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THE WORD



**CALL TO WORSHIP • Psalm 117**

Praise Yahweh, all nations!

Extol him all peoples!

For great is his steadfast love toward us,  
and the faithfulness of Yahweh endures forever.

Praise Yahweh!

# Come, Thou Almighty King

Text: Anonymous • Music: Felice de Giardini (1716-1796) • Public Domain

Alto

The image shows a musical score for an Alto voice part. It consists of five staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The score includes measure numbers 4, 8, and 12. The lyrics are: 'Come, thou Almighty King, Come, thou Incarnate Word, Come, Holy Comforter, To Thee, great One in Three, help us thy name to sing, help us to gird on Thy mighty sword, our prayer at Thy sacred witness bear, in this glad E - ter - nal prais - es be, hence, e - ver - praise. Fa - ther all glo - ri - ous, o'er all vic - tend! Come, and Thy peo - ple bless, and give Thy hour. Thou who al - migh - ty art, now rule in more. Thy sov - ereign ma - jest - y may we in to - ri - us, come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Word suc - cess, Spi - rit of ho - li - ness on us de - ev' - ry heart, and ne'er from us de - part, Spi - rit of glo - ry see, and to e - tern - it - y love and a - Days. scend! power! dore!'

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Come, thou In - car - nate Word,  
Come, Ho - ly com - for - ter,  
To Thee, great One - in Three,  
help us thy name to sing, help us to  
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## **PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

He is risen!

*He is risen indeed!*

Let us pray...

## **CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN • 2 Corinthians 6:1-2**

Working together with him, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. For he says, "In a favorable time I listened to you, and in a day of salvation I helped you." Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation.

## **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 you, O 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 • 2 Corinthians 5:17-18**

If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself.

May the peace of Christ be with you.

*And also with you!*

## **OFFERING • 1 Chronicles 29:12-14**

"Both riches and honor come from you, and you rule over all. In your hand are power and might, and in your hand it is to make great and to give strength to all. And now we thank you, our God, and praise your glorious name. But who am I, and what is my people, that we should be able thus to offer willingly? For all things come from you, and of your own have we given 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 • Isaiah 56:1-8

1 Thus says Yahweh:

“Keep justice, and do righteousness,  
for soon my salvation will come,  
and my righteousness be revealed.

2 Blessed is the man who does this,  
and the son of man who holds it fast,  
who keeps the Sabbath, not profaning it,  
and keeps his hand from doing any evil.”

3 Let not the foreigner who has joined himself to Yahweh say,  
“Yahweh will surely separate me from his people”;  
and let not the eunuch say,  
“Behold, I am a dry tree.”

4 For thus says Yahweh:  
“To the eunuchs who keep my Sabbaths,  
who choose the things that please me  
and hold fast my covenant,

5 I will give in my house and within my walls  
a monument and a name  
better than sons and daughters;  
I will give them an everlasting name  
that shall not be cut off.

6 “And the foreigners who join themselves to Yahweh,  
to minister to him, to love the name of Yahweh,  
and to be his servants,  
everyone who keeps the Sabbath and does not profane it,  
and holds fast my covenant—

7 these I will bring to my holy mountain,  
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;  
their burnt offerings and their sacrifices  
will be accepted on my altar;  
for my house shall be called a house of prayer  
for all peoples.”

8 The Lord Yahweh,  
who gathers the outcasts of Israel, declares,  
“I will gather yet others to him  
besides those already gathered.”

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 Father in Heaven, you are the source of every good and perfect gift. You did not spare your own Son, but gave him up for us all; how will you not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?

*We thank you for your daily provision for our physical needs. We thank you for your care for our souls. We thank you for your mercy given to us in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

Lord Jesus, You rule over all things for the sake of your Church. You are at the right hand of God interceding for us constantly. Nothing can separate us from your love.

*Increase the peace and purity and unity of this congregation. Strengthen the church of Christ in our city. Protect and stand with our brothers and sisters everywhere who are being persecuted for their faith.*

Our Savior, you invite the weary and burdened to come to you and find rest. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. You are gentle and humble in heart.

*Heal those who are sick. Give your grace and peace to those facing imminent death and to those who care for them. Comfort those who are grieving. Sit closely with those who are lonely. Provide for those who are seeking work. Free those who are struggling with enslaving sins.*

Our great God, we hear your promise that the knowledge of your glory will fill the earth as the waters cover the sea. We give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty, the One who is and who was, because you have taken your great power and have begun to reign.

*Increase the spread of the Gospel in and through our city, to the world. We ask you to extend your mercy to our friends and loved ones.*

Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever.

*Amen.*

# Peace, Perfect Peace

Text: Edward H. Bickersteth (1875)

Music: Matthew H. Curl (2008) • Used by Permission

Tenor

The image shows a musical score for a Tenor part. It consists of ten staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The score includes measure numbers 4, 8, 12, 17, 21, 26, and 30. The lyrics are: 'Peace, per-fect peace, in this dark world of Peace, per-fect peace, with sor-rows surg-ing sin, the blood of Je-sus whis-pers peace with-round, on Je-sus' bo-som naught but calm is in. Peace, perfect peace, by throng-ing du-ties found. Peace, perfect peace, with loved ones far a-pressed, to do the will of Je-sus, this is rest. way, in Je-sus' keep-ing we are safe and they. It is e-nough: earth's strug-gles soon shall cease, when Je-sus calls us to heaven's per-fect peace. It is e-nough: earth's strug-gles soon shall cease, when Je-sus calls us home to a per-fect peace.'

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Peace, per-fect peace, in this dark world of  
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sin, the blood of Je-sus whis-pers peace with -  
round, on Je-sus' bo-som naught but calm is  
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way, in Je-sus' keep-ing we are safe and they. —  
It is e - nough: earth's strug-gles soon shall cease, when  
Je-sus calls us to heaven's per-fect peace. — It is e -  
nough: earth's strug-gles soon shall cease, when Je-sus calls us  
home to a per - fect peace.

Peace, perfect peace, our future all unknown,

Jesus we know, and he is on the throne.

Peace, perfect peace, death shadows us and ours,

Jesus has vanquished death and all its pow'rs.

*It is enough: earth's struggles soon shall cease,  
when Jesus calls us to heaven's perfect peace.*

*It is enough: earth's struggles soon shall cease,  
when Jesus calls us home to a perfect peace.*

# Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Music: William M. Runyan • Lyric: Thomas O. Chisolm • ©1923/1951 Hope Publishing Co.

Tenor

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Great is thy faith-ful-ness, O God my Father; there is no  
shad-ow of turn-ing with thee; thou chang-est not, thy com-  
pas-sions they fail not; as thou hast been thou for - ev-er wilt  
be. Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Great is thy faith-ful-ness!  
Morn-ing by morn-ing new mercies I see: all I have  
need-ed thy hand hath pro - vided, Great is thy faith-ful-ness,  
Lord, un - - - to me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,  
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,  
join with all nature in manifold witness  
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.  
Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see:  
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;  
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
blessings all mine, with ten-thousand beside!  
Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see:  
all I have needed thy hand hath provided,  
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

## GOSPEL READING • Matthew 21:12-22

And Jesus entered the temple and drove out all who sold and bought in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money-changers and the seats of those who sold pigeons. <sup>13</sup> He said to them, "It is written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer,' but you make it a den of robbers."

<sup>14</sup> And the blind and the lame came to him in the temple, and he healed them. <sup>15</sup> But when the chief priests and the scribes saw the wonderful things that he did, and the children crying out in the temple, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" they were indignant, <sup>16</sup> and they said to him, "Do you hear what these are saying?" And Jesus said to them, "Yes; have you never read,

"'Out of the mouth of infants and nursing babies  
you have prepared praise?'"

<sup>17</sup> And leaving them, he went out of the city to Bethany and lodged there.

<sup>18</sup> In the morning, as he was returning to the city, he became hungry. <sup>19</sup> And seeing a fig tree by the wayside, he went to it and found nothing on it but only leaves. And he said to it, "May no fruit ever come from you again!" And the fig tree withered at once.

<sup>20</sup> When the disciples saw it, they marveled, saying, "How did the fig tree wither at once?" <sup>21</sup> And Jesus answered them, "Truly, I say to you, if you have faith and do not doubt, you will not only do what has been done to the fig tree, but even if you say to this mountain, 'Be taken up and thrown into the sea,' it will happen. <sup>22</sup> And whatever you ask in prayer, you will receive, if you have faith."

The Gospel of Jesus Christ.  
*Praise be to you, O Christ!*

## SERMON • "The Lord's House of Prayer" (Rev. Eric Costa)

[Solomon prayed...] "When a foreigner, who is not of your people Israel, comes from a far country for your name's sake (for they shall hear of your great name and your mighty hand, and of your outstretched arm), when he comes and prays toward this house, hear in heaven your dwelling place and do according to all for which the foreigner calls to you, in order that all the peoples of the earth may know your name and fear you, as do your people Israel, and that they may know that this house that I have built is called by your name." (1 Kings 8:41-43)

"Blessed be Yahweh, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things. Blessed be his glorious name forever; may the whole earth be filled with his glory! Amen and Amen!" (Psalm 72:19 [of Solomon])

"When I would gather them, declares Yahweh, there are no grapes on the vine, nor figs on the fig tree; even the leaves are withered, and what I gave them has passed away from them." (Jeremiah 8:13)

"I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings." (Hosea 6:6)

"And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says Yahweh of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap." (Malachi 3:1-2)





THE UPPER ROOM



**CONFESSION OF FAITH • The Heidelberg Catechism, 60**

How are you right with God?

*Only by true faith in Jesus Christ. Even though my conscience accuses me of having grievously sinned against all God's commandments and of never having kept any of them, and even though I am still inclined toward all evil, nevertheless, without my deserving it at all, out of sheer grace, God grants and credits to me the perfect satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ, as if I had never sinned or been a sinner, as if I had been as perfectly obedient as Christ was obedient for me. All I need to do is to accept this gift with a believing heart. 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

Text: American Folk Hymn • Music: Southern Harmony • Public Domain



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.

# Rock Of Ages

Text: Augustus M. Toplady • Music: Matthew H. Curl • Used by Permission

Tenor

8 Rock of A - ges cleft for me, let me hide my -  
Not the la - bors of my hands, can ful - fil thy  
4 Noth - ing in my hand I bring, sim - ply to thy  
8 self in thee; let the wa - ter and the blood,  
law's de - mands; could my zeal no res - pite know,  
7 cross I cling; na - ked come to thee for dress;  
8 from thy ri - ven side which flowed, be of sin the  
could my tears for - ev - er flow, all for sin could  
10 help - less, look to thee for grace; foul, I to the  
8 dou - ble cure, cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.  
not a - tone; thou must save and thou a - lone.  
13 Foun-tain fly; wash me Sav - ior or I die.  
8 Rock of Ag - es, cleft for me! Let me  
16 hide my - self in thee! Rock of Ag - es, cleft for  
19 me! Oh my Je - sus res - cue me!

While I draw this fleeting breath, when mine eyelids close in death,  
when I soar to worlds unknown, see thee on thy judgment throne,  
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee.

*(Chorus)*

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

**Advent / Christmas Choir** • We have rehearsal tonight, from 6:30 to 8:00, at the Costa home. All are welcome to participate. Contact: Tim Sauerwein (tim@xyzyzy2.com).

### Midweek Studies

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