



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

"FUGUE IN E-FLAT MAJOR (ST. ANNE)" (BACH)

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP | FROM ISAIAH 60:1

- › Arise, shine, for your light has come,
- » **And the glory of the LORD rises upon you.**

PRAYER OF ADORATION

CALL TO WORSHIP | FROM 1 TIMOTHY 3:16

- › Christ manifested in the flesh,
Christ revealed in the Spirit.
- » **Praise the Lord, all you nations.**
- › Christ contemplated by the angels,
Christ worshiped by the Magi.
- » **Praise the Lord, all you nations.**
- › Christ professed in the world,
Christ exalted in glory.
- » **Praise the Lord, all you nations.**

"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.

"ALMIGHTY GOD"

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open.
Search and know our thoughts and anxious fears.
Wash us in the fountain of your mercy.
Come with your light; we cannot hide from you.

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open.
With gratitude we raise our song to you.
Come and fill the praises of your people.
In grace and truth, you make us new again.

*Hallelujah, hallelujah.
Hallelujah!*

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open.
We long for more than what this world provides.
No shallow spring will ever satisfy us.
Your river deep floods over everything.

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open.
You take away our sickness and our sin.
Oh, Lamb of God, we gather at your table.
In bread and wine you have supplied our needs.

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

- › Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn?
- » **Only Christ.**
- › And Christ died for us, Christ rose for us,
Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.
Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.
The old life has gone; the new life has begun!
Know that you are forgiven, and be at peace.
- » **Thanks be to God!**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

» Sing refrain after each prayer:

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.

Request prayer and pray for those with health needs or for those in need of comfort: thirdrva.org/prayer.

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 Jonathan and Mika Hicks with Pioneers in Japan as they work with the Pioneers Japan Launch servant team and serve other new missionaries as they learn about the Japanese language, culture and ministry.

Want to make a gift this morning? Visit thirdrva.org/give.

INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS

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 4:1-11; 5:14-17

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

SERMON | "LIGHT SHINING IN OUR HEARTS"

SENDING

"BY OUR LOVE"

Brothers, let us come together;

Walking in the Spirit, there's much to be done.

We will come reaching out from our comforts,

And they will know us by our love.

Sisters, we were made for kindness;

We can pierce the darkness as he shines through us.

We will come reaching, with a song of healing,

And they will know us by our love.

The time is now; come, Church, arise.

Love with his hands, see with his eyes.

Bind it around you, let it never leave you,

And they will know us by our love.

Children, you are hope for justice;

Stand firm in the truth now, set your hearts above.

You will be reaching long after we're gone,

And they will know you by your love.

COMMISSION AND BLESSING | EPHESIANS 3:16-21

› I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being,

» **So that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.**

› Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

"FESTIVE TRUMPET TUNE" (DAVID GERMAN)

LOVE DIVINE, ALL LOVES EXCELLING

"LIFT UP YOUR HEARTS" HYMNAL #351

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling". It is written in 3/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). The score consists of five systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are: "Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, joy of heaven, to 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 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, ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry, pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart. crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love and praise." The chords are indicated above the vocal line: F, Bb, C, F, Bb, C, F, Bb, C, F, Am, Dm7, Gm7, C, F, Dm, Gm, Csus, C, F, Gm, F, C, F, Bb, Gm, F/C, C7, F.

F B^b C F

Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, joy of heaven, to
Fin - ish, then, thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less

B^b C F B^b C F

earth come down; fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy
let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -

B^b C F Am Dm7 Gm7 C

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ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

F Dm Gm Csus C F Gm

pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our

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

thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love and praise.

Words: Charles Wesley, 1747, P.D.

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

BY OUR LOVE



1. Broth - ers, let us come to - geth - er; walk - ing in the
2. Sis - ters, we were made for kind - ness; we can pierce the
3. Child - ren, you are hope for jus - tice; stand firm in the



Spir - it, there's much to be done. We will come
dark - ness as he shines through us. We will come
truth now, set your hearts a - - bove. You will be



reach - ing out from our com - forts, and they will know us by our
reach - ing, with a song of heal - ing,
reach - ing long af - ter we're__ gone,



love. and they will know us by our love.
and they will know you by your love.



The time is__ now, come, church a - rise. Love with his hands, see with his



eyes. Bind it a - round you, let it nev - er leave you,



and they will know us by__ our love.