you seeing the grace of God at work in your life?* 3) *How can we as elders (or the deacons) serve you?*

We're available for these meetings on a regular basis on the third Sunday of each month for lunch or dinner. To schedule a shepherding meeting with us on one of these Sundays, or during some other time, contact Eric (rev.eric.costa@gmail.com).

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- I am a visitor.
- I want to know more about being a Christian.
- I would like to get coffee with the Pastor.
- Please send me the email newsletter.
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