Lord's Day Service

At Church of the King on March 15th 2009

Call to Worship: Where God Calls Us Into His Presence

"You are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; who once were not a people but are now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy ." I Peter 2:9,10

Hear today's call to worship from God's Word: [congregation standing]

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials, that the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ, whom having not seen you love. Though now you do not see Him, yet believing, you rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory, receiving the end of your faith--the salvation of your souls. " *I Peter 1:3-9*

God's people respond with a hymn of adoration based on Psalm 145:10

O worship the King all glorious above,
O gratefully sing his power and His love.
Our shield and defender, the ancient of days,
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O measureless Might! Ineffable Love!
While angels delight to hymn thee above;
The humbler creation, though feeble their lays,
With true adoration shall lisp to thy praise.

Salutation and Response [based on Matthew 28:19, Ruth 2:4 and II Peter 1:1]

In the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit **Amen!**

Jehovah be with you! **And also with you!**

Blessed be those who have obtained like precious faith,

With us by the righteousness of our God & Savior Jesus Christ.

Confession of Sins: Where God Cleanses Us In Christ

"I will confess my transgressions to Jehovah, and You forgave the iniquity of my sin." Psalm 32:5b

The call for confession from God's Word *I Peter 1:13-16*

"Therefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and rest your hope fully upon the grace that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ; as obedient children, not conforming yourselves to the former lusts, as in your ignorance; but as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, because it is written, "Be holy, for I am holy.""

God's People sing our Hymn of Confession: [congregation standing]

Chide Me, O Jehovah, No Longer

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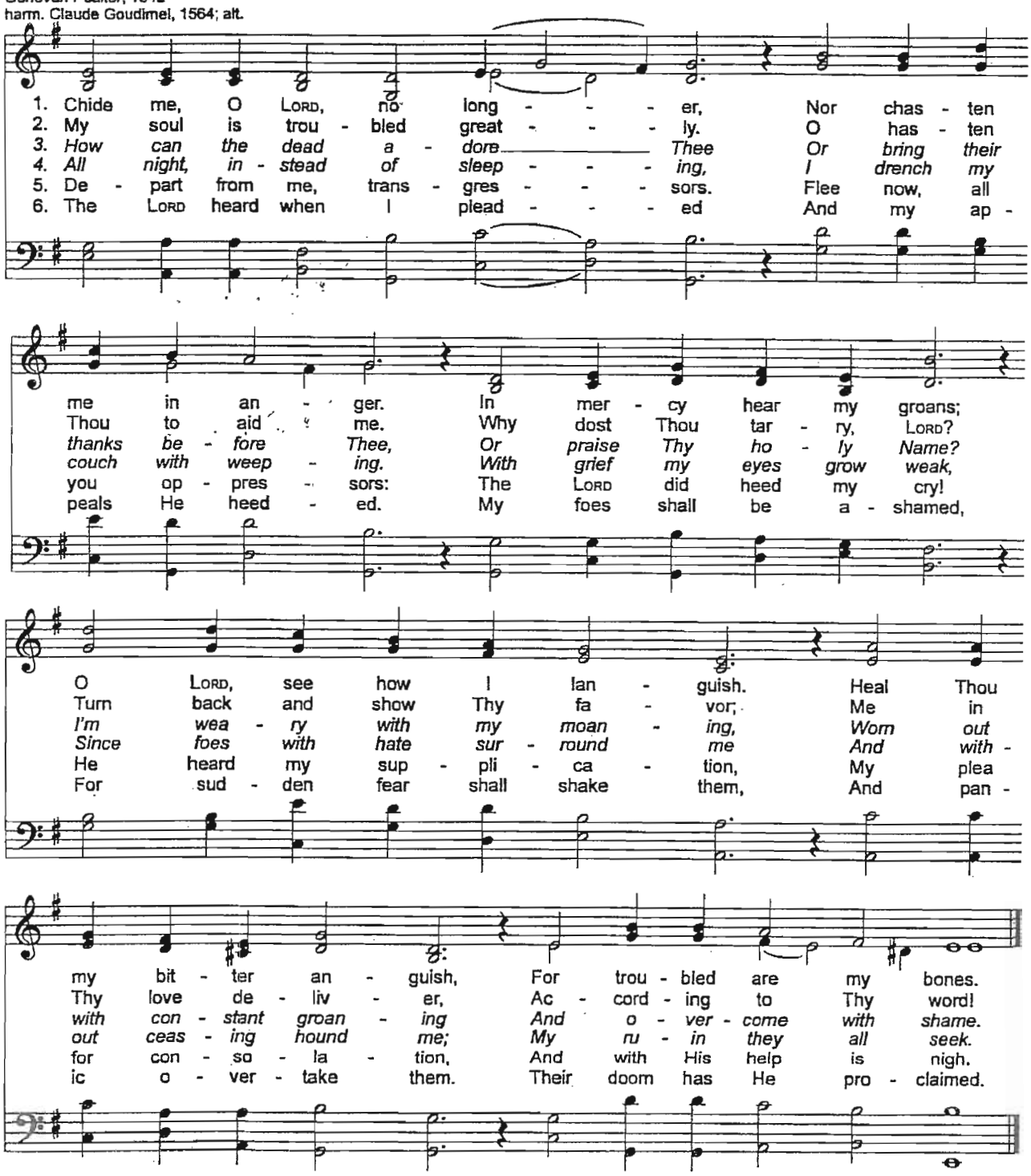


Silent Confession

"And if you call on the Father, who without partiality judges according to each one's work, conduct yourselves throughout the time of your stay here in fear" 1 Peter 1:17

Corporate Prayer of Confession

O Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against our neighbors, in thought word and deed, in the evil we have done and in the good we have not done, through ignorance, through weakness, and through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, who died for the sins of His people: Forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon and Forgiveness

I Peter 2:21-25

"For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps: "Who committed no sin, Nor was deceit found in His mouth"; who, when He was reviled, did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but committed Himself to Him who judges righteously; who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness--by whose stripes you were healed. For you were like sheep going astray, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls."

As an officer in Christ's Church, ministering in His name, I now proclaim to you the forgiveness of sins, and declare, according to the Scriptures that if you have truly trusted in Jesus, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, that your sins will not only be forgiven on earth, but also in heaven throughout eternity.

I must also solemnly say to any who are not sincerely sorry for their sins, and who have no desire to live in regard of Jesus Christ, that their sins are held against them in the Holy Judgment of God, and cannot be forgiven them unless they repent and seek forgiveness through Christ. This I declare in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen!

God's People Sing a Hymn of Thanks: [congregation standing]

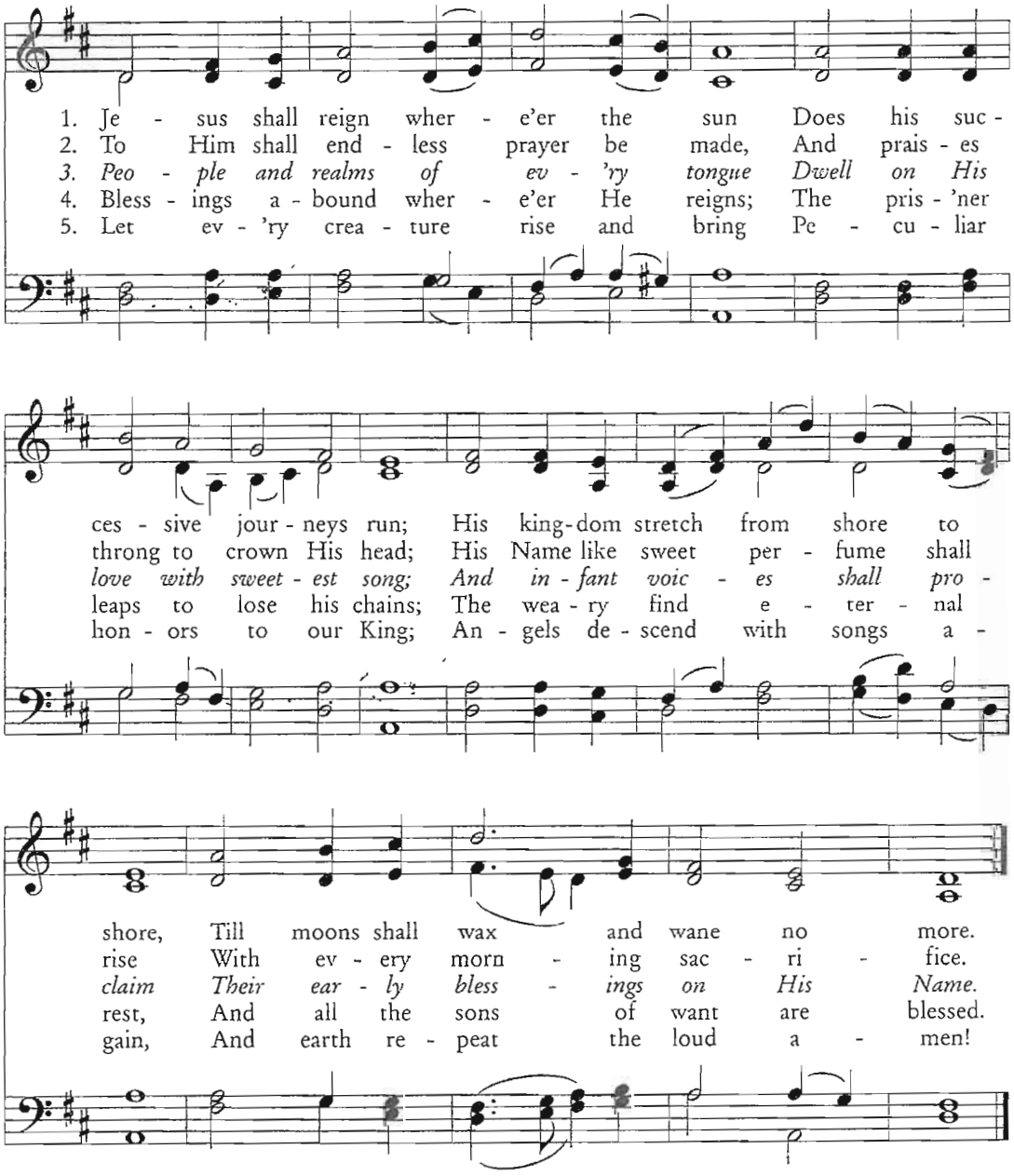
""Stand up and bless Jehovah your God Forever and ever!
"Blessed be Your glorious name, Which is exalted above all blessing and praise!" Nehemiah 9:5b

Jesus Shall Reign

"Then the seventh angel sounded: And there were loud voices in heaven, saying, "The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!" Revelation11:15

DUKE STREET (L.M.)
John Hatton, 1793

Isaac Watts, 1719



"Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord, as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust." II Peter 1:2-4

Peter's Final Admonition to the Saints: *II Peter 1:5-21*

But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge, to knowledge self-control, to self-control perseverance, to perseverance godliness,

To godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness love. For if these things are yours and abound, you will be neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

For he who lacks these things is shortsighted, even to blindness, and has forgotten that he was cleansed from his old sins.

Therefore, brethren, be even more diligent to make your call and election sure, for if you do these things you will never stumble; for so an entrance will be supplied to you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

For this reason I will not be negligent to remind you always of these things, though you know and are established in the present truth.

Yes, I think it is right, as long as I am in this tent, to stir you up by reminding you, knowing that shortly I must put off my tent, just as our Lord Jesus Christ showed me. Moreover I will be careful to ensure that you always have a reminder of these things after my departure.

For we did not follow cunningly devised fables when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of His majesty. For He received from God the Father honor and glory when such a voice came to Him from the Excellent Glory: "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." And we heard this voice which came from heaven when we were with Him on the holy mountain.

And so we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts; knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation, for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.

God's People Respond with a hymn of preparation:

The Day Is Past and Gone

"Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which is from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith; that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death, if, by any means, I may attain to the resurrection from the dead... Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. " Philippians 3:8-14

EVENING HYMN (S.M.)
Elisha West, 1802

John Leland, 1792

1. The day is past and gone; The eve - ning shades ap - pear:
2. We lay our gar - ments by, Up - on our beds to rest;

Melody

(Soprano) O
So

(Alto) O may we all re -
So death will soon dis -

(Tenor) O may we all re - mem - ber well The
So death will soon dis - robe us all Of

(Bass) O may we all re - mem - ber well The night of death draws
So death will soon dis - robe us all Of what we here pos -

may we all re - mem - ber well The night of death draws
death will soon dis - robe us all Of what we here pos -

mem - ber well The night of death draws near,
robe us all Of what we here pos - sess,

night of death draws near. O may we all re -
what we here pos - sess. So death will soon dis -

near, O may we all re - mem - ber well

near, The night of death draws near.
sess, Of what we here pos - sess.

The night of death draws near.
Of what we here pos - sess.

mem - ber well The night of death draws near.
robe us all Of what we here pos - sess.

The night of death draws near.
Of what we here pos - sess.

3. Lord, keep us safe this night,
Secure from all our fears;
May angels guard us while we sleep,
Till morning light appears.

4. And when we early rise
And view th'unwearied sun,
May we set out to win the prize
And after glory run.

5. And when our days are past
And we from time remove,
O may we in Thy bosom rest,
The bosom of Thy love.

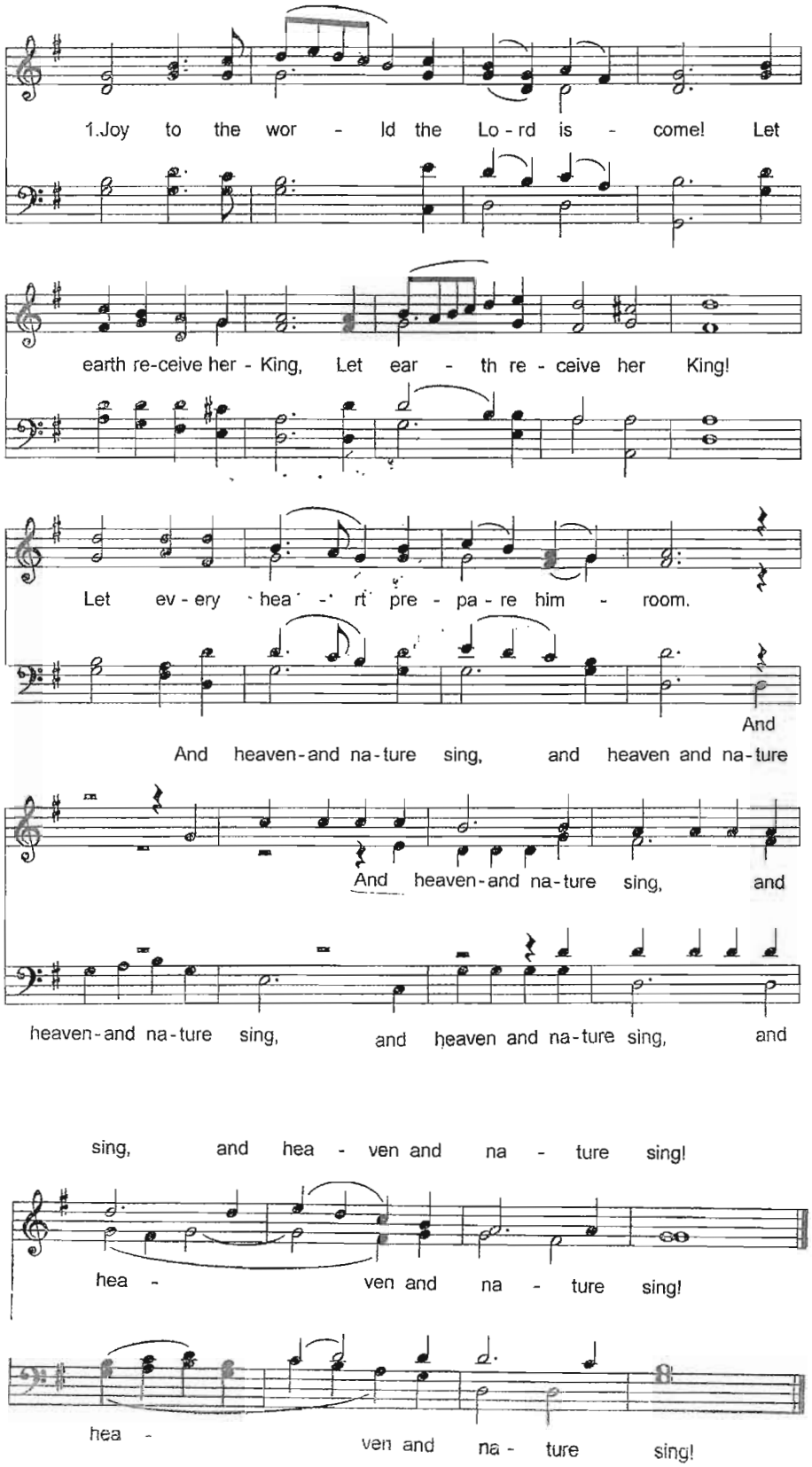
God Speaks to Us Through His Word: Scripture, Prayer for Illumination, and Sermon

"Living in the Kingdom"

From Pastor John Stoos *Based on Luke 21:29-38*

God's People Respond by singing Joy to the World! [congregation standing]

DESERT (LYNDHURST) (C.M. rep.)
Thomas Jarman, c. 1803



2. Joy to the earth! The Savior reigns;
Let men their songs employ,
Let men their songs employ,
While fields and floods, rocks,
hills, and plains
Repeat the sounding joy!

3. No more let sins and sorrows grow,
Nor thorns infest the ground;
Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make his blessings flow
Far as the curse is found.

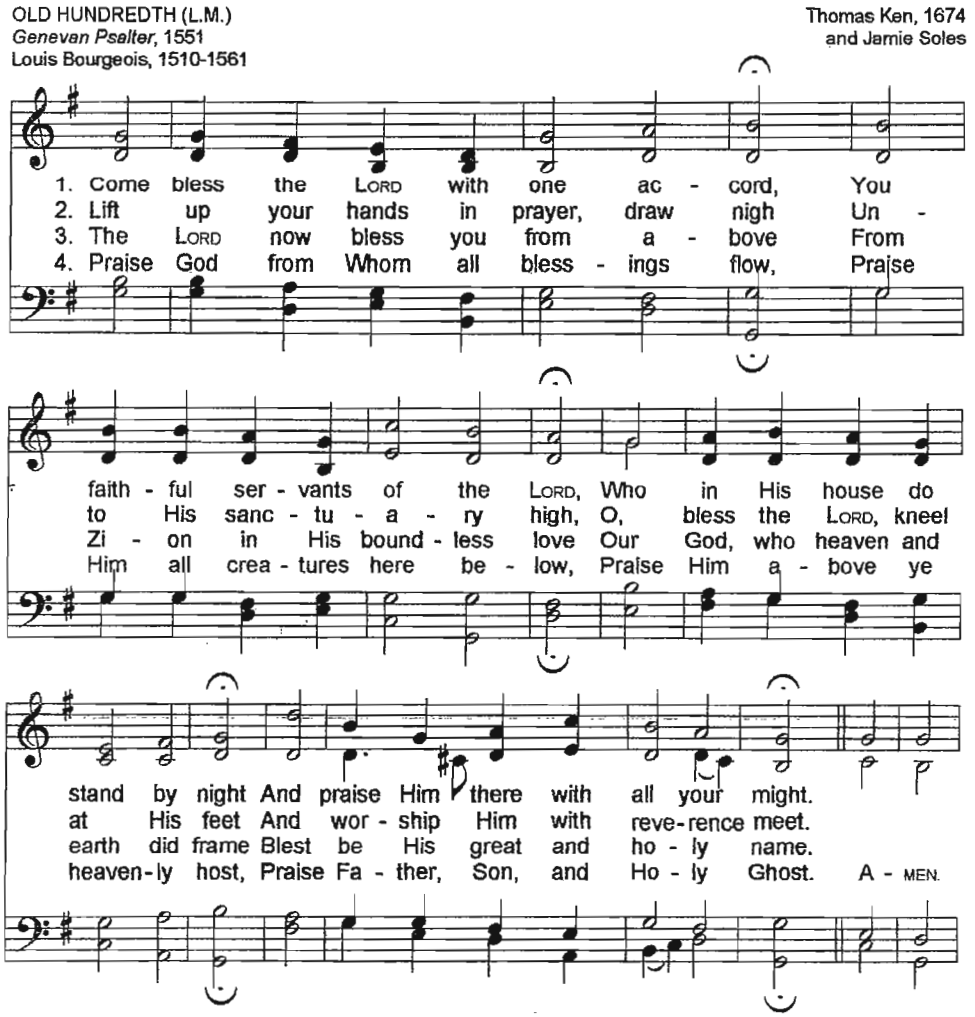
4. He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness,
And wonders of His love!

God receives our tithes and gifts as a Tribute Offering [read in unison]

"But the end of all things is at hand; therefore be serious and watchful in your prayers. And above all things have fervent love for one another, for "love will cover a multitude of sins." Be hospitable to one another without grumbling. As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. If anyone speaks, let him speak as the oracles of God. If anyone ministers, let him do it as with the ability which God supplies, that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belong the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen." *I Peter 4: 7-11*

The Collection of our tithes and offerings

The singing of Psalm 134 & the Doxology



The Great Prayer, concluding with the Lord's Prayer

"Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time, casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you." *I Peter 5:6-7*

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 the evil one,
For thine is the Kingdom, and the power and the glory forever: AMEN [Matthew 6:9-13]

Communion: Where God Communes With His People

"The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ?
The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ?" 1 Corinthians 10:16

Preparation for Communion:

Congregation of the Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord has prepared His table for all who love and trust Him for their salvation. All those who have repented of their sins, have been baptized into the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit and are not under discipline from Christ's Church are welcome at this table. For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as our Lord our God will call.

Our Confession of Faith – The Apostle's Creed [sung with echo, music by Jamie Soles]

I believe in God the Father Almighty;
Maker of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ, His only begotten 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. *[sung in unison]*
The third day He rose again from the dead;
He ascended into Heaven,
And sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
I believe a holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins;
The resurrection of the body, *[sung in unison]*
And the life everlasting.
Amen.

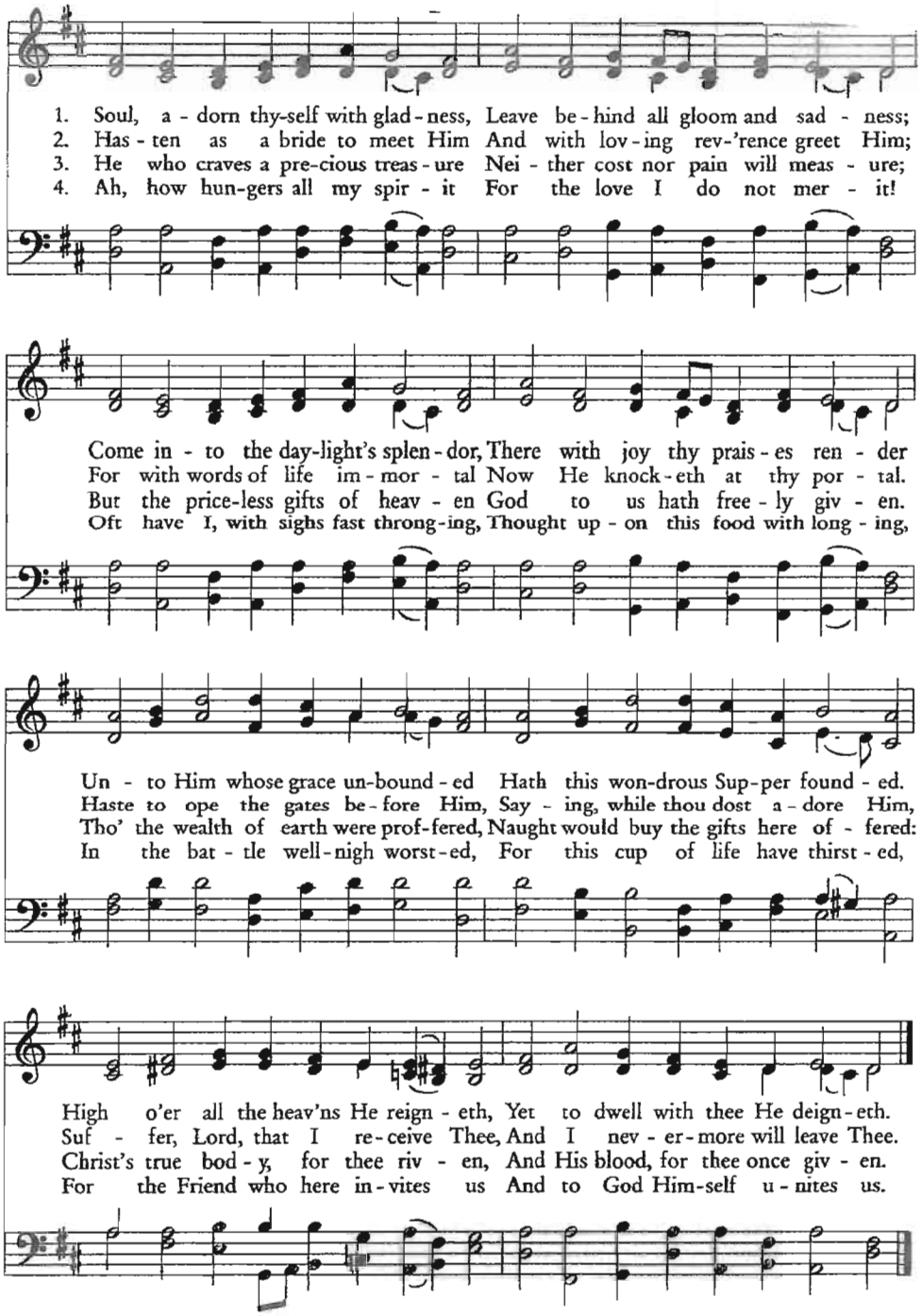
THE LORD COMMUNES WITH US AT HIS TABLE (Peace Offering, Gift of Life)

A word of encouragement -- Giving of Thanks -- Breaking of the bread

God's People Sing a hymn of thanks and celebration:

(Sung as a representative of each family comes forward to receive their bread and wine)

Soul Adorn Thyself With Gladness



Feasting At The Lord's Table: A simple act of obedience on the 1st day of a new Week

Partaking of the bread together -- Giving Thanks -- Partaking of the wine

"For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes." 1 Corinthians 11:26

Commissioning: Where God Sends Out His People

"The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up. Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat? Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells." II Peter 3:9-13

Final Responsive Reading of Psalm 122: [congregation standing]

Let Us Go Into the House of Jehovah

A Song of Ascents. Of David

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go into the house of Jehovah."

Our feet have been standing within your gates, O Jerusalem!

Jerusalem is built as a city that is compact together,

Where the tribes go up, the tribes of Jehovah,
To the Testimony of Israel,

To give thanks to the name of Jehovah.

For thrones are set there for judgment,
The thrones of the house of David.

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: "May they prosper who love you.

Peace be within your walls, Prosperity within your palaces."

For the sake of my brethren and companions, I will now say, "Peace be within you."

Because of the house of Jehovah our God I will seek your good.

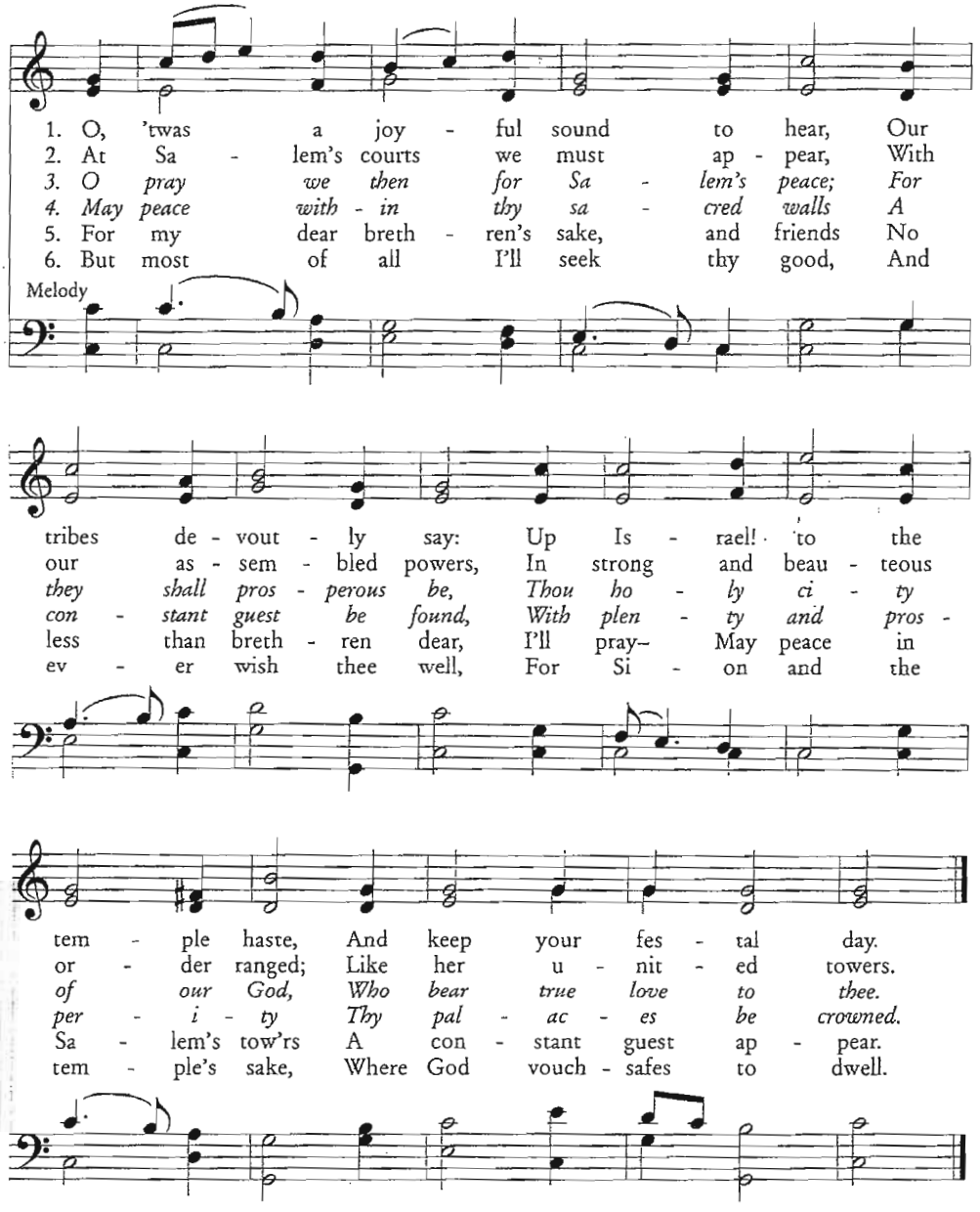
God's People Respond with the singing of Psalm 122 **

"Coming to Him as to a living stone, rejected indeed by men, but chosen by God and precious, you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. Therefore it is also contained in the Scripture, "Behold, I lay in Zion A chief cornerstone, elect, precious, And he who believes on Him will by no means be put to shame."" I Peter 2:4-6

O, 'Twas a Joyful Sound to Hear

COLCHESTER (C.M.)
William Tans'ur's *Harmony of Zion*, 1734

Tate & Brady,
A New Version of the Psalms of David, 1735



** *Note: The tenor part is the melody which everyone sings with the first verse.*
For those who can sing parts, basses join in verse two, altos in verse three and the sopranos in verse four.

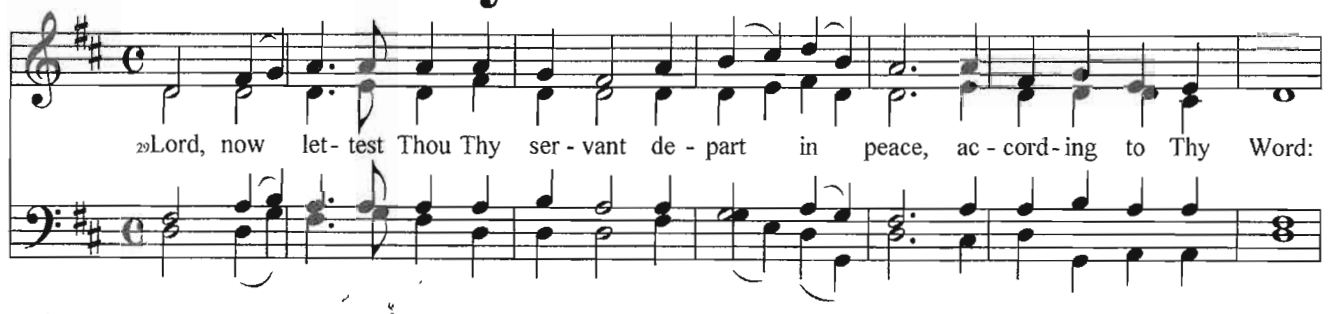
God Blesses His People – The Benediction: [congregation standing]

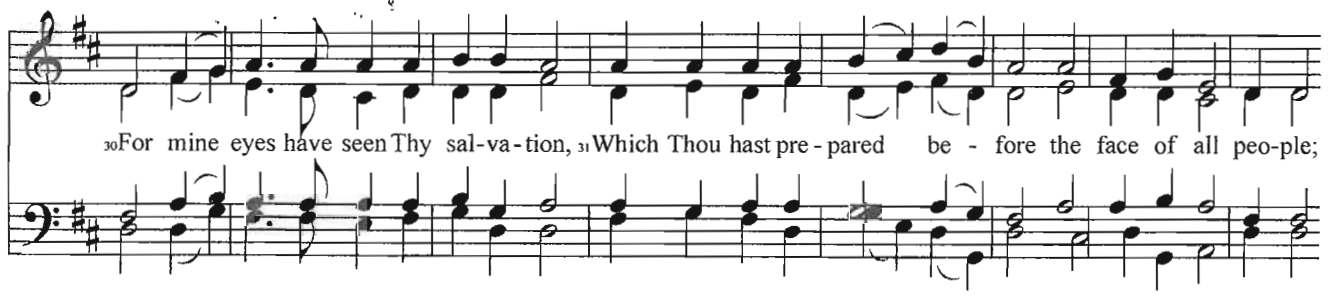
Then Aaron lifted up his hands toward the people and blessed them,
and he came down from offering the sin offering and the burnt offering and the peace offerings. Leviticus 9:22

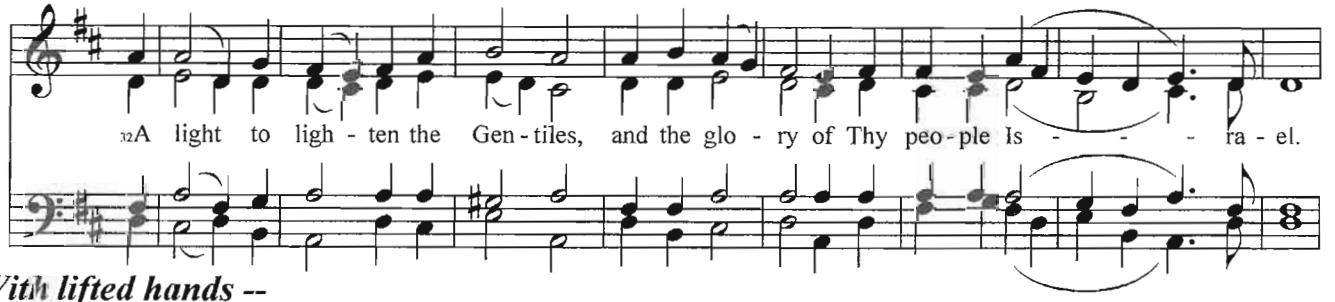
"May the God of all grace, who called us to His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a while, perfect, establish strengthen, and settle you. To Him be the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen." ***I Peter 5:10-11***

God's People Depart to Serve the Risen & Reigning Savior by Singing:

Simeon's Prayer & the Gloria Patri







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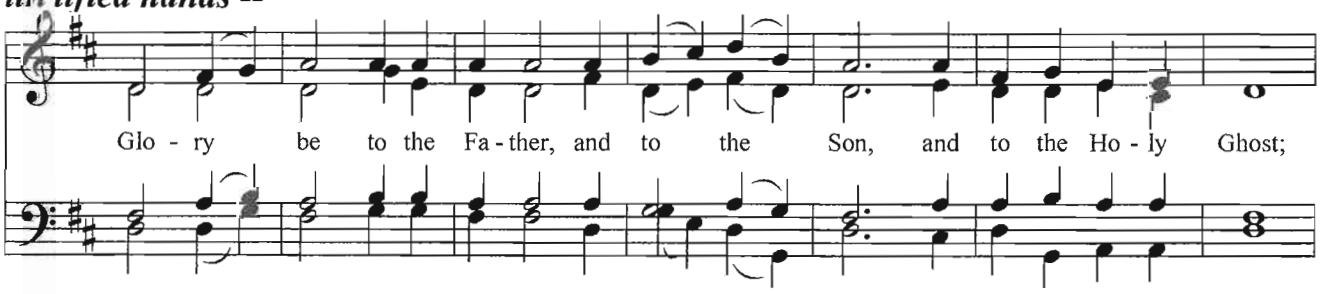

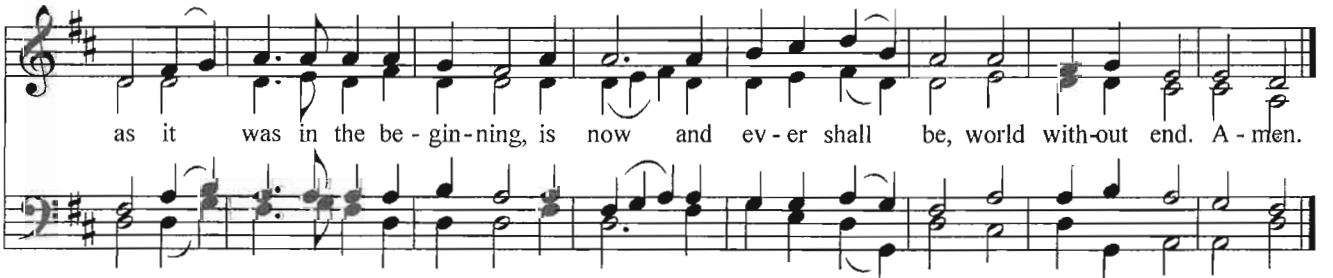

March 15th, 2009

Church of the King

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We gather at 10:30 AM each Sunday for a brief time of singing instruction.
Worship begins promptly at 11 AM. — Weekly pulpit supply ~ Pastor John Stoos.

Prayer Requests

- *For those in our congregation who are ill, that our Lord would renew their energy and restore them to health.*
- *For Amber Fisher, that the numbness would continue to decrease and the appointments with her surgeon and orthodontist tomorrow would go well.*
- *For Sonrisa Hanna's Aunt Laura who is suffering from complications following a recent surgery including a strep infection. She has requested prayer and we ask that the Lord heal her body and draw her close to Himself*
- *For Nate Pettyjohn and Bill McDonald, that our Lord would bring them to places of repentance and restore them to His Church.*
- *For the Avanto family as Igor continues to commute to L.A. for work.*
- *For our expectant mothers, Corin Geib, Leah Vogt, and Claire Smith, that they be blessed with good health and strong babies.*
- *For Christ Covenant Church in Menlo Park, that our Lord would bless that new congregation, and strengthen and uphold those who will be preaching each Sunday.*
- *For the CREC churches in Poland and the surrounding area, that our Lord would bless the saints there and their efforts to spread the gospel in that region and throughout Europe.*
- *For Garden Valley Chapel and Pastor David Torres, that the faithful preaching of God's Word would strengthen and encourage that congregation and spread the light of the gospel throughout that community.*
- *For the persecuted Church throughout the world, and the godly saints who risk or have given their lives while standing strong in the faith.*
- *For our elders and deacons, that they would have strength, wisdom, and discernment as they carry out their duties.*

Our church Fellowship Dinner follows today's worship service.
All are welcome to join us as our guests & to sing as we ask the Lord's blessing:

Be present at our table Lord,
Be here and everywhere adored.
These mercies bless and grant that we,
May feast in Paradise with Thee.

We thank Thee Lord for this our food,
For life and health and every good.
By Thine own hand may we be fed,
Give us each day our daily bread.

Weekly Meetings:

Our men's fellowship breakfasts meet at 7:00am on Tuesdays in Grass Valley reading Biblical Economics by R.C. Sproul Jr. and 6:30am at the Pancake Circus on Wednesday in Sacramento reading Calvin's Institutes of the Christian Religion.

Our ladies' Bible study meets every Friday in Sacramento at 1:00pm. Please contact Linda Stoos for further information.

Our foothill ladies' Bible study meets every Thursday at 2:00pm at the Echols' home in Grass Valley. Please contact Rita for further information.

Our valley Family Bible Study meets on Thursdays at 7:00pm at the Johnson home studying Revelation followed by some Psalm singing.

Announcement: *Foothill Christian Fellowship in Meadow Vista is hosting a women's conference featuring speaker Elizabeth George on Sat., April 25th, from 8am to 3pm. The cost is $35. For more information, contact FCF at (530)878-0293 or go to their website (www.fcfmv.org).*

Birthdays:

Sonrisa Hanna ~ March 13th
Zane Baker ~ March 15th
Chase Pettyjohn ~ March 17th