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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 HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS' NAME" (ARR. DIANE BISH)

"IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE, GOD ONLY WISE"

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above,
Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all, life thou givest, to both great and small;
In all life thou livest, the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,
Then wither and perish, but naught changeth thee.

Thou reignest in glory, thou rulest in light,
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
All praise we would render; O help us to see
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

CALL TO WORSHIP | FROM PSALM 95:1-2,6-7

- › Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD;
- » **Let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.**
- › Let us come before him with thanksgiving
- » **And extol him with music and song.**
- › Come, let us bow down in worship,
- » **Let us kneel before the LORD our Maker;**
- › For he is our God and we are the people of his pasture,
- » **The flock under his care.**

PRAYER OF ADORATION

"THIS I BELIEVE"

Our Father everlasting,
The all-creating one, God Almighty,
Through your Holy Spirit,
Conceiving Christ the Son, Jesus our Savior.

*I believe in God our Father, I believe in Christ the Son,
I believe in the Holy Spirit, our God is three in one.
I believe in the resurrection, that we will rise again,
For I believe in the name of Jesus.*

Our Judge and our Defender,
Suffered and crucified. Forgiveness is in you.
Descended into darkness,
You rose in glorious life, forever seated high.

*I believe in you. I believe you rose again.
I believe that Jesus Christ is Lord.*

I believe in life eternal, I believe in the virgin birth,
I believe in the saints' communion, and in your holy Church.
I believe in the resurrection when Jesus comes again.
For I believe in the name of Jesus.

"WHAT A BEAUTIFUL NAME"

You were the Word at the beginning,
One with God, the Lord Most High,
Your hidden glory in creation
Now revealed in you, our Christ.

*What a beautiful name it is, what a beautiful name it is,
The name of Jesus Christ, my King.
What a beautiful name it is, nothing compares to this.
What a beautiful name it is, the name of Jesus.*

You were complete in all your glory;
Still, Jesus, you brought heaven down.
Our sin was great; your love was greater.
What could separate us now?

*What a wonderful name it is, what a wonderful name it is,
The name of Jesus Christ, my King.
What a wonderful name it is, nothing compares to this.
What a wonderful name it is, the name of Jesus.*

Death could not hold you, the veil tore before you.
You silence the boast of sin and grave.
The heavens are roaring the praise of your glory,
For you are raised to life again.
You have no rival, you have no equal.
Now and forever God, you reign.
Yours is the kingdom, yours is the glory,
Yours is the Name above all names.

*What a powerful name it is, what a powerful name it is,
The name of Jesus Christ, my King.
What a powerful name it is, nothing can stand against.
What a powerful name it is, the name of Jesus.*

CONFESSING

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

» **Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us.**

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

- › What can wash away our sins?
- » **Nothing but the blood of Jesus.**
- › We are brothers and sisters through his blood.
- » **We have died together, we will rise together, we will live together.**
- › In and through Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.
- » **Thanks be to God!**

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM | JACK FUSCHETTI (9:00 SERVICE)

Jackson (Jack) Joseph Fuschetti is the son of Kyle and Jean Fuschetti (Chesterfield parish). Melissa Lincoln is representing the Session as the Elder holding the font. Peyton Meadows is the prayer sponsor.

» Sing together:

*The Lord bless you and keep you,
The Lord make his face shine upon you,
And give you peace, and give you peace,
And give you peace forever!*

Please pray for Kyle and Jean as they seek to raise Jack in the love and knowledge of Jesus Christ.

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 John and Lynn Lehn as they invest in church planting in Croatia: for the continued growth of the church in Dubrovnik, and for more churches to be planted throughout the region.

CELEBRATION OF MINISTRY | TRACIE MEADOWS

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 | JOHN 10:10; MATTHEW 11:28-30

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

SERMON | "AN INVITATION TO THE GOOD LIFE"

RESPONDING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

» **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)**

- › Lord Christ, you humbled yourself and became the servant of all. Cast now our gaze upon your cross, that we would be dazzled by its brightness, and all our pride and selfishness would fade. May our love for your people as brothers and sisters in your family bridge the things that divide and isolate us, so we may give each other our lives in service. 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 twice)**

SENDING

"LOVE DIVINE, ALL LOVES EXCELLING"

Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heaven, to earth come down;
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,
All thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
Pure, unbounded love thou art;
Visit us with thy salvation,
Enter every trembling heart.

Finish, then, thy new creation;
Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see thy great salvation
Perfectly restored in thee:
Changed from glory into glory,
Till in heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before thee,
Lost in wonder, love and praise.

COMMISSION AND BLESSING | 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 be conformed 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.**

"JUBILATION" (JASON PAYNE)

IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE, GOD ONLY WISE

"LIFT UP YOUR HEARTS" HYMNAL #579

G C Am D Em G D7 G

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small;
4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry, thou rul - est in light,

C Am D Em G D7 G

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;
thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

Em D G Em Bm G Dsus D

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove,
we blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,
all praise we would ren - der; O help us to see

G C Am D Em G D7 G

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.
thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
then with - er and per - ish, but naught chang - eth thee.
'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

Words: Walter C. Smith, 1867, alt., P.D.

Music (ST. DENIO 11.11.11.11): Welsh, in J. Roberts' *Caniadau y Cyssegr*, 1839, P.D.

LOVE DIVINE, ALL LOVES EXCELLING

"LIFT UP YOUR HEARTS" HYMNAL #351 | V. 1, 4

The musical score is written in 3/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of four systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are arranged in four stanzas, with the first line of each stanza starting on a new line of music. The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody. The lyrics are as follows:

1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, joy of heaven, to
2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - ery
3 Come, Al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all thy
4 Fin - ish, then, thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less

earth come down; fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy
troub - led breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us
life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -

faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,
find thy prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;
more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,
ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as
serve thee with thy hosts a - bove, pray and praise thee
till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our

Words: Charles Wesley, 1747, P.D.

Music (HYFRYDOL 8.7.8.7 D): Rowland H. Prichard, 1831, P.D.

F C F B^b Gm F/C C7 F

thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
 its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love and praise.