

# *The Lord's Day Service*

## *First Sunday of Advent 2023*



---

### **OUR CALL TO WORSHIP FROM GOD'S WORD**

---

And again, Isaiah says: "There shall be a root of Jesse;  
And He who shall rise to reign over the Gentiles,  
In Him, the Gentiles shall hope" Romans 15:12

**Come Worship the Triune God,  
Who is revealed in Jesus Christ.**

## God's People Respond with a Hymn of Praise:

# O Come, All Ye Faithful

*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;

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

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

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

*Refrain*

*Refrain*

## Salutation and Response:

[based on Matthew 28:19, Isaiah 9:2]

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

*Jehovah be with you*

**And also with you**

*The People who walked in darkness,*

**Have seen a great light**

*Those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness,*

**Upon them a light has shined!**

## *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.” 1 John 1:9*

## The Call for Confession from God's Word:

"Comfort, yes, comfort My people!" Says your God. "Speak comfort to Jerusalem, and cry out to her, that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned; For she has received from Jehovah's hand double for all her sins."

The voice of one crying in the wilderness:

"Prepare the way of Jehovah; Make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Every valley shall be exalted and every mountain and hill brought low;

The crooked places shall be made straight and the rough places smooth;

The glory of Jehovah shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together;

For the mouth of Jehovah has spoken." *Isaiah 40:1-5*

## God's People Join in a Hymn of Confession:

Comfort, Comfort Ye My People

[congregation standing]

# Comfort, Comfort Ye My People

FREU DICH SEHR [AINSI QU'ON OIT LE CERF BRUIRE] (8 7. 8 7. 7 7. 8 8)  
*Genevan Psalter*, 1551  
 harm. Johann Crüger, 1658

Johannes Olearius, 1671  
 tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1863; alt.

1. Com-fort, com-fort ye My peo-ple, Speak ye peace, thus saith our God;  
 2. Yea, her sins our God will par-don, Blot-ting out each dark mis-deed;  
 3. For the her-ald's voice is cry-ing In the des-ert far and near,  
 4. Make ye straight what long was crook-ed, Make the rough-er plac-es plain:

Com-fort those who sit in dark-ness, Bowed be-neath their sor-row's load;  
 All that well de-served His an-ger He will no more see nor heed.  
 Bid-ding all men to re-pen-tance, Since the king-dom now is here.  
 Let your hearts be true and hum-ble, As be-fits His ho-ly reign,

Speak ye to Je-ru-sa-lem Of the peace that waits for them;  
 She has suf-fered man-y a day, Now her griefs have passed a-way;  
 O that warn-ing cry o-bey! Now pre-pare for God a way!  
 For the glo-ry of the Lord Now o'er earth is shed a-broad,

Tell her that her sins I cov-er, And her war-fare now is o-ver.  
 God will change her pin-ing sad-ness In-to ev-er-spring-ing glad-ness.  
 Let the val-leys rise to meet Him, And the hills bow down to greet Him.  
 And all flesh shall see the to-ken That His Word is nev-er bro-ken.

**Silent Confession:** *“I acknowledged my sin to You, and my iniquity I have not hidden. I said “I will confess my transgressions to Jehovah,” And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.” Psalm 34:5*

Those who are willing and able are invited to kneel for our time of confession.

## **Corporate Prayer of Confession**

**Gracious Heavenly Father, we confess that we often live as if Your Son, the light of the world, had never come to defeat 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, O 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. Renew a right spirit within us, as we remember His coming! By Your grace, assist us to receive You with the joy of the shepherds; Help us to show the gratitude of Simeon; Teach us the obedience of humble Mary; Help us to 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!**

## **Arise and Receive the Assurance of Pardon & Forgiveness**

“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.” From Psalm 85:1-4

Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for our sins and to be raised for our justification; and for His sake forgives us all your sins. This I declare in the name and authority of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Having confessed our sins with faith in the completed work of Christ on our behalf, we are forgiven; we have been cleansed and clothed in the righteousness of Jesus. Furthermore, we are now **in Christ** and **in Him** we are in the heavenly places, in the very midst of the blessed Trinity, with the Saints of all the ages, from every tongue, tribe and nation prepared to worship in the beauty of holiness. **Come, let us worship the Lord!**

Come bless the Fath - er, all you ser - vants of the Son, who stand by the Spir - it in the  
House of the Lord. Lift up your hands to the Ho - ly Place and bless your God.  
May the Lord \_\_\_\_\_ bless you from Zi - on, He Who made hea - ven and earth. \_\_\_\_\_

### **Lift up your hearts!**

We lift them up un - to the Lord!

### **Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God!**

It is pro - per and right to do so.

Truly it is proper and right that we should at all times and in all places give praise to you O Lord, so with the angels and all the company of heaven and with the Church on earth, we praise and magnify your glorious Name, evermore praising you & singing:

# God's People Sing a Hymn of Thanks:

[congregation standing]

"... I will give thanks to You, O Jehovah, among the Gentiles, and sing praises to Your name." II Samuel 22:50

## O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

VENI EMMANUEL (8 8. 8 8. 8 8)  
13th century plainsong  
arr. Thomas Helmore, 1856

Latin antiphon, 12th century  
tr. John Mason Neale, 1851; alt.

1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som cap - tive  
2. O come, O come, Thou Lord of might, Who to Thy tribes on  
3. O come, Thou Rod of Jes - se, free Thine own from Sa - tan's  
4. O come, Thou Day - spring, come and cheer Our spir - its by Thine  
5. O come, Thou Key of Da - vid, come, And o - pen wide our

Is - ra - el, That mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here Un -  
Si - nai's height In an - cient times didst give the law In  
tyr - an - ny; From depths of hell Thy peo - ple save, And  
ad - vent here; Dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of night, And  
heav'n - ly home; Make safe the way that leads on high, And

til the Son of God ap - pear.  
cloud and maj - es - ty and awe.  
give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave. Re - joice! Re - joice! Em -  
death's dark shad - ows put to flight.  
close the path to mis - er - y.

man - u - el Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.

# *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:**

Responsive Reading of Isaiah 8:13 – 9:7 (2 pages)

[8:13] Jehovah of hosts,

**Him you shall hallow; *Let Him be your fear,***

And *let Him be your dread.* He will be as a sanctuary,

**But a stone of stumbling and a rock of offense to both the houses of Israel,**

As a trap and a snare to the inhabitants of Jerusalem. And many among them shall stumble;

**They shall fall and be broken, be snared and taken."**

Bind up the testimony,

**Seal the law among my disciples. And I will wait on Jehovah,**

Who hides His face from the house of Jacob;

**And I will hope in Him. Here am I and the children whom Jehovah has given me!**

*We are* for signs and wonders in Israel

**From Jehovah of hosts, Who dwells in Mount Zion.**

And when they say to you,

**"Seek those who are mediums and wizards, who whisper and mutter,"**

Should not a people seek their God?

***Should they seek the dead on behalf of the living?***

To the law and to the testimony!

**If they do not speak according to this word, *it is because there is no light in them.***

They will pass through it hard-pressed and hungry; and it shall happen,

**When they are hungry, that they will be enraged and curse their king and their God, and look upward.**

Then they will look to the earth, and see trouble and darkness, gloom of anguish; And *they will be* driven into darkness.

**[9:1] Nevertheless the gloom *will not be* upon her who *is* distressed,  
As when at first He lightly esteemed The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali,  
And afterward more heavily oppressed *her*, By the way of the sea, beyond the  
Jordan,**

In Galilee of the Gentiles.

**The people who walked in darkness Have seen a great light;**

Those who dwelt in the land of the shadow of death,

**Upon them a light has shined. You have multiplied the nation**

*And* increased its joy;

**They rejoice before You according to the joy of harvest,**

As *men* rejoice when they divide the spoil.

**For You have broken the yoke of his burden and the staff of his shoulder,**

The rod of his oppressor, as in the day of Midian.

**For every warrior's sandal from the noisy battle, and garments rolled in blood,**

Will be used for burning *and* fuel of fire.

**For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder.**

And His name will be called

**Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

Of the increase of *His* government and peace *There will be* no end,

**Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, to order it and establish it with judgment and justice**

From that time forward, even forever.

**The zeal of Jehovah of hosts will perform this.**

**God's People Respond with a Hymn of Faith: Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming**

# Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

ES IST EIN ROS ENTSPRUNGEN (7 6. 7 6. 6 7 6)

German melody, 15th century

arr. Michael Praetorius, *Musae Sionae*, 1609

German, 15th century

st. 1-2 tr. Theodore Baker, 1894

st. 3 tr. Harriet R. Spaeth, 1875

st. 5 tr. John C. Mattes, 1914

1. Lo, how a Rose e'er bloom-ing From ten-der stem hath sprung!  
 2. I - sa - iah 'twas fore - told it, The Rose I have in mind;  
 3. *The shep - herds heard the sto - ry Pro - claimed by an - gels bright,*  
 4. This Flow'r, whose fra - grance ten - der With sweet-ness fills the air,  
 5. O Sav - ior, child of Mar - y, Who felt our hu - man woe;

Of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing, As men of old have sung.  
 With Mar - y we be - hold it, The vir - gin moth - er kind.  
*How Christ, the Lord of glo - ry Was born on earth this night.*  
 Dis - pels with glo - rious splen - dor The dark-ness ev - 'ry - where;  
 O Sav - ior, King of glo - ry, Who dost our weak - ness know,

It came, a flower - et bright, A - mid the cold of  
 To show God's love a - right, She bore to men a  
*To Beth - le - hem they sped And in the man - ger*  
 True Man, yet ver - y God, From sin and death He  
 Bring us at length, we pray, To the bright courts of

win - ter, When half - spent was the night.  
 Sav - ior, When half - spent was the night.  
*found Him, As an - gel ber - alds said,*  
 saves us, And light - ens ev - 'ry load.  
 heav - en And to the end - less day.



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

*“And as you go, preach, saying, ‘The kingdom of heaven is at hand’.” Matthew 10:7*

**“Born of a Woman”**

From **Pastor Paul Liberati**

Based on **Galatians 4:4-6**

**God’s People Sing a Hymn of Praise:**

[congregation standing

**Angels We Have Heard on High**

GLORIA (7 7. 7 7. Ref.)

French carol

French carol

arr. Edward Shippen Barnes, 1937

1. An - gels we have heard on high Sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,  
2. Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?  
3. Come to Beth - le - hem and see Him whose birth the an - gels sing;  
4. See Him in a man - ger laid, Whom the choirs of an - gels praise;

And the moun-tains in re - ply Ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.  
What the glad - some tid - ings be Which in - spire your heav'n - ly song?  
Come, a - dore on bend - ed knee, Christ the Lord, the new - born King.  
Mar - y, Jo - seph, lend your aid, While our hearts in love we raise.

Glo - - - - - ri-a, in ex-cel-sis De - o!

Glo - - - - - ri-a, in ex-cel-sis De - o!

**The Heidelberg Catechism** – Holding forth faith in Jesus Christ as our only comfort in life and in death, we read responsively the weekly questions from the Heidelberg Catechism as a personal and eloquent reminder of what we must know to live and die in that comfort. Lord's Day 49

124. What is the third petition? **“Your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven;”** that is, grant that we and all men renounce our own will,[1] and without disputing obey Your will, which alone is good;[2] so that every one may fulfill his office and calling as willingly and faithfully[3] as the angels do in heaven.[4] [1] Matt. 16:24. [2] Lk. 22:42; Tit. 2:12. [3] 1 Cor. 7:24. [4] Ps. 103:20–21; \*Rom. 12:2; \*Heb. 13:21.

### **God Receives Our Tithes and Gifts as a Tribute Offering:** *[read in unison]*

**“For this Melchizedek, king of Salem, priest of the Most High God, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings and blessed him, to whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all, first being translated “king of righteousness,” and then also king of Salem, meaning “king of peace,” without father, without mother, without genealogy, having neither beginning of days nor end of life, but made like the Son of God, remains a priest continually. Now consider how great this man was, to whom even the patriarch Abraham gave a tenth of the spoils.”** *Hebrews 7:1-4*

### **Presenting Our Tithes and Offerings:**

#### **With the singing of Psalm 30:11-12 & the Doxology**

*Words composed by Brenda Fisher*

<b>1: Oh Lord you have now turned for me, My grief into a dance to Thee. In sackcloth I'm no longer dressed; With gladness you have made me blessed.</b>	<b>2: I will sing praises from my soul; To not be silent is my goal. Oh Lord my God to You I raise, Thanks never ending; You I praise!</b>
--	--

**3: 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.**

### **The Great Prayer, concluding with the Lord's Prayer:**

*“Jehovah has heard my supplication; Jehovah will receive my prayer.”* Psalm 6:9

**Our Father, which 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***

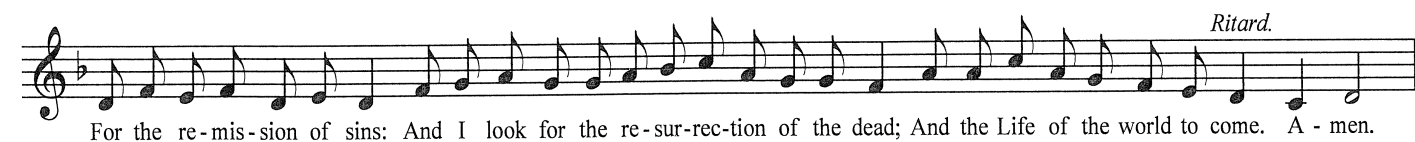
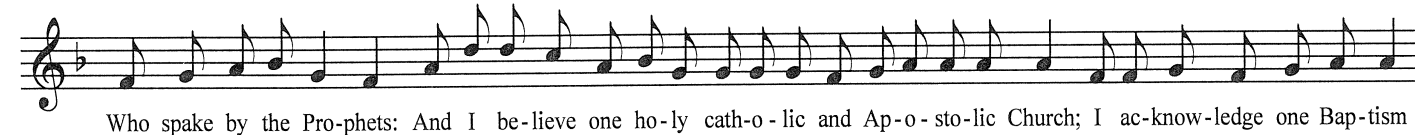
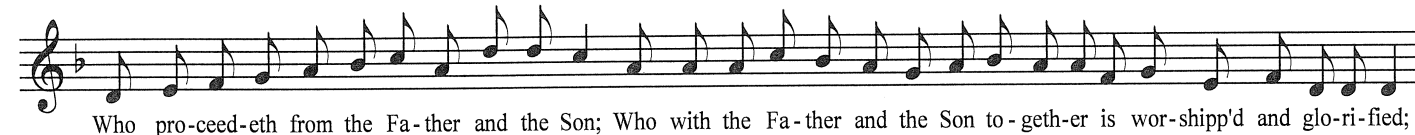
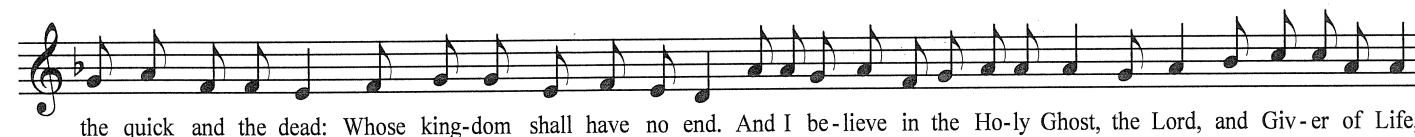
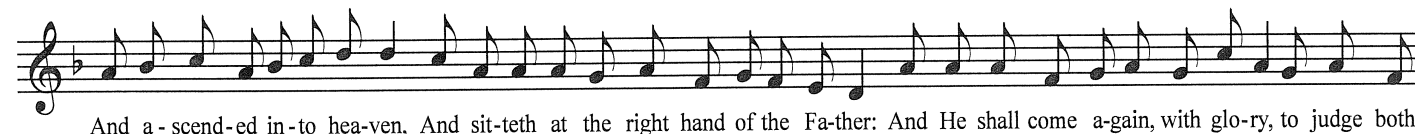
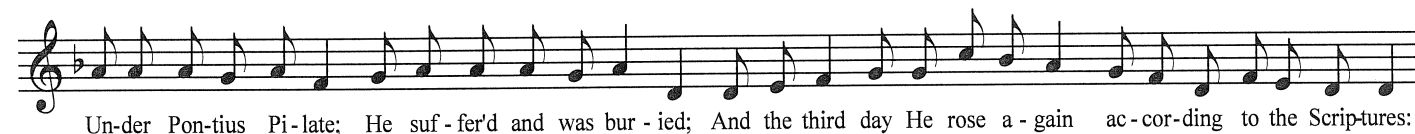
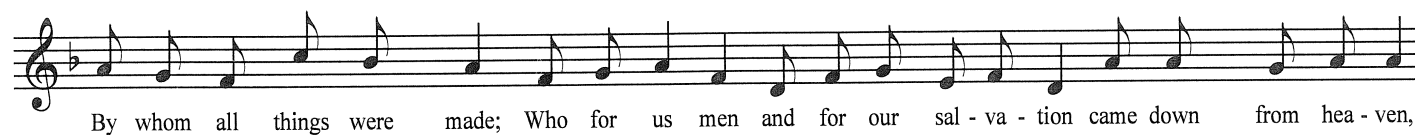
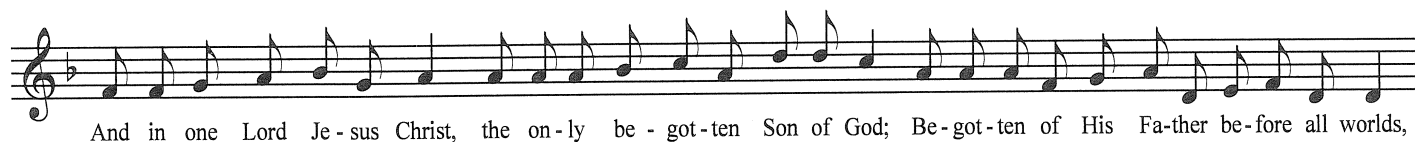
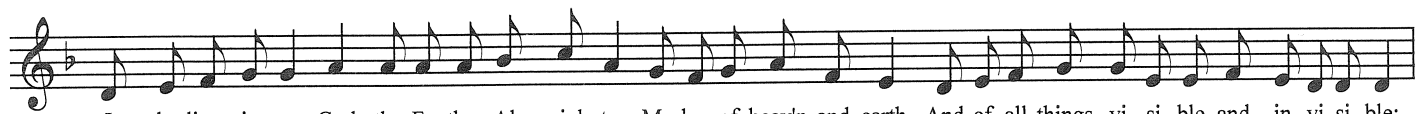
*“The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ?  
The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ?”* 1 Corinthians 10:16

### **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 in 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 Singing of the Nicene Creed

## Nicene Creed



# **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)

### **Hark! the Herald Angels Sing**

MENDELSSOHN (7 7 7 7 . 7 7 7 7 . 7 7)  
Felix Mendelssohn, 1840  
arr. William Hayman Cummings, 1855

Charles Wesley, 1739; alt.

1. Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born King;  
2. Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored; Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord;  
3. Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Right - eous - ness!

Peace on earth, and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!"  
Late in time, be - hold Him come, Off - spring of a vir - gin's womb.  
Light and life to all He brings, Ris'n with heal - ing in His wings.

Joy - ful, all ye na - tions rise, Join the tri - umph of the skies;  
Veiled in flesh the God - head see; Hail th'in - car - nate De - i - ty,  
Mild He lays His glo - ry by, Born that man no more may die,

With th'an - gel - ic host pro - claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"  
Pleased as man with men to dwell, Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el.  
Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them sec - ond birth.

Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born King!"

## **Feasting At The Lord's Table:** A simple act of obedience on the 1<sup>st</sup> 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: The LORD 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**

### **Isaiah 11:1-10**     The Reign of Jesse's Offspring

[11:1] There shall come forth a Rod from the stem of Jesse,

**And a Branch shall grow out of his roots.**

The Spirit of Jehovah shall rest upon Him,

**The Spirit of wisdom and understanding,**

The Spirit of counsel and might,

**The Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of Jehovah.**

His delight *is* in the fear of Jehovah,

**And He shall not judge by the sight of His eyes,**

Nor decide by the hearing of His ears;

**But with righteousness He shall judge the poor,**

And decide with equity for the meek of the earth;

**He shall strike the earth with the rod of His mouth,**

And with the breath of His lips He shall slay the wicked.

**Righteousness shall be the belt of His loins,**

And faithfulness the belt of His waist.

**"The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb,**

The leopard shall lie down with the young goat,

**The calf and the young lion and the fatling together;**

And a little child shall lead them.

**The cow and the bear shall graze;**

Their young ones shall lie down together;

**And the lion shall eat straw like the ox.**

The nursing child shall play by the cobra's hole,

**And the weaned child shall put his hand in the viper's den.**

They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain,

**For the earth shall be full of the knowledge of Jehovah as the waters cover the sea.**

**"And in that day there shall be a Root of Jesse, Who shall stand as a banner to the people;**

**For the Gentiles shall seek Him, And His resting place shall be glorious."**

# God's People Prepare to be Sent Forth to Serve our Risen & Reigning Savior

## Lift Up Your Heads

MACHT HOCH DIE TÜR (8 8. 8 8. 8 8. 6 6)  
Freylinghausen's *Gesangbuch*, 1704

Georg Weissel, 1642  
tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1855

1. Lift up your heads, ye might - y gates! Be - hold, the King of  
2. The Lord is just, a help - er tried, With mer - cy ev - er  
3. O blest the land, the cit - y blest, Where Christ the Rul - er  
4. Re - deem - er, come! I o - pen wide My heart to Thee: here,

Glo - ry waits! The King of kings is draw - ing near; The  
at His side; His king - ly crown is ho - li - ness, His  
is con - fessed! O hap - py hearts and hap - py homes To  
Lord, a - bid! Let me Thy in - ner pres - ence feel: Thy

Sav - ior of the world is here; Life and sal - va - tion  
scep - tre, pit - y in dis - tress. The end of all our  
whom this King of tri - umph comes! The cloud - less Sun of  
grace and love in me re - veal. Thy Ho - ly Spir - it

He doth bring, Where - fore re - joice and glad - ly sing: We  
woe He brings, Where - fore the earth is glad and sings: We  
joy He is, Who bring - eth pure de - light and bliss: O  
guide us on, Un - til our glo - rious goal is won: E -

praise Thee, Fa - ther, now, Cre - a - tor, wise art Thou!  
praise Thee, Sav - ior, now, Might - y in deed art Thou.  
Com - fort - er di - vine, What bound - less grace is Thine.  
ter - nal praise and fame We of - fer to Thy Name.

# 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 the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit *be* with you all.  
Amen.” Isaiah 49:13; 2 Corinthians 13:14

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

### Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come

Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth. Ps. 98:4

1. Joy to the world! The Lord is come: let earth re - ceive her  
2. Joy to the earth! The Sav - ior reigns: let men their songs em -  
3. No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in - fest the  
4. He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the na - tions

King; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room,  
play; while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow  
prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous - ness

and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture  
re - peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing  
far as the curse is found, far as the curse is  
and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his  
and heav'n and na - ture sing,

sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.  
joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.  
found, far as, far as the curse is found.  
love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

heav'n and na - ture sing,

Based on Psalm 98  
Isaac Watts, 1719

ANTIOCH C.M.rep.  
George Frederick Handel, 1742  
Arr. by Lowell Mason, 1836

December 3rd, 2023

# Church of the King

www.COTKS.org

(916) 897-3689

~ Worship begins promptly at 1:00 p.m. ~ Today's pulpit supply ~ Pastor Paul Liberati ~

## PRAYER REQUESTS

- For all who claim the Name of Jesus, that we would live in a manner worthy of our calling, serving one another to the glory of God. May we be humble in all our interactions, having patience & bearing with one another in love, uniting in the bond of our Savior, worshipping Him in spirit & in truth, seeking His face in prayer, & faithfully studying His Word.
- For our expectant mothers, Claire Smith, Sarah Sifford, Sindy Kendrick, Brianna Whitted, Brittany Harrold, and Robyn Ferguson, that their babies would continue to grow healthy & strong, & for renewed energy & strength for all of the mothers in our midst.
- For our families who are seeking to move, that our Lord would provide for their needs.
- For all who are dealing with illness, injury, other health issues, grief, or personal trials, that our Lord would grant patience, healing, wisdom, comfort, & trust in the perfect will of the One Who does all things well.
- For family members & friends who are under discipline, unsaved, or have strayed from the faith, that our Lord would bring them to repentance & restore them to the fellowship of Christ's church; & that we would boldly & lovingly proclaim the truth to them at every opportunity, standing strong in the Lord & in the power of His might.
- For churches who are in need of pastors, elders, & deacons, that our Lord would continue to raise up Godly men to lead these flocks, & for those men who are currently serving, that they may have strengthened faith & abundant wisdom as they minister to their congregations.
- For the saints throughout the world who are suffering & dying in the Name of Jesus, that they would find strength, comfort, & hope as they fully trust in God's goodness. And also for their persecutors, that their hearts would be softened to the Gospel.
- For all elected & appointed officials, that they would recognize their need to depend on God for knowledge, wisdom, & the courage to do what is right, reject all counsel that violates righteousness, & bring dignity, honor, trustworthiness, & integrity to their positions, remembering their accountability to Almighty God, Who is angry with the wicked every day.
- For the Church worldwide, that the Word of God would be faithfully preached, believed, & obeyed, giving glory to the Name of our only Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.

**Our fellowship lunch 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 this day our daily bread.

**Weekly Meetings (also detailed on our website):**

**Men's Fellowship Breakfast:**

~ Meets at 8:00am on Tuesdays at Denny's on Sunrise; reading By This Standard: The Authority of God's Law Today by Greg Bahnsen. Contact Pastor Stoos.

**Sacramento Area Bible Study:**

~ Meets at 7:00pm on Tuesdays. Contact Patrick Avanto.

**Grass Valley Area Book Study:**

~ Meets for potluck at 6:00pm, study starts at 7:00pm on Wednesdays at rotating locations; reading No Mere Mortals by Toby Sumpter. Contact Nathaniel Pettyjohn. (530)205-5162

**Ladies' Book Study:**

~ Meets at 9:00am on Saturdays at the Stoos home; reading Flourish: How the Love of Christ Frees Us From Self-Focus by Lydia Brownback. Contact Linda Stoos.

**Vallejo Area Study:**

~ Meets at the Kendrick home every two weeks. Contact Damell Kendrick.

## **Birthdays**

Chris Page ~ November 27th  
Steffan Rhoads ~ December 2nd

## **Hall Takedown Today**

Nathaniel & Spencer Pettyjohn, Damell Kendrick, Jonathan Liberati, Sean VanNess

## **TODAY'S Playground Duty**

Choban