

Service for the Lord's Day

Reign of Christ
November 20, 2022

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Preparing to Hear God's Word

Prelude

Prelude on "St. Columba"

Healey Willan

Welcome

◆ Call to Worship and Opening Prayer

Let the heavens be glad and let the earth rejoice!

Christ will reign forever and ever.

The Lord is robed in majesty and girded in strength.

Christ will reign forever and ever.

God has established the world, and God's realm will never be shaken.

Christ will reign forever and ever.

God will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with equity.

Christ will reign forever and ever.

The kingdom of this world has become the kingdom of our Lord.

Christ will reign forever and ever.

Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and our Savior,

*You pour out your power for the powerless
and your salvation for the lost.*

*Remember us in your new creation,
so that we may live in peace with you*

in the presence of the Holy One,

to whom be all honor and glory,

through you, in the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

◆ Hymn 263

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

CORONATION

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Righteous God,

You have crowned Jesus Christ as Lord of all.

**We confess that we have not bowed before him
and are slow to acknowledge his rule.**

**We give allegiance to the powers of this world
and fail to be governed by justice and love.**

In your mercy, forgive us.

**Raise us to acclaim him as ruler of all and lord of our lives,
that we may be loyal ambassadors and faithful servants.**

Silent Prayers

Sung Response

HS 69

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Assurance of Forgiveness

God has rescued us from the power of evil and claimed us for the realm of Jesus Christ, in whom we have redemption. In the name of Jesus, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God! Amen.

◆ Sung Response

GTG 583

Gloria, gloria in excelsis Deo!
Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia!

◆ Passing of the Peace

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

God's Word to Us

A Time with Children and Youth (11:00)

First Reading

Psalm 46

OT p. 489

Rich Gregory (11:00)

Anthem (11:00)

King of Glory, King of Peace

J. S. Bach

arr. William Harris

King of glory, King of peace, I will love Thee;
 And that love may never cease, I will move Thee.
 Thou hast granted my request, Thou hast heard me;
 Thou didst note my working breast, Thou has spared me.

Wherefore with my utmost art I will sing Thee,
 And the cream of all my heart I will bring Thee.
 Though my sins against me cried, Thou didst clear me;
 And alone, when they replied, Thou didst hear me.

Seven whole days, not one in seven, I will praise Thee;
 In my heart, though not in heaven, I can raise Thee.
 Small it is in this poor sort To enroll Thee:
 E'en eternity's too short To extol Thee.

Second Reading

Luke 1:69-78

NT p. 54

Sermon

Out of Silence, Witness

Lynne Clements

Responding to God's Word

◆ Affirmation of Faith

from the *Confession of 1967*

We declare that Jesus is Lord.

His resurrection is a decisive victory over the powers that deform and destroy human life.

His lordship is hidden.

The world appears to be dominated by people and systems that do not acknowledge his rule.

But his lordship is real.

It demands our loyalty and sets us free from the fear of all lesser lords who threaten us.

We maintain that ultimate sovereignty now belongs to Jesus Christ in every sphere of life.

Jesus is Lord!

He has been Lord from the beginning.

He will be Lord at the end. Even now he is Lord.

◆ Hymn 109 (11:00)

Blest Be the God of Israel

MERLE'S TUNE

Prayers of the Congregation and the Lord's Prayer

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.

Offertory (8:30)

Prelude in E Minor

J. S. Bach

(11:00)

At the Name of Jesus

Ralph Vaughan Williams

Text can be found at no. 264 in the Glory to God hymnal.

◆ Presentation of the Offering

GTG 607

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Christ, all people here below;

Praise Holy Spirit evermore;

Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

◆ Prayer of Thanksgiving

◆ Hymn 802

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

ST. COLUMBA

At 11:00: v. 1-2, all; v. 3, lower voices; v. 4, upper voices; v. 5-6, all

◆ Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Fugue in D Major

J. S. Bach

◆ Please stand, as you are able.

The flowers today are given by Ock Lee, in memory of Soo Ik Lee, M.D.

What's Happening

at Westminster

Sunday, November 20

Reign of Christ

8:30 a.m. Worship Service in the Sanctuary

9:30 a.m. Church School

11 a.m. Worship Service in the Sanctuary

Noon UKirk and 20/30/40 CreW Bodo's Brunch at Common Grounds

12:15 p.m. Singers Rehearsal in the Choir Room

12:15 p.m. Deacons Meeting in the Upper Lounge

4 p.m. Westminster Organ Concert Series - Jonathan Schakel, harpsichord

Monday, November 21

6:30 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry in the Lower Lounge

Wednesday, November 23

Church office closes at noon

Thursday, November 24

Thanksgiving Day, church office closed

Noon Thanksgiving Potluck in Common Grounds

Friday, November 25

Church office closed

Sunday, November 27

First Sunday of Advent

8:30 a.m. Worship Service in the Sanctuary

9:30 a.m. Intergenerational Advent Workshop in the Fellowship Hall

11 a.m. Worship Service in the Sanctuary

12:15 p.m. Singers Rehearsal in the Choir Room

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263 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

Descant

4 O that with yon - der sa - cred throng we at his feet may fall!

1 All hail the power of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate fall;
 2 Ye cho - sen seed of Is - rael's race, ye ran - somed from the fall,
 3 Let ev - ery kin - dred, ev - ery tribe on this ter - res - trial ball
 4 O that with yon - der sa - cred throng we at his feet may fall!

We'll join the song, and crown him Lord of all!

bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and crown him Lord of all!
 hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!
 to him all maj - es - ty as - cribe, and crown him Lord of all!
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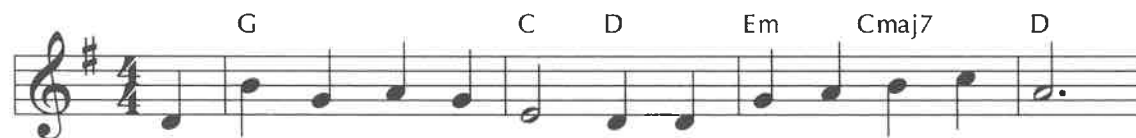
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This 18th-century text celebrating the sovereignty of Christ has been through several expansions and contractions before reaching its present form. It is set here to the oldest American hymn tune in continuous use since first published in 1793, which was written for it.

109 Blest Be the God of Israel

Song of Zechariah



1 Blest be the God of Is - rael, who comes to set us free;
 2 God from the house of Da - vid a child of grace has given;
 3 On those who sit in dark - ness the sun be - gins to rise,



who vis - its and re - deems us, who grants us lib - er - ty.
 a Sav - ior comes a - mong us to raise us up to heaven.
 the dawn - ing of for - give - ness up - on the sin - ner's eyes.



The proph - ets spoke of mer - cy, of free - dom and re - lease;
 Be - fore him goes the her - ald, fore - run - ner in the way,
 God guides the feet of pil - grims a - long the paths of peace.



God shall ful - fill that prom - ise and bring the peo - ple peace.
 the proph - et of sal - va - tion, the har - bin - ger of day.
 O bless our God and Sav - ior with songs that nev - er cease!

This 20th-century British paraphrase of the Song of Zechariah (Luke 1:68-79) broadens the implications of what John the Baptist's father says in order to affirm that God's work is ongoing. The tune is named for the composer's oldest sister, who was his first piano teacher.

802 The King of Love My Shepherd Is

(Psalm 23)

1 The King of love my shep-herd is, whose good - ness
 2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow my ran - somed
 3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but yet in
 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill with thee, dear

fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
 soul he lead - eth, and where the ver - dant
 love he sought me, and on his shoul - der
 Lord, be - side me; thy rod and staff my

I am his and he is mine for - ev - er.
 pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
 gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.
 com - fort still, thy cross be - fore to guide me.

- 5 Thou spread'st a table in my sight;
 thy unction grace bestoweth;
 and O what transport of delight
 from thy pure chalice floweth!
- 6 And so through all the length of days
 thy goodness faileth never;
 Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
 within thy house forever.

Since its creation in the mid-19th century, this text has been one of the favorite paraphrases of Psalm 23 in the English-speaking world. That popularity increased in the early 20th century when *The English Hymnal*, 1906, first joined these words to this flowing Irish melody.