

Reign of Christ

November 26th, 2023



Photo by Ann Campbell

*We gather in the name of the Holy Trinity, one God, source of all goodness and mercy.
No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.*

Welcome to you who are joining us via Zoom. We remind you to please MUTE your mic when you do not want us to hear you, you are also invited to keep your camera on, so we can see you with us.

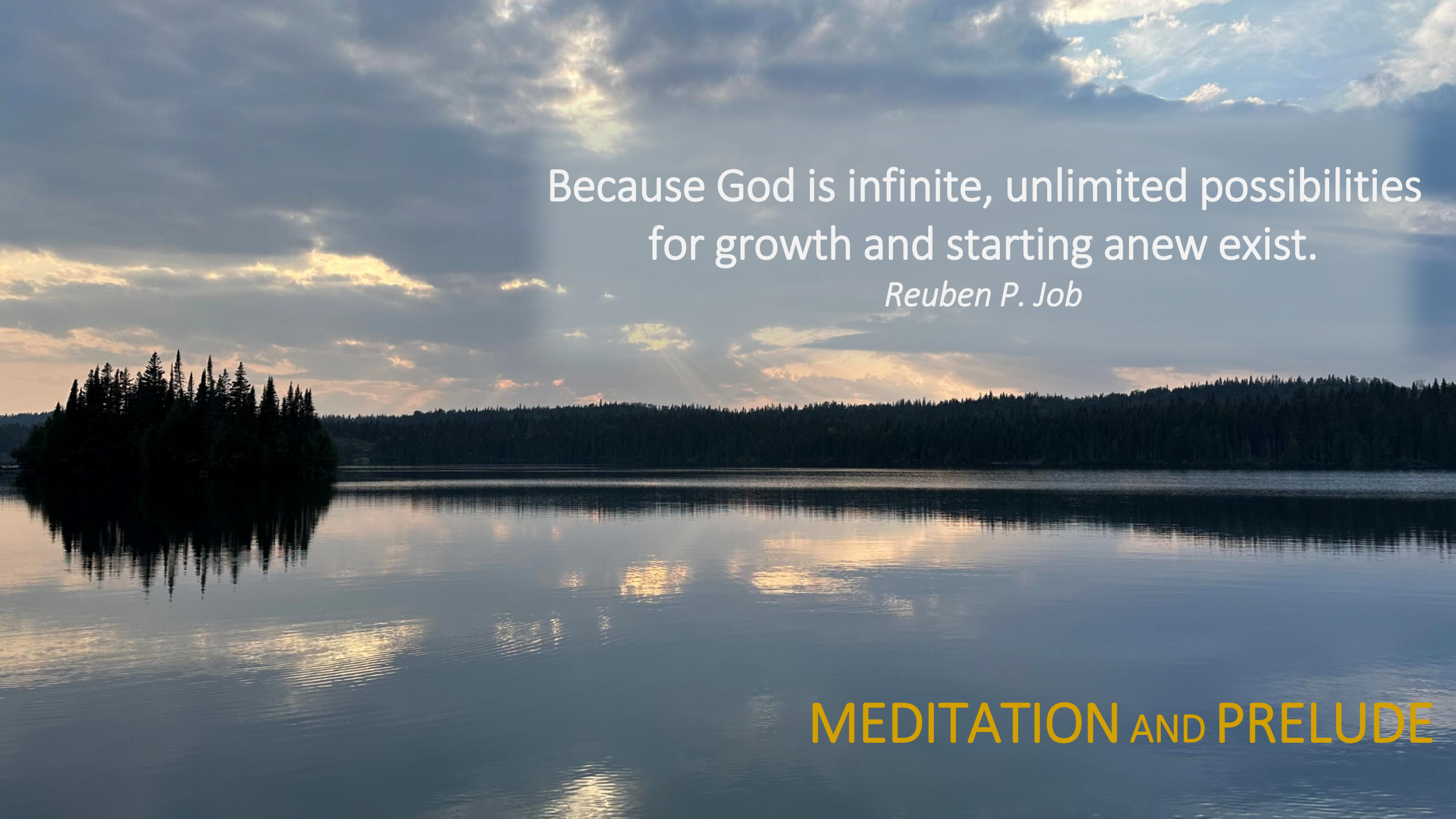
- Advent service at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Wednesday, November 29th. Bread and soup at 5:15; Worship at 6:00.
- We will be “Greening the Church” on Sunday, December 3rd, following Worship.
- On December 17th, we will further decorate the church with poinsettias. Poinsettias are \$23.00 this year and orders are due by December 10th.



*Liturgical Color White
Proper 29
Lectionary Year A*

Are there any other announcements?

Presider: Rev. Peter Norland
Musician: Susie Bykkonen
Prayer Writer: Carl Vilmann
Reader: Beth Smock
Greeters: Lois Jambekar
Coffee: Judy Albee, Sze-Wenn
Children's Church: Olivia Bykkonen

A serene landscape at sunset or sunrise. The sky is filled with dramatic, dark clouds, with bright light breaking through near the horizon, creating rays of light. The water is calm, reflecting the sky and the silhouettes of the trees. On the left, a small island or peninsula is covered in dense evergreen trees. The far shore is also lined with a thick forest. The overall mood is peaceful and contemplative.

Because God is infinite, unlimited possibilities
for growth and starting anew exist.

Reuben P. Job

MEDITATION AND PRELUDE

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Make a joyful noise to God!

Worship God with gladness!

Come into God's presence with a song!

Know that the Lord is God.

God made us. We belong to God.

Give thanks to God!

Bless the name of the Lord!



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CHRIST THE KING / ASCENSION

Philippians 2:9-11 

142 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

CORONATION 8.6.8.6.8.6

Stanzas 1-3, Edward Perronet, 1779, 1780

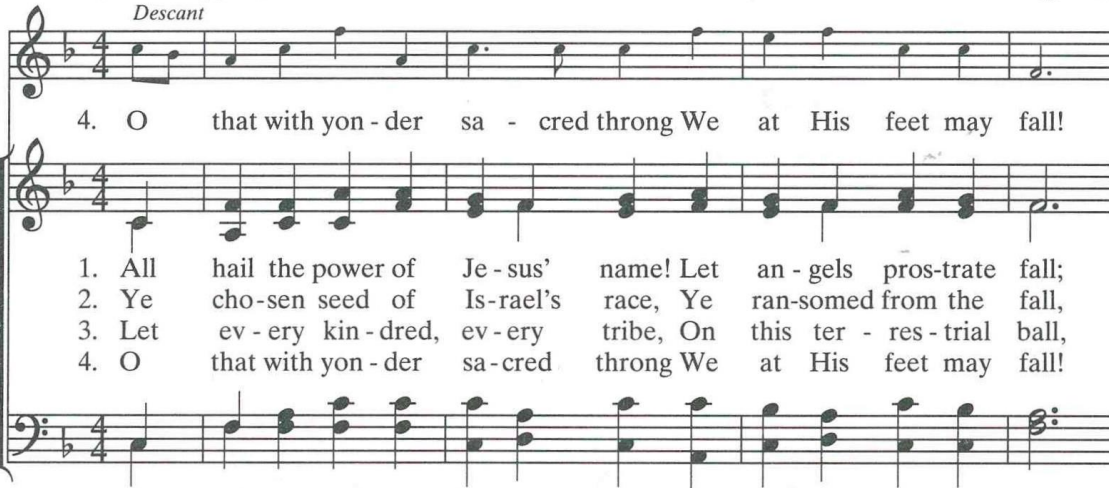
Stanzas 2-3, alt. John Rippon, 1787

Stanza 4, John Rippon, 1787

Oliver Holden, 1793

Desc. Michael E. Young, 1979

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!
We'll join the ev-er-last-ing song, And crown Him Lord of all!

✚ PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of majesty,
You love us with an everlasting love
and show us the way to justice and peace.
In Jesus Christ, you have reconciled the whole world to you
and claimed us as your own,
that we may live as his body on earth.
Give us grace to serve you wisely and faithfully
that the world may see his glorious inheritance among the saints
and recognize the freedom of following the ways of Christ Jesus,
in whose name we pray.

Amen.

+ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**If we had known it was you, Lord,
we would have done something different.**

**If we had known if was you, Lord,
we would have given you food.**

**If we had known it was you, Lord,
we would have taken you in.**

**If we had known it was you, Lord
we would not have passed you by.**

But we did.

**Too often we make excuses
for not taking care of each other.**

We have ignored your commandments to love and care.

**We do not deserve forgiveness,
but we ask for it anyway,
and ask you to help us change our ways.**



✚ DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS (Responsive)

God seeks the lost, brings back those who have strayed,
binds up the injured, and strengthens the weak.

**We are forgiven and restored.
Thanks be to God!**

✦ PASSING THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

Greet each other with a sign of God's peace.

Children of God, we are the body of Christ.

**By one spirit
we were baptized into one body.**

Keep the unity of the Spirit
in the bond of peace.

Amen! We are bound by the love of Christ.



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WORD

God speaks to us in scripture, reading, preaching and song



Jesus Feeds the Hungry
House of Mercy Mission

One photo in a 12 photo set created for a photojournalism class at the New School in New York City.
Tony Fisher 2009

FIRST READING Ezekial 34:11-16, 20-24

34:11 For thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out.

34:12 As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness.

34:13 I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land.

34:14 I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel.

34:15 I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD.

34:16 I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

34:20 Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep.

34:21 Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide,

34:22 I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

34:23 I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd.

34:24 And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 100 (Responsive)

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.

**Worship the LORD with gladness;
come into his presence with singing.**

Know that the LORD is God.

**It is he that made us, and we are his;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.**

Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise.

Give thanks to him, bless his name.

For the LORD is good;

**his steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.**

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Second Reading Ephesians 1:15-23

1:15 I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason

1:16 I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers.

1:17 I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him,

1:18 so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints,

1:19 and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power.

1:20 God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places,

1:21 far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come.

1:22 And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church,

1:23 which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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THE WORD

452 Open the Eyes of My Heart

D A/C#

O-pen the eyes of my heart, Lord. O-pen the eyes of my heart;

G/B G D

I want to see you; I want to see you;

1 Dsus 2 D A Bm

to see you high and lift - ed up,

G A

shin-ing in the light of your glo - ry. Pour out your

Bm Em7 D/E A

pow-er and love as we sing "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly."

D A/C#

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly.

Bm G Em/D D

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, I want to see you.

The initial petition of this song is based on the language of Ephesians 1:18, while the second part draws on the account of Isaiah's vision in Isaiah 6:1-5. That event, in turn, is the basis of the threefold *Sanctus* that has become a traditional element in Christian worship.

+ GOSPEL READING Matthew 25:31-46

25:31 "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory.

25:32 All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats,

25:33 and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left.

25:34 Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world;

25:35 for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me,

25:36 I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.'

25:37 Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink?

25:38 And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing?

25:39 And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?'

25:40 And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.'

25:41 Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels;

25:42 for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink,

25:43 I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.'

25:44 Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?'

25:45 Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.'

25:46 And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

Sermon



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*The Grand Opening of the Angel Mission's new home
August 2022*

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+ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Holy God, use us, and these gifts,
to feed the hungry, clothe the naked,
and honor your presence in all people;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.



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Shout to the Lord

My Je - sus, my Sav-ior, Lord, there is none like— you.
My com-fort, my shel-ter, tow - er of ref - uge and strength,

All of my days, I want to praise the won-ders of your
let ev-erybreath, all that I am,

might - y love. nev-er cease to wor - ship you.

Text and music: Darlene Zschech (b. 1965)

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Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us sing pow-er and maj - es-ty, praise
I sing for joy at the work of your hands: for-ev-er I'll love you, for - ev-

to the King. Moun-tains bow down and the seas will roar at the
er I'll stand. Noth - ing com-pares to the prom -

sound of your name. - ise I have in you.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION



PRAYER OF OUR SAVIOR (ECUMENICAL)

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours now and forever.
Amen.



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SENDING

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God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

CHRIST THE KING / ASCENSION

Revelation 1:18

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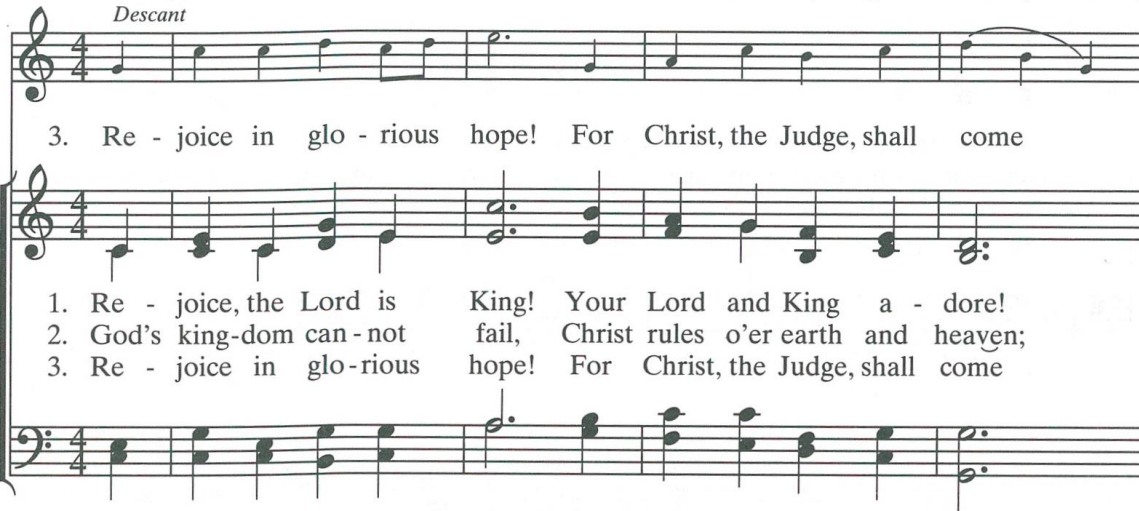
Rejoice, the Lord Is King

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Charles Wesley, 1746

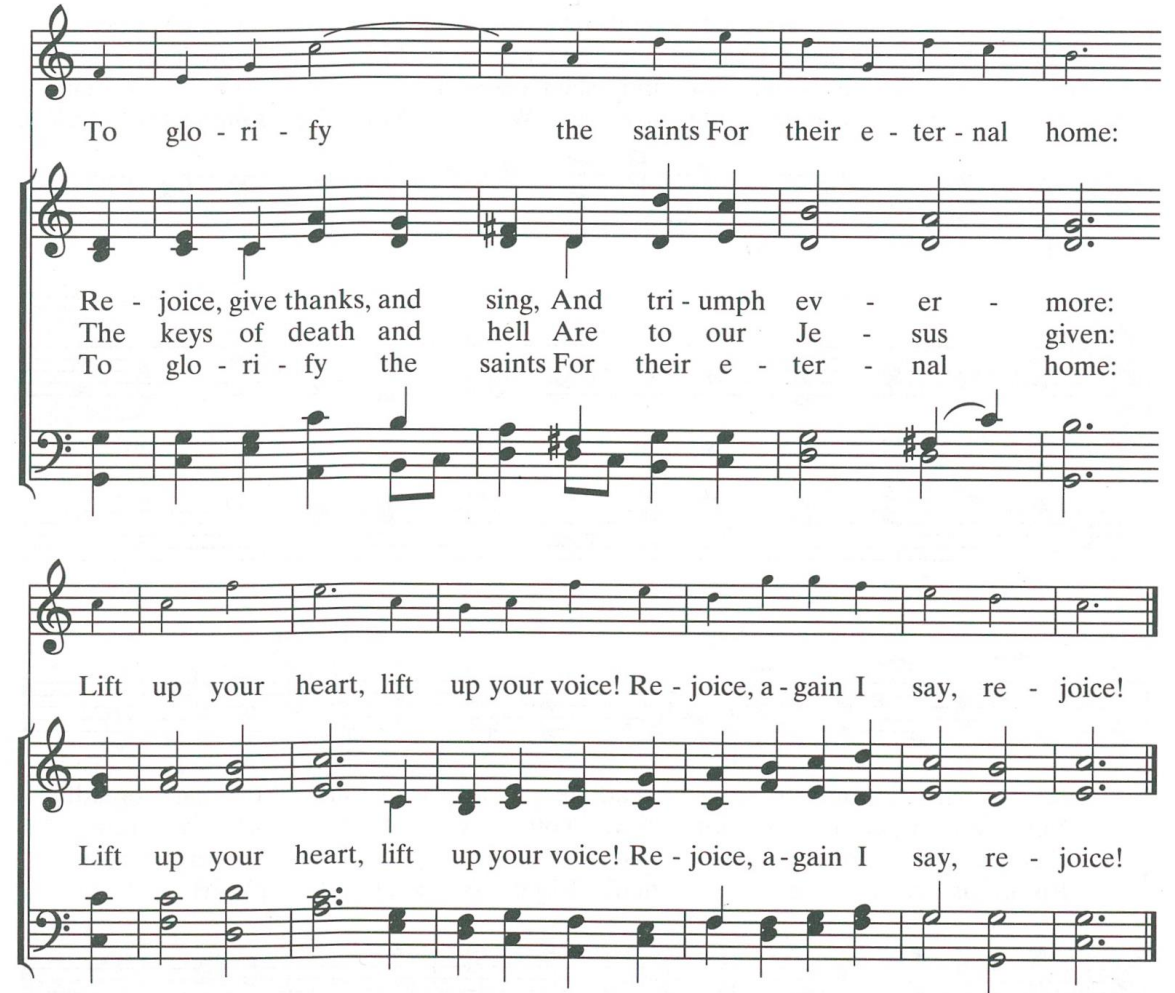
Descant

John Darwall, 1770
Desc. Sidney Hugo Nicholson (1875-1947)



3. Re - joice in glo - rious hope! For Christ, the Judge, shall come

1. Re - joice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King a - dore!
2. God's king-dom can - not fail, Christ rules o'er earth and heaven;
3. Re - joice in glo-rious hope! For Christ, the Judge, shall come



To glo - ri - fy the saints For their e - ter - nal home:

Re - joice, give thanks, and sing, And tri - umph ev - er - more:
The keys of death and hell Are to our Je - sus given:
To glo - ri - fy the saints For their e - ter - nal home:

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Re - joice, a - gain I say, re - joice!

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Re - joice, a - gain I say, re - joice!

This tune in a higher key and without descant, 430

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CHARGE and BLESSING

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord,
honoring all you encounter as you would the Lord,
until Christ comes to welcome his people home.

May the grace of Christ surround you,
the love of God astound you,
and the Holy Spirit keep you,
this day and forevermore.

POSTLUDE AND QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

What sort of power is manifest in the reign of Jesus Christ?

What does it mean to claim that Christ is “far above all rule and authority and power and dominion” or that God has “put all things under his feet” (Eph. 1:21, 22)?



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Serving Next Week, December 3rd 2023

Presider: Rev. Peter Norland

Musician: Susie Byykkonen

Next Sunday's Scriptures:

Isaiah 64:1-9; Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9, Mark 13:24-37



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