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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

"TRUMPET VOLUNTARY IN D MAJOR" (JOHN STANLEY)

"COME, THOU ALMIGHTY KING" | #492 IN THE HYMNAL

Come, thou almighty King,  
 Help us thy name to sing; help us to praise.  
 Father all-glorious, o'er all victorious,  
 Come and reign over us, Ancient of Days.

Come, thou incarnate Word,  
 Gird on thy mighty sword; scatter thy foes.  
 Let thine almighty aid our sure defense be made,  
 Our souls on thee be stayed; thy wonders show.

Come, holy Comforter,  
 Thy sacred witness bear in this glad hour.  
 Thou who almighty art, rule now in every heart,  
 And ne'er from us depart, Spirit of power.

To thee, great One in Three,  
 Eternal praises be hence evermore!  
 Thy sovereign majesty may we in glory see,  
 And to eternity love and adore.

## CALL TO WORSHIP

- › Jesus Christ has ascended into heaven and is at God's right hand—with angels, authorities, and powers in submission to him.
- » **Since we have a great high priest who has gone into heaven—Jesus, the Son of God—let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. Let us praise his holy name!**
- › Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!
- » **Blessing, glory, wisdom, thanks, honor, power, and strength be to our God forevermore!**

## PRAYER OF ADORATION

## "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.

## "JESUS, YOUR MERCY"

Jesus, your mercy is all my plea.  
 I have no defense, my guilt runs too deep.  
 The best of my works pierced your hands and your feet.  
 Jesus, your mercy is all my plea!

Jesus, your mercy is all my boast.  
 The goodness I claim, the grounds of my hope.  
 Whatever I lack, it's still what I need most.  
 Jesus, your mercy is all my boast!

*Praise the King who bore my sin,  
 Took my place when I stood condemned.  
 Oh, how good you've always been to me.  
 I will sing of your mercy.*

Jesus, your mercy is all my rest.  
 When fears weigh me down and enemies press,  
 A comfort I cling to in life and in death.  
 Jesus, your mercy is all my rest!

Jesus, your mercy is all my joy.  
 Forever I'll lift my heart and my voice,  
 To sing of a treasure no power can destroy.  
 Jesus, your mercy is all my joy!

## CONFESSING

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### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

- › Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you.
- » **You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love.**
- › Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you.
- » **Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior. 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

- › May the light of Christ, rising in glory, banish all darkness from your hearts and minds, forgive you your sins, grant you the joy of his kingdom, and raise you to new and everlasting life.
- » **Amen.**

### 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

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### 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 partner, the Richmond Christian Leadership Initiative (RCLI), as they seek to train young leaders to address the issues of the city from a Christ-centered perspective.*

### OFFERTORY | "THE GREATEST COMMANDMENT"

Love the Lord your God  
With all your heart and soul and mind,  
And love your neighbor as yourself.

Let us be known, let us be known  
By the way we love.  
Let us be known, let us be known  
By the way we love.

Love, love, love.  
The greatest commandment is love, love, love.  
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The greatest commandment is love.

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### 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

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### SCRIPTURE READING | DANIEL 1:8-21; ROMANS 12:1-2

*Read along in your Bible or the online guide for this Sunday at [thirdrva.org/this-sunday](http://thirdrva.org/this-sunday).*

### SERMON | "AN INVITATION TO A RHYTHM OF LIFE"

## RESPONDING

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### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

- › When we're down and helpless, when lies are reigning,  
when fear and indifference are growing,
- » **May your kingdom come.**
- › When joy is missing, when love is missing,  
and unbelief is growing,
- » **May your kingdom come.**
- › To those who are overwhelmed in their leadership  
at this unprecedented time,
- » **May your kingdom come.**
- › To those who are sick and lonely,  
to those who are imprisoned and tortured,
- » **May your kingdom come.**
- › For those living in great fear, uncertainty and violence,  
especially the people of Afghanistan,  
made in your image,
- » **May your kingdom come.**
- › Into your churches, into our praying, into our singing,
- » **May your kingdom come.**
- › Into our hearts, into our hands, into our eyes,
- » **May your kingdom come.**
- › Gathering our prayers into one,  
we pray together as you taught us, saying:
- » **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 for ever. Amen.**

## SENDING

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### "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.*

### 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 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.**

"O WORSHIP THE KING" (PAUL LAUBENGAYER)

# JESUS, YOUR MERCY



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2. Je - sus, your mer - cy is all my boast. The good - ness I claim, the  
3. Je - sus, your mer - cy is all my rest. When fears weigh me down and  
4. Je - sus, your mer - cy is all my joy. For - ev - er I'll lift\_ my



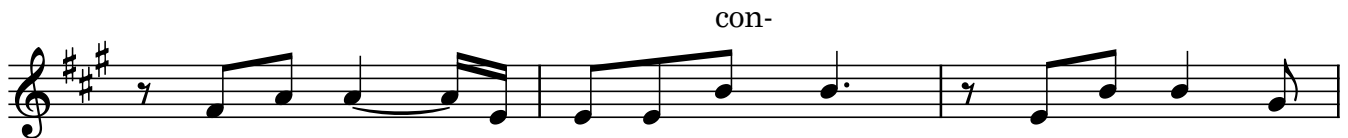
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grounds of my\_ hope. What - ev - er I\_\_ lack, it's still what I need  
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most. Je - sus, your mer - cy is all my\_ boast!  
death. Je - sus, your mer - cy is all my\_ rest!  
stroy. Je - sus, your mer - cy is all my\_ joy!



Praise the King who bore my sin,



con-  
Took my place\_\_ when I stood con - demned. Oh, how good you've



al - ways been to me. I will sing of your mer - cy.