



CONNECT TO TODAY'S ONLINE WORSHIP GUIDE: THIRDRVA.ORG/THIS-SUNDAY

Here we post current prayer concerns of those with health needs and those in need of comfort, the full scriptural text for today's service, a link to give online, and important announcements about the life of our church.

GATHERING

"ALL GLORY BE TO GOD ON HIGH (3 SETTINGS)" (VARIOUS)

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP | FROM PSALM 46:10

- › Be still, and know that I am God.
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth.

» **Amen.**

CALL TO WORSHIP | FROM PSALM 118

- › Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
- » **His love endures forever.**
- › Open for me the gates of righteousness;
I will enter and give thanks to the Lord.

» **The stone the builder rejected
has become the capstone;
the Lord has done this,
and it is marvelous in our eyes.**

- › This is the day the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.
- » **Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his love endures forever.**

PRAYER OF ADORATION

"ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS' NAME"

All hail the power of Jesus' name!
Let angels prostrate fall.
Bring forth the royal diadem,
And crown him Lord of all.
Bring forth the royal diadem,
And crown him Lord of all!

O seed of Israel's chosen race
Now ransomed from the fall,
Hail him who saves you by his grace,
And crown him Lord of all.
Hail him who saves you by his grace,
And crown him Lord of all!

Let every tongue and every tribe
On this terrestrial ball,
To him all majesty ascribe,
And crown him Lord of all.
To him all majesty ascribe,
And crown him Lord of all!

Oh, that with all the sacred throng
We at his feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song
And crown him Lord of all.
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And crown him Lord of all!

"PSALM 131" | ANTIPHON

Lord, my heart is not haughty
And my eyes are not lofty,
And I don't seek
What is not right for me.

*I have stilled my soul
In your presence, Lord,
Like a weaned child
With its mother.*

We will trust in you, Lord,
In your unfailing love.
We put our hope in you
Forever.

CONFESSING

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

- » **Jesus Lord, in your mercy,
by your holy life that heals us,
by your holy death that saves us,
by your Holy Spirit with us,
come to cleanse these sinners that we are.
Set us free to obey you;
make us clear to stand before you;
then, for your mercy, we will praise you.
Amen.**

SILENT CONFESSION

The Lord is steadfast, merciful, and slow to anger. He extends his mercy to us and receives us as we are. Let's bring our confessions to the Lord silently.

WORDS OF COMFORT

› In the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, we are assured that there is no sin so terrible that God cannot forgive, no hurt so terrible that God cannot heal. God accepts, God forgives, and God sets free. Receive the forgiving love of God.

» **Thanks be to God!**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

» **Sing refrain:**

You hear us call, you hear us call, Abba Father.

You hear us call, you hear us call, Abba Father.

Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy.

Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy.

› Christ, our bridegroom, we pray for your church around the globe, that we would learn what it means to be one as you along with the Father and the Holy Spirit are one; for the church of Christ in Richmond, that we would grow in unity and in seeking to understand rather than seeking to be understood; for the church scattered across parishes, industries, and homes of our great city, that our lives of love and service would bear witness to an alternative story and way. Lord, hear our prayer.

» **(Sing refrain)**

› Jesus, Prince of Peace, we pray for those among us who carry heavy burdens of stress, trauma, weighty responsibilities, and fatigue. We pray that these, your precious ones, would be met by your open arms and invitation to be yoked to you, and that you would lift the loads they carry and invite them to take up your burden that is light. Calm storms of anxiety, busyness, and burnout. Lead us all to green pastures and still waters in your presence. Lord, hear our prayer.

» **(Sing refrain)**

› King of the nations, on this Memorial Day weekend we thank you for those who have given their lives in service to our country, sacrificing so much to protect those both in our land and in other lands. Comfort those who have lost loved ones in service to our nation. Protect and encourage those who continue to serve and sacrifice. Above all, please hasten the day when nation will not lift up sword against nation, when your kingdom of peace will reign forever. Lord, hear our prayer.

» **(Sing refrain twice)**

GREETING OF PEACE

As a new spiritual family reconciled to one another through Christ, pass the peace of Christ to one another as you're able.

THANKSGIVING

OUR OFFERINGS | FROM 1 CHRONICLES 29:14

› Lord, who are we that we are able to give so generously?
» **For all things come from you and what we now offer is already yours.**

Please be praying for our mission partners Colin and Norma Peckham as they serve with Artists in Christian Testimony International in South Africa and Scotland. They work with local churches, organizations and prisons to present evangelistic outreach events, and events aimed at church unity using choirs, bands, orchestras and dramatic presentations.

OFFERTORY | "FATHER, LET YOUR KINGDOM COME"

Hallelu, hallelujah! Father, let your kingdom come.

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May the works of my hands bring you joy.

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May the words from my mouth speak your peace.

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*You make all things new. You make all things new
In places we don't choose. You make all things new.*

Want to make a gift this morning? You can drop it in the basket in the Commons or give online at thirdrva.org/give.

DOXOLOGY

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. Amen.

PROCLAIMING

SCRIPTURE READING | 2 CORINTHIANS 6:1-7:1

Read along in your Bible or the online guide for this Sunday at thirdrva.org/this-sunday.

SERMON | "OPEN WIDE YOUR HEARTS"

SENDING

“WE ARE GOD’S PEOPLE”

We are God’s people, the chosen of the Lord,
Born of his Spirit, established by his Word;
Our cornerstone is Christ alone, and strong in him we stand:
O let us live transparently,
And walk heart to heart and hand in hand.

We are God’s loved ones, the bride of Christ our Lord,
For we have known it, the love of God outpoured;
Now let us learn how to return the gift of love once given:
O let us share each joy and care,
And live with a zeal that pleases heaven.

We are the Body of which the Lord is Head,
Called to obey him, now risen from the dead;
He wills us be a family, diverse yet truly one:
O let us give our gifts to God,
And so shall his work on earth be done.

We are a temple, the Spirit’s dwelling place,
Formed in great weakness, a cup to hold God’s grace;
We die alone, for on its own each ember loses fire:
Yet joined in one the flame burns on
To give warmth and light, and to inspire.

COMMISSION AND BENEDICTION | FROM ROMANS 12:1-2

- › I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy,
to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and
pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.
- » **Let us not conform to the pattern of this world,
but be transformed by the renewing of our minds.
Then we will be able to test and approve what
God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.**

“FUGUE IN C MAJOR” (DIETRICH BUXTEHUDE)

ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS' NAME

"LIFT UP YOUR HEARTS" HYMNAL #601

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

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.

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Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!
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Optional acclamation (Rev. 1:5b)

To him who loves us and has freed us
from our sins by his blood,
and has made us to be a
kingdom and priests
to serve his God and Father—
**to him be glory and power
for ever and ever! Amen.**

Chord symbols represent a simplified harmony.

Words: st. 1-3 Edward Perronet, 1780, alt., st. 4 John Rippon, 1787, alt., P.D.
Music (CORONATION 8.6.8.6.8.6): Oliver Holden, 1793, P.D.

WE ARE GOD'S PEOPLE

Unison



1. We are God's peo - ple, the cho - sen of the Lord, born of his
2. We are God's loved ones, the bride of Christ our Lord, for we have
3. We are the Bod - y of which the Lord is Head, called to o -
4. We are a tem - ple, the Spir - it's dwell - ing place, formed in great



Spir - it, es - tab - lished by his Word; our cor - ner - stone is
known it, the love of God out - poured; now let us learn how
- bey him, now ris - en from the dead; he wills us be a
weak - ness, a cup to hold God's grace; we die a - lone, for



Christ a - lone, and strong in him we stand: O let us live trans -
to re - turn the gift of love once given: O let us share each
fam - i - ly, di - verse yet tru - ly one: O let us give our
on its own each em - ber los - es fire: yet joined in one the



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joy and care, and live with a zeal that pleas - es heaven.
gifts to God, and so shall his work on earth be done.
flame burns on to give warmth and light, and to in - spire.