1st Sunday of Advent

CHURCH OF THE KING

Call to Worship:

Where God calls us into His presence

"Behold the days are coming," says Jehovah, "that I will perform that good thing which I have promised to the house of Israel and to the house and Judah: "In those days and at that time I will cause to grow up to David a branch of righteousness; He shall execute judgment and righteousness in the earth. In those days Judah will be saved, and Jerusalem will dwell safely. And this is the name by which she will be called: 'Jehovah our Righteousness.'" ~Jeremiah 33:14-16

God's people respond with a hymn of praise *based on Luke 2:15*

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come, and behold Him, born the King of angels;

Refrain:
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord.

Yea, Lord, we great Thee, born this happy morning;
Jesus, to Thee be all glory given;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing; ***Refrain***

God of God, Light of Light,
Lo! He abhors not the Virgin's womb.
Son of the Father, begotten not created; ***Refrain***

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;
Glory to God, glory in the highest; ***Refrain***

Salutation & Response

In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit **AMEN**
The People who walked in darkness, **Have seen a great light**
Those who dwell in a land of deep darkness,
Upon them a light has shined

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Confession of Sins: Where God Cleanses Us in Christ

""If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." I John 1:9

The call for confession from God's Word

""Now, therefore," says Jehovah, "Turn to Me with all your heart, With fasting, with weeping, and with mourning." So rend your heart, and not your garments; Return to Jehovah your God, For He is gracious and merciful, Slow to anger, and of great kindness; And He relents from doing harm." *Joel 2:12,13*

God's People Join in a Hymn of Confession: [congregation standing]

Comfort, Comfort Ye My People

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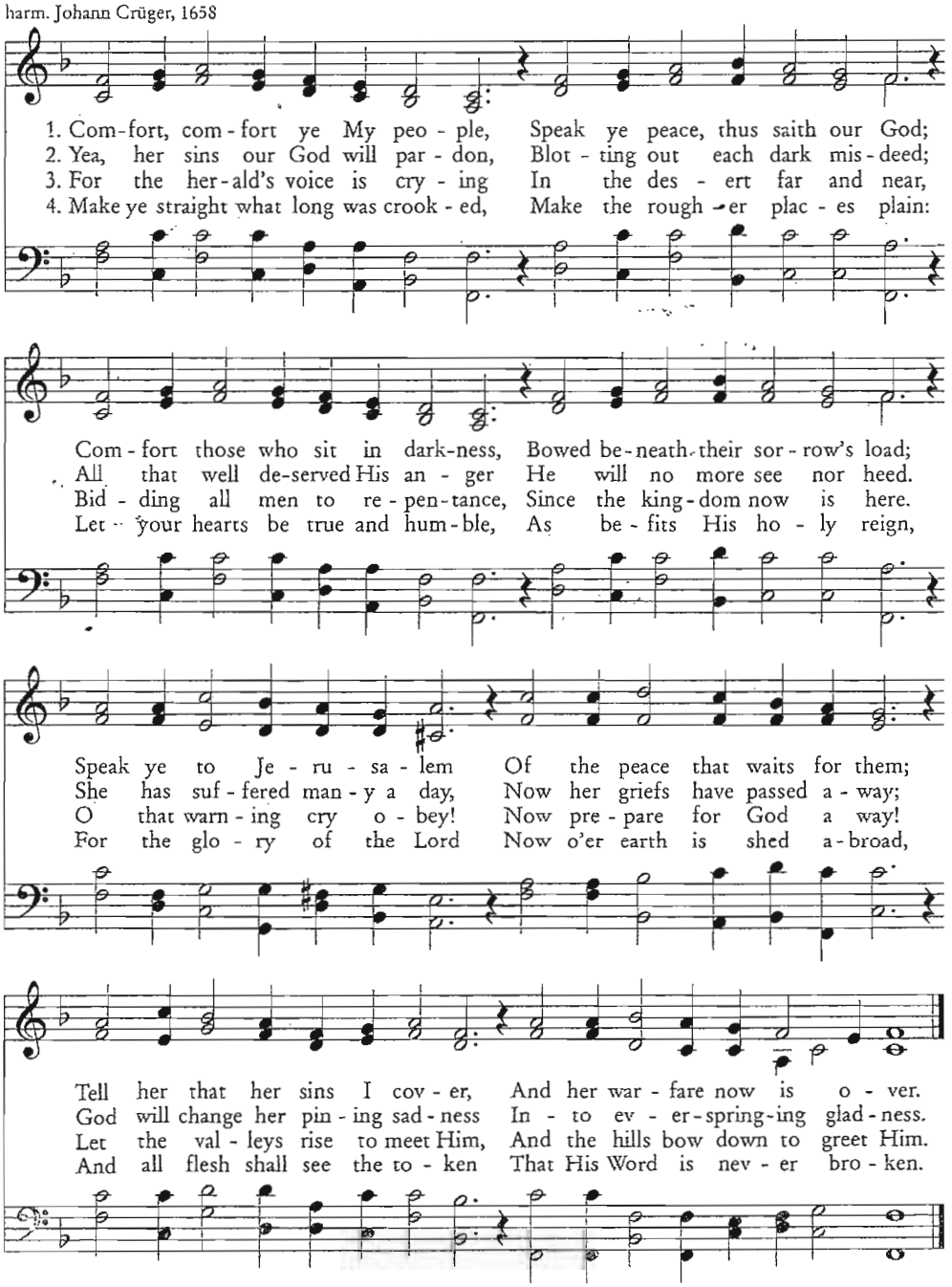


Silent Confession

"This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief." 1 Timothy 1:15

Corporate Prayer of Confession

"Then those of Israelite lineage separated themselves from all foreigners; and they stood and confessed their sins and the iniquities of their fathers." Nehemiah 9:2

O God, we confess that we often live as if the light had never defeated the darkness in the world or in us. We ignore Christ whom you sent to be among us, and to be in us. Forgive us, 0 Lord, for not opening our eyes to your coming. Forgive us our sins, we beseech You, and cleanse us, for the sake of Jesus whom You sent to be our Savior and Lord. Come to us anew, and by your grace, assist us to receive you with joy, as the shepherds; with gratitude, as Simeon; with obedience, as Mary; with love, as you have loved us. Even so: come, Lord Jesus. Deliver us from the darkness of this present generation. Vindicate all those that call upon Your Mighty Name. AMEN!

Assurance of Pardon and Forgiveness **From Psalm 85:1-4**

"Jehovah, You have been favorable to Your land; You have brought back the captivity of Jacob. You have forgiven the iniquity of Your people; You have covered all their sin. You have taken away all Your wrath; You have turned from the fierceness of Your anger. Restore us, O God of our salvation, And cause Your anger toward us to cease."

Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for your sins and to be raised for your justification; and for His sake forgives you all your sins. This I declare in the name and authority of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

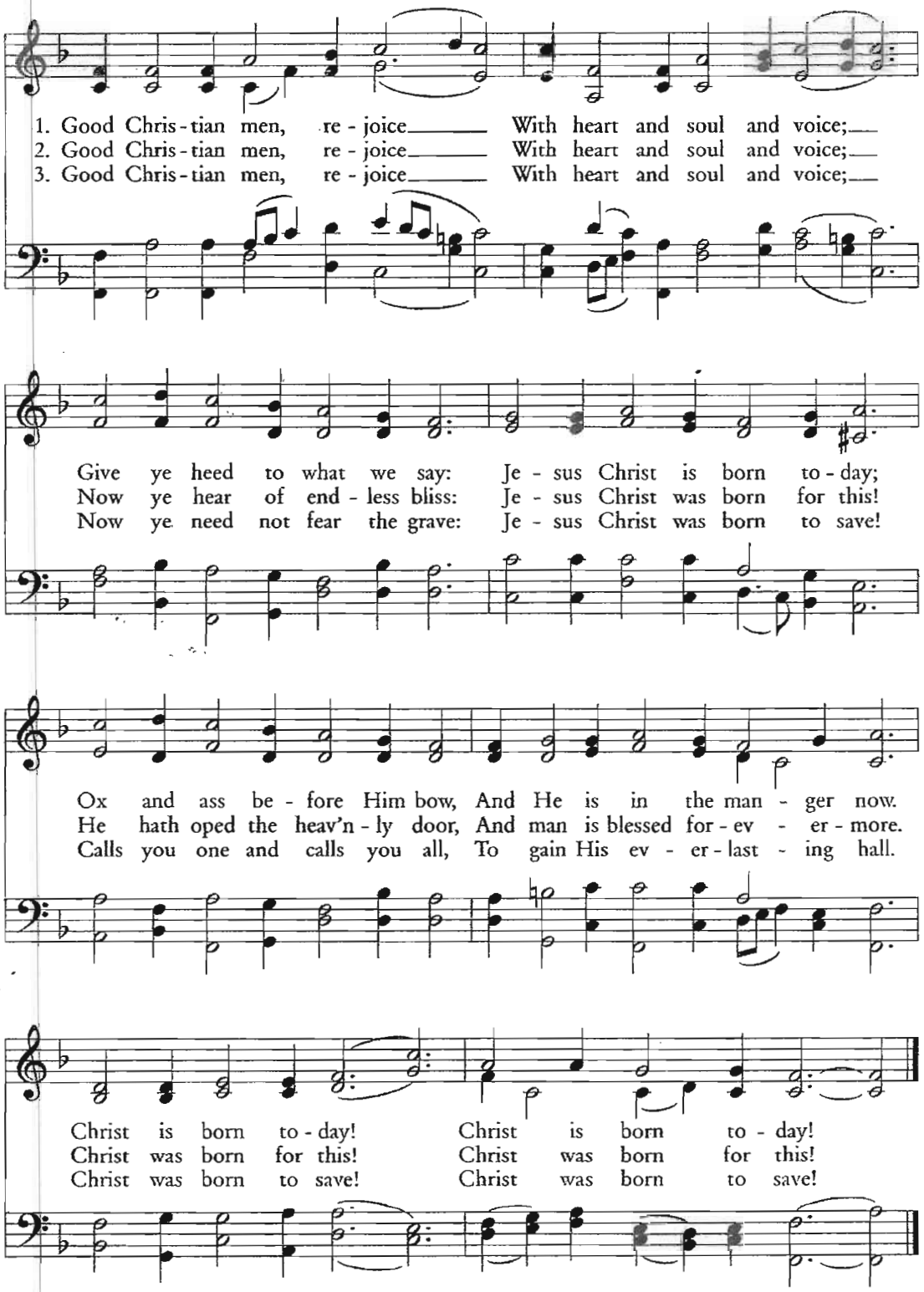
God's People Sing a Hymn of Thanks:

[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 9:5

Good Christian Men Rejoice!

"And Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory" John 1:14



Consecration: Where God Equips & Prepares His People

"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God" Romans 12:1,2

THE LORD CONSECRATES US BY HIS WORD:

The Responsive Reading of Psalm 25 A Psalm of David.

To You, O Jehovah, I lift up my soul. O my God, I trust in You; Let me not be ashamed; Let not my enemies triumph over me.

Indeed, let no one who waits on You be ashamed; Let those be ashamed who deal treacherously without cause. Show me Your ways, O Jehovah; Teach me Your paths.

Lead me in Your truth and teach me, For You are the God of my salvation; On You I wait all the day. Remember, O Jehovah, Your tender mercies and Your lovingkindnesses, For they are from of old.

Do not remember the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions; According to Your mercy remember me, For Your goodness' sake, O Jehovah. Good and upright is Jehovah; Therefore He teaches sinners in the way.

The humble He guides in justice, and the humble He teaches His way. All the paths of Jehovah are mercy and truth, to such as keep His covenant and His testimonies.

For Your name's sake, O Jehovah, Pardon my iniquity, for it is great. Who is the man that fears Jehovah? Him shall He teach in the way He chooses.

He himself shall dwell in prosperity, and his descendants shall inherit the earth. The secret of Jehovah is with those who fear Him, And He will show them His covenant.

My eyes are ever toward Jehovah, for He shall pluck my feet out of the net. Turn Yourself to me, and have mercy on me, For I am desolate and afflicted.

The troubles of my heart have enlarged; bring me out of my distresses! Look on my affliction and my pain, and forgive all my sins.

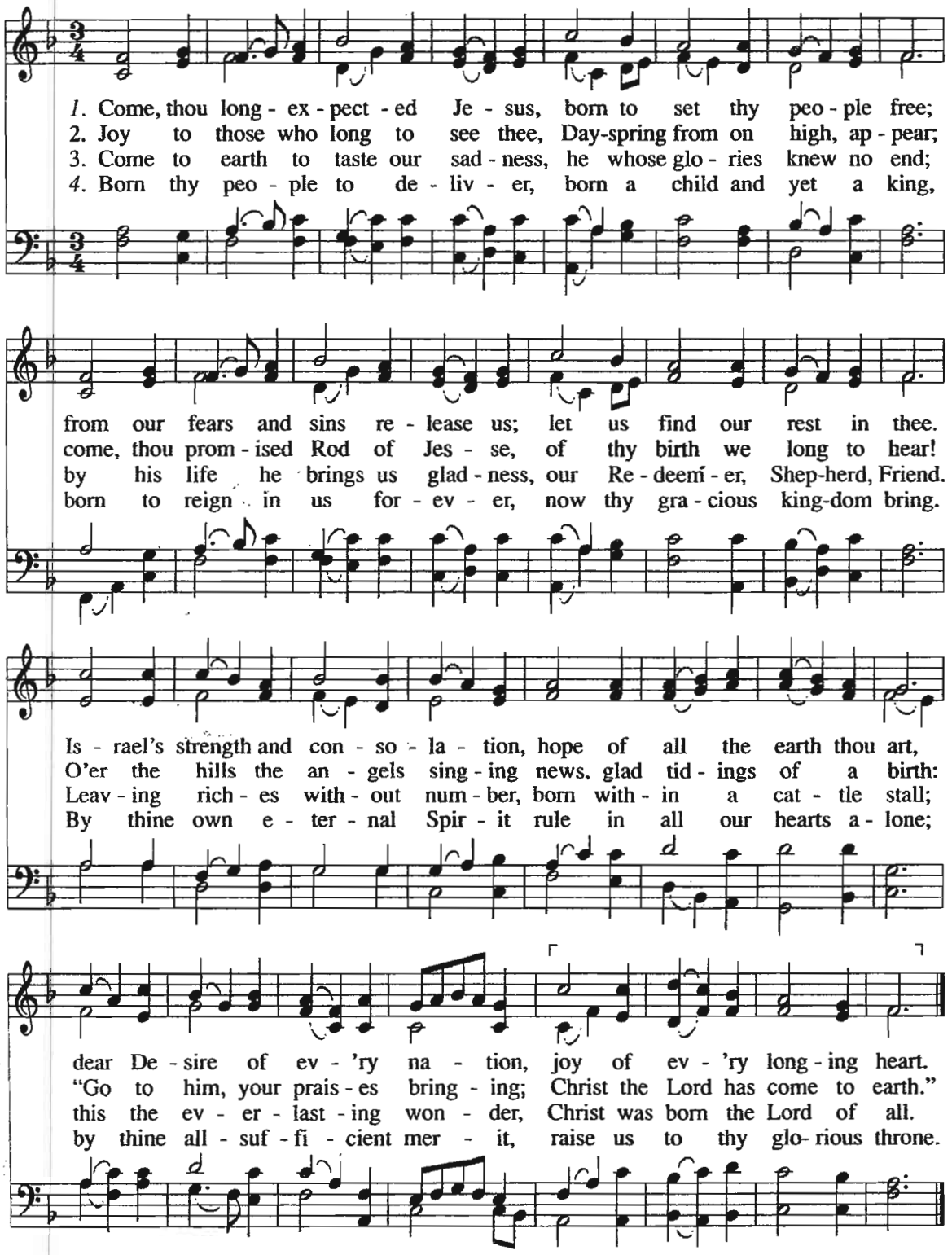
Consider my enemies, for they are many; and they hate me with cruel hatred. Keep my soul, and deliver me; Let me not be ashamed, for I put my trust in You.

Let integrity and uprightness preserve me, for I wait for You.

Redeem Israel, O God, Out of all their troubles!

God's People Respond with a Hymn of Faith:

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus



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

"Blessed is the man whom You instruct, O Lord, And teach out of Your law." Psalm 94:12

"The Coming of the King" *From Elder Theron Johnson*

Based on I John 1:5-10; Revelation 6:1-10

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

All My Heart This Night Rejoices

Paul Gerhardt, 1653
Tr. by Catherine Winkworth, 1858, alt.

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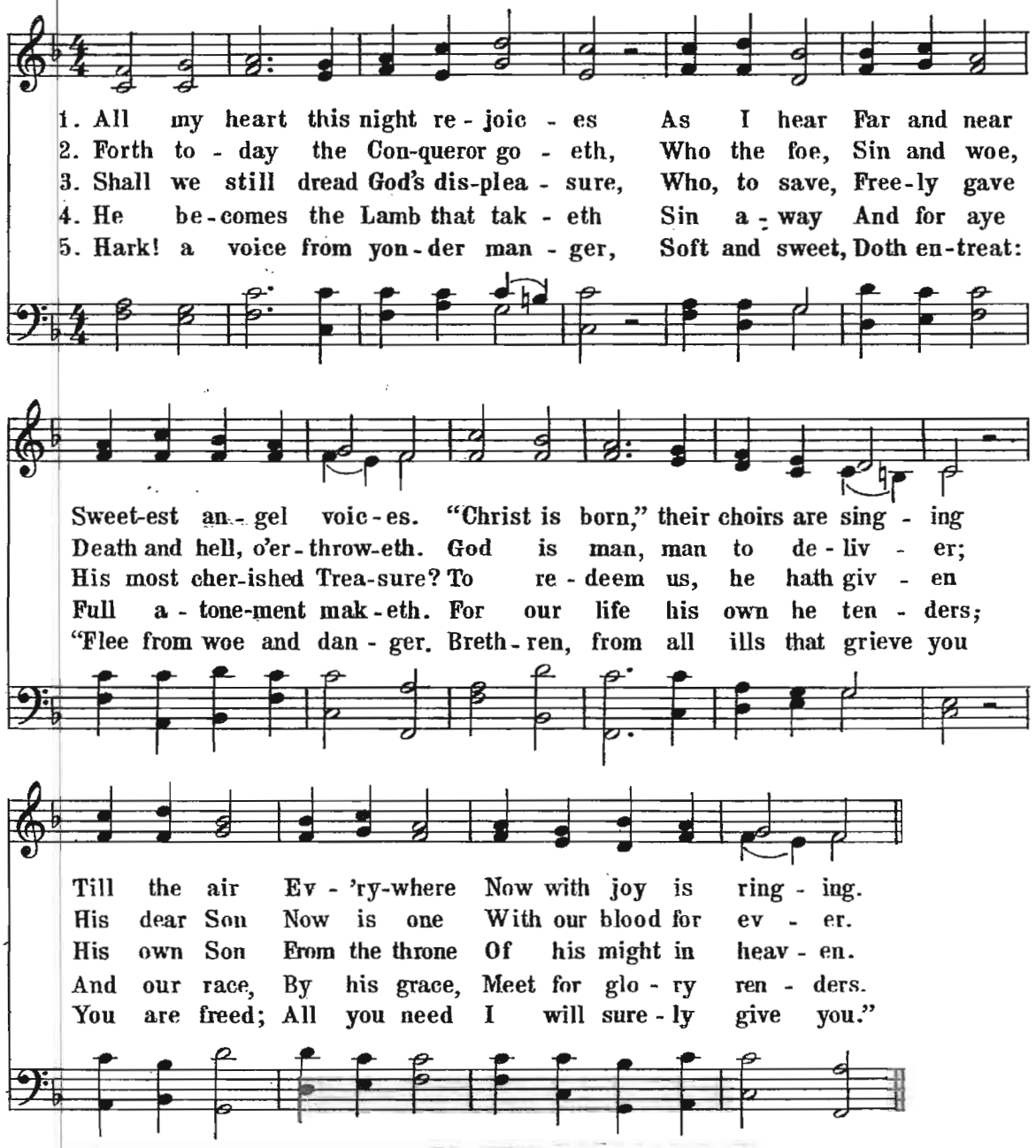
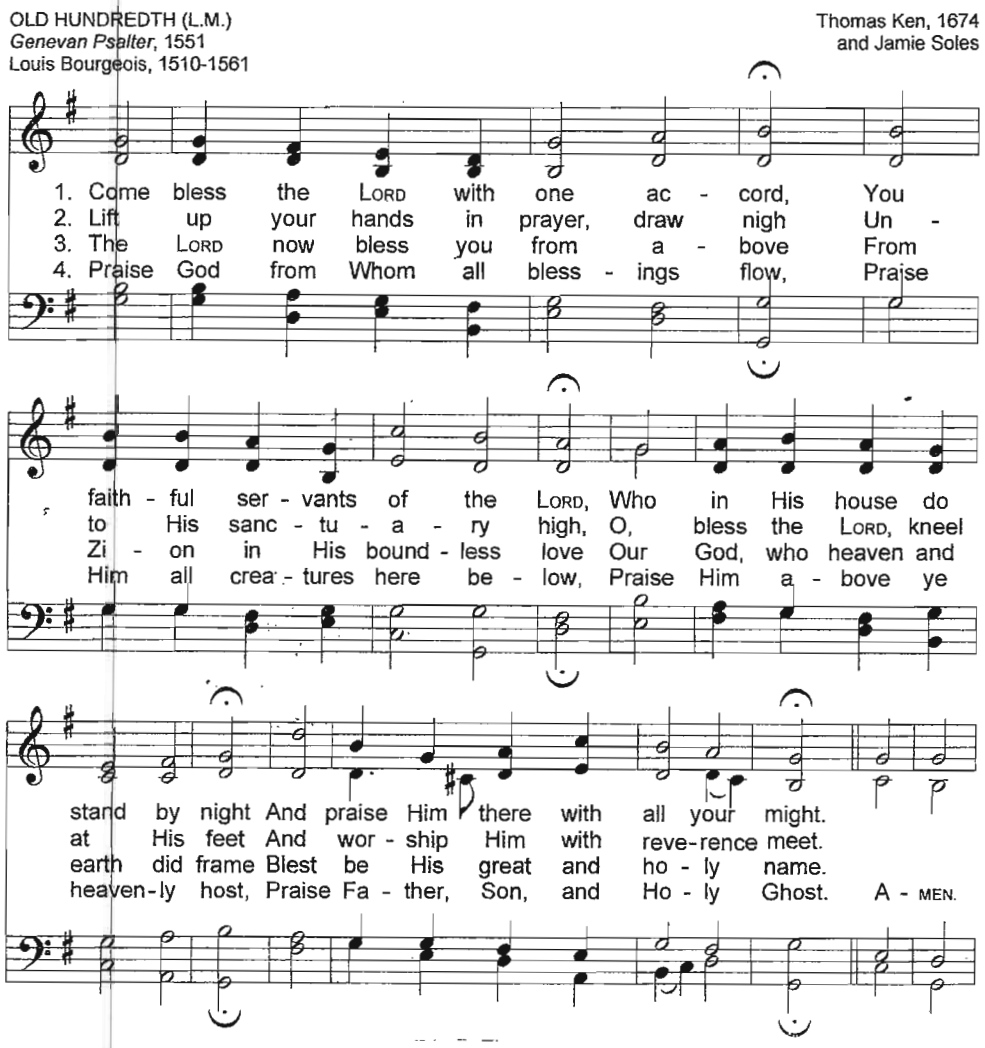


God receives our tithes and gifts as a Tribute Offering [read in unison]

"Will a man rob God? Yet you have robbed Me! But you say, 'In what way have we robbed You?' In tithes and offerings. 9 You are cursed with a curse, For you have robbed Me, Even this whole nation. 10 Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, That there may be food in My house, And try Me now in this," Says the Lord of hosts, "If I will not open for you the windows of heaven And pour out for you such blessing That there will not be room enough to receive it. *Malachi 3:8-10*

The Collection of our tithes and offerings

The singing of Psalm 134 & the Doxology



The Great Prayer, concluding with the Lord's Prayer

"Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way which He consecrated for us, through the veil, that is, His flesh, and having a High Priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water." Heb. 10:19-22

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 and are in good standing in 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)

Silent Night

Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright
round yon virgin mother and child.
Holy infant, so tender and mild,
sleep in heavenly peace,
sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night, shepherds quake at the sight;
glories stream from heaven afar,
heavenly hosts sing Alleluia!
Christ the Savior is born,
Christ the Savior is born!

Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light;
radiant beams from thy holy face
with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

Silent night, holy night, wondrous star, lend thy light;
with the angels let us sing,
Alleluia to our King;
Christ the Savior is born,
Christ the Savior is born!

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." I Corinthians 11:26

Commissioning *The LORD Blesses and Sends Forth His People*

"Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth."
[Genesis 1:26-28]

Our Final Responsive Reading: **Psalm 98**

1 Oh, sing to Jehovah a new song!

For He has done marvelous things; His right hand and His holy arm have gained Him the victory.

2 Jehovah has made known His salvation;

His righteousness He has revealed in the sight of the nations.

3 He has remembered His mercy and His faithfulness to the house of Israel;

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

4 Shout joyfully to Jehovah, all the earth;

Break forth in song, rejoice, and sing praises.

5 Sing to Jehovah with the harp,

With the harp and the sound of a psalm,

6 With trumpets and the sound of a horn;

Shout joyfully before Jehovah, the King.

7 Let the sea roar, and all its fullness,

The world and those who dwell in it;

8 Let the rivers clap their hands;

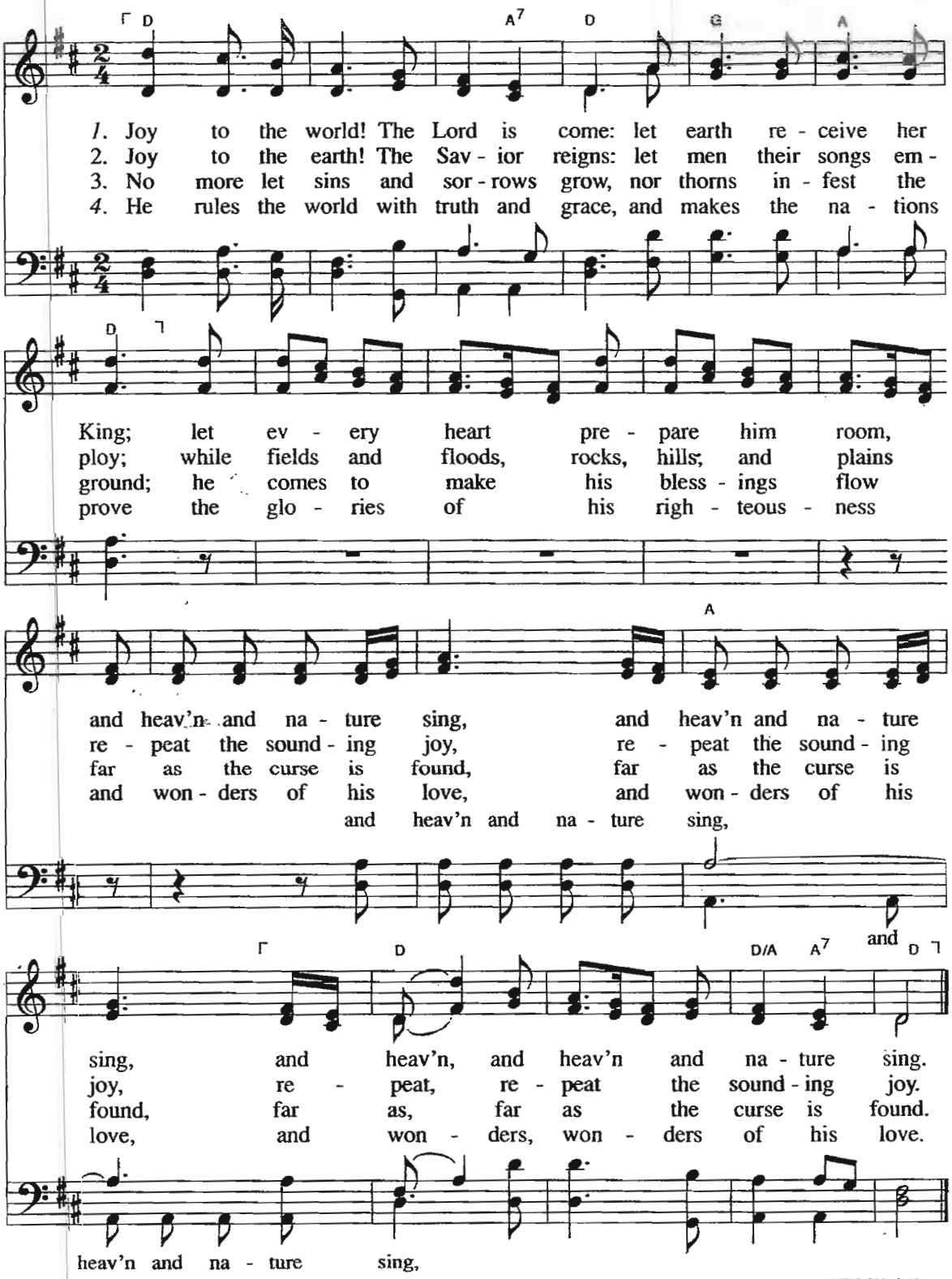
Let the hills be joyful together before Jehovah,

9 For He is coming to judge the earth.

With righteousness He shall judge the world, And the peoples with equity.

God's people prepare to be sent forth to serve our Risen & Reigning Savior

The Singing of Joy to the World



Based on Psalm 98
Isaac Watts, 1719

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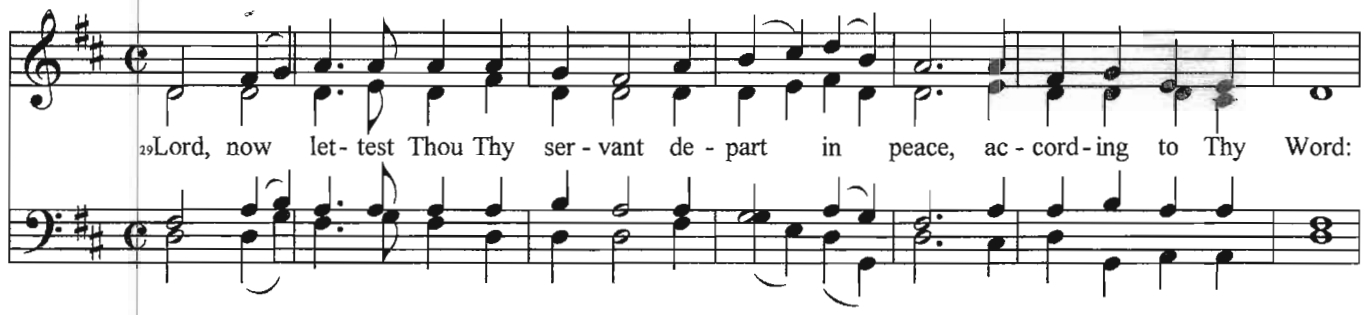
God Blesses His People – The Benediction: [congregation standing]

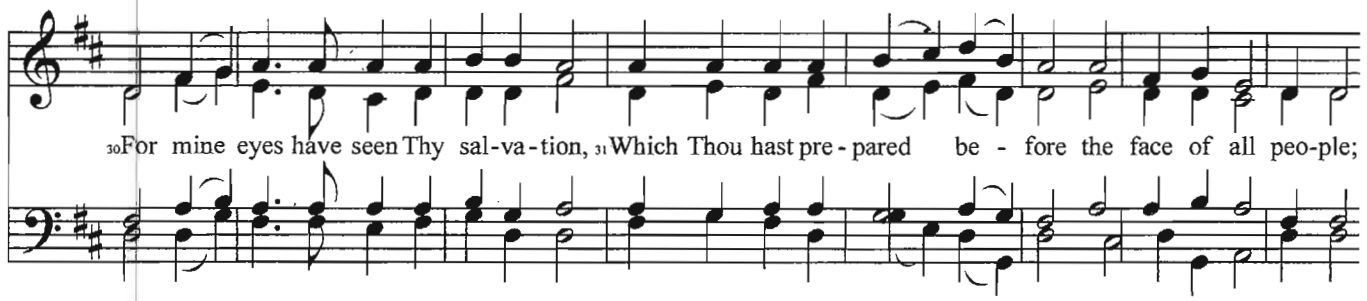
Then Aaron lifted up his hands toward the people and blessed them,
and he came down from offering the sin offering and the burnt offering and the peace offerings. Leviticus 9:22

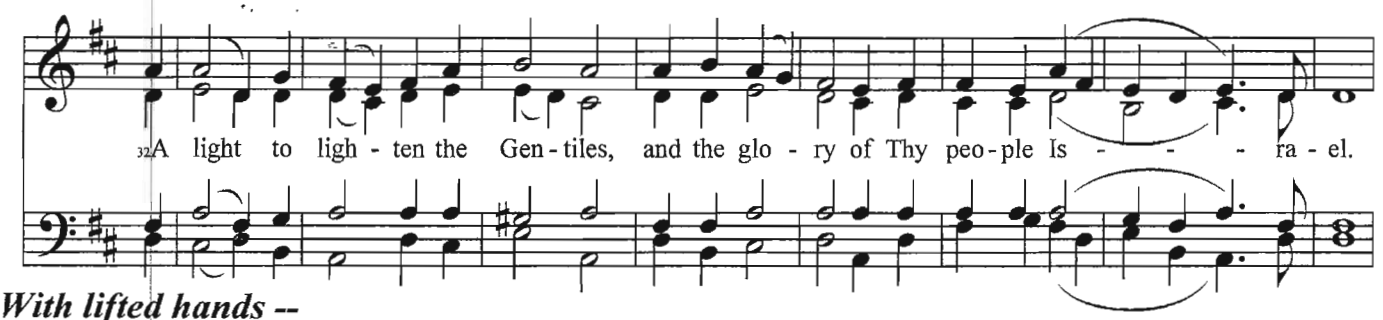
"Sing, O heavens! Be joyful, O earth! And break out in singing, O mountains!
For Jehovah has comforted His people, and will have mercy on His afflicted.
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. **Amen**." *Isaiah 49:13; I Thessalonians 5:28*

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

Simeon's Prayer & the Gloria Patri







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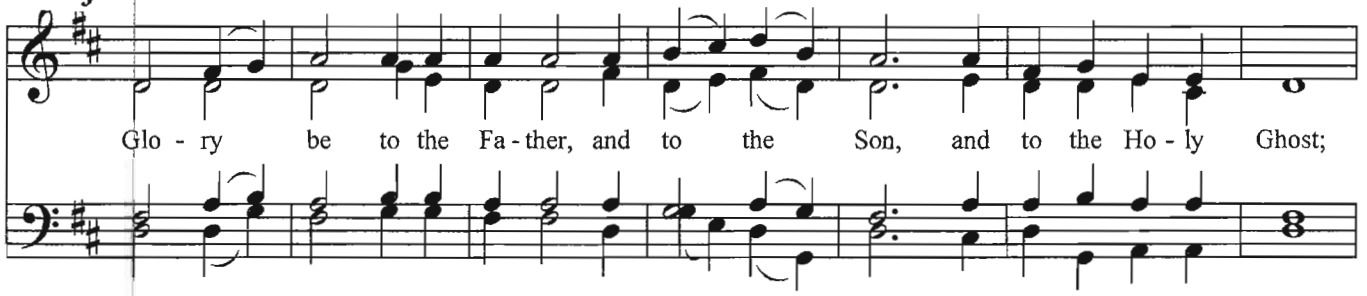

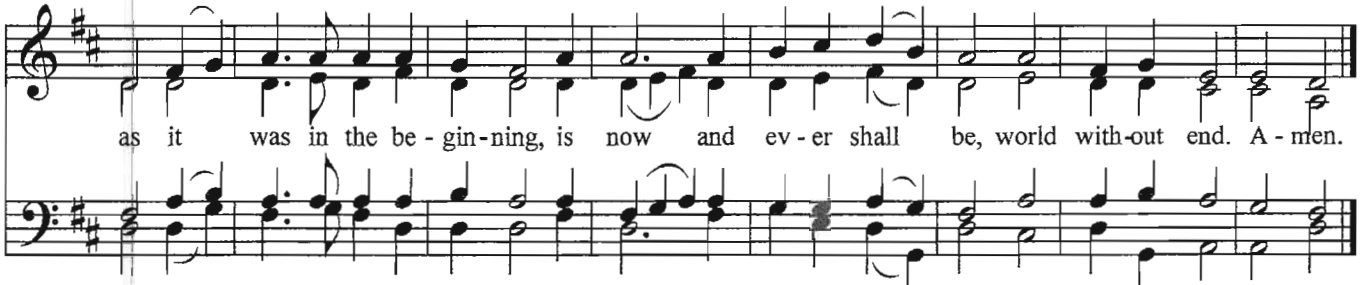

November 29th, 2009

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 Doug Spence, as he is preparing for a pacemaker, that the angiogram dye would not damage his kidneys, all procedures would go smoothly, the doctors would have wisdom, and Doug and Judy would fully trust in God's good providence.*
- *For all those who are ill with, or recovering from, the flu, that they would be quickly restored to full strength and health.*
- *That we would be faithful in presenting the Gospel of Jesus Christ at every opportunity."*
- *For our expectant mothers, Liz Pettyjohn, Vanessa Dybevik, and Valerie Pettyjohn, that they be blessed with good health and strong babies, and that Liz may be freed from her migraines.*
- *For Erin Farley and her unborn son, that labor would not commence for as long as possible so the baby can more fully develop.*
- *For the CREC churches in Poland and surrounding areas of Eastern Europe, that God would bless those who are laboring there with energy, wisdom and perseverance as they seek to spread the light of the Gospel in those dark places.*
- *For Reformation Presbyterian Church in North Highlands, and Pastor Kevin VanDerLinden, that our Lord's precious Name would be glorified through the faithful preaching of His Word.*
- *For our elders and deacons, as they lead and minister to our congregation, that our Lord would grant them strength, wisdom and encouragement.*

Our church Fellowship Dinner follows today's worship service.

We welcome all to be 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:

Men's fellowship breakfasts:

-Grass Valley at 7:00am on Tuesday reading Respectable Sins

~ Sacramento at 6:30am on Wednesday at the Pancake Circus reading Augustine's City of God

Ladies' Bible studies

~ Grass Valley group meets on Thursday. Contact Rita for further information.

~ Sacramento group meets 1:30pm on Friday. Please contact Linda Stoos for further information.

Family Bible Study

~ Sacramento at 7:00pm on Wednesdays at the Johnson home studying Judges followed by Psalm singing.

~ Grass Valley families gather on Friday. Contact Mark Echols for details.