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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

"PRELUDE AND FUGUE IN E MINOR" (J. S. 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.**

"O WORSHIP THE KING"

O worship the King all glorious above,
O gratefully sing his power and his love:
Our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

Your bountiful care, what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
In you do we trust, nor find you to fail.
Your mercies, how tender, how firm to the end,
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

O measureless Might, unchangeable Love,
Whom angels delight to worship above!
Your ransomed creation, with glory ablaze,
In true adoration shall sing to your praise!

"KING OF KINGS"

In the darkness we were waiting, without hope, without light,
Till from heaven you came running.

There was mercy in your eyes.

To fulfill the law and prophets, to a virgin came the Word
From a throne of endless glory to a cradle in the dirt.

Praise the Father, praise the Son,

Praise the Spirit, Three in One.

God of glory, majesty,

Praise forever to the King of Kings.

To reveal the kingdom coming and to reconcile the lost,
To redeem the whole creation

You did not despise the cross.

For even in your suffering, you saw to the other side.

Knowing this was our salvation, Jesus, for our sake you died.

And the morning that you rose, all of heaven held its breath

Till that stone was moved for good,

For the Lamb had conquered death.

And the dead rose from their tombs,

And the angels stood in awe,

For the souls of all who'd come to the Father are restored.

And the Church of Christ was born,

Then the Spirit lit the flame.

Now this gospel truth of old shall not kneel, shall not faint.

By his blood and in his Name, in his freedom I am free,

For the love of Jesus Christ, who has resurrected me.

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

- › Father God, you have called us into your family as your children. May our love for our brothers and sisters in Christ be strengthened by your grace. Lord, in your mercy,
- » **Hear our prayer.**
- › You have called us to be a temple where your Spirit can dwell. Give us clean hands and pure hearts so that our lives will reflect your holiness, truth, and justice. Lord, in your mercy,
- » **Hear our prayer.**
- › You have called us to be a light to the world, so that those in darkness come to you. May our lives shine as a witness to the gracious presence of Christ. Lord, in your mercy,
- » **Hear our prayer.**
- › You have called us to be members of Christ's body, to share in his sufferings and the sufferings of those he loves. We ask for your comfort and healing power to bring hope to those in distress. Lord in your mercy,
- » **Hear our prayer.**

- › And now, gathering our prayers into one, let us pray boldly as our Savior has 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.**

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 partner Urban Hope as they seek to strengthen the inner city of Richmond through encouraging financial stability, assisting people in home ownership, and affordable rental property.

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

OFFERTORY | "RAISE A HALLELUJAH"

I raise a hallelujah in the presence of my enemies.
I raise a hallelujah louder than the unbelief.
I raise a hallelujah; my weapon is a melody.
I raise a hallelujah; heaven comes to fight for me.

*Lord, help me to sing in the middle of the storm.
Louder and louder, you're gonna hear my praises roar.
Up from the ashes, hope will arise.
Death is defeated, the King is alive!*

I raise a hallelujah with everything inside of me.
I raise a hallelujah; I will watch the darkness flee.
I raise a hallelujah in the middle of the mystery.
I raise a hallelujah; fear, you lost your hold on me.

*Sing a little louder in the presence of my enemies.
Sing a little louder, louder than the unbelief.
Sing a little louder; my weapon is a melody.
Sing a little louder; heaven comes to fight for me.*

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 | ROMANS 8:28

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

SERMON (CALDER SPRINKLE, LANIE MOORE, PEYTON HAYES)

SENDING

"JESUS SHALL REIGN"

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
Does its successive journeys run,
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
Till moons shall wax and wane no more.

To him shall endless prayer be made,
And praises throng to crown his head.
His name like sweet perfume shall rise
With every morning sacrifice.

People and realms of every tongue
Dwell on his love with sweetest song,
And infant voices shall proclaim
Their early blessings on his name.

Blessings abound where'er he reigns:
The prisoners leap to lose their chains,
The weary find eternal rest,
And all who suffer want are blest.

Let every creature rise and bring
The highest honors to our King,
Angels descend with songs again,
And earth repeat the loud amen.

COMMISSION AND BENEDICTION | FROM ROMANS 8

- › Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?
Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine
or nakedness or danger or sword?
- » **No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

"SING PRAISE TO GOD" (PAUL LAUBENGAYER)

Today's flowers are given in honor of the wedding of Patty Ramsey and Ben Pomeroy. They will be married in our sanctuary this afternoon, January 24.

O WORSHIP THE KING

"LIFT UP YOUR HEARTS" HYMNAL #2

G C D G

1 O wor-ship the King all - glo - rious a - bove, O grate - ful - ly
2 O tell of his might and sing of his grace, whose robe is the
3 Your boun-ti - ful care, what tongue can re - cite? It breathes in the

G/B D7 G D

sing his power and his love: our shield and de - fend - er, the
light, whose can - o - py space. His char - iots of wrath the deep
air, it shines in the light; it streams from the hills, it de -

D7 G G/B D7

An - cient of Days, pa - vil-ioned in splen-dor and gird - ed with praise.
thun - der-clouds form, and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.
scends to the plain, and sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.

4 Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
in you do we trust, nor find you to fail.
Your mercies, how tender, how firm to the end,
our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

5 O measureless Might, unchangeable Love,
whom angels delight to worship above!
Your ransomed creation, with glory ablaze,
in true adoration shall sing to your praise!

For another setting of Ps. 104 see 11

Words: Robert Grant, 1833, alt, P.D.

Music (LYONS 10.10.11.11): W. Gardiner's *Sacred Melodies*, 1815; attr. Johann Michael Haydn, P.D.

KING OF KINGS



1. In the dark - ness we were wait - ing, with - out hope,
 2. To re - veal the king - dom com - ing and to rec -
 3. And the morn - ing that you rose, all of heav -
 4. And the Church of Christ was born, then the Spir -



— with - out light, till from heav - en you came run - ning.
 - on - cile the lost, to re - deem the whole cre - a - tion
 - en held its breath till that stone was moved for good,
 - it lit the flame. Now this gos - pel truth of old



There was merc - cy in your eyes. To ful - fill
 you did not de - spise the cross. For e -
 for the Lamb had con - quered death. And the dead
 shall not kneel, shall not faint. By his blood



— the law and proph - ets, to a Vir - gin
 - ven in your suf - f'ring, you saw to the
 — rose from their tombs, and the an - gels
 — and in his Name, in his free - dom



came the Word, from a throne of end - less glo - ry
 oth - er side. Know - ing this was our sal - va - tion,
 stood in awe, for the souls of all who'd come
 I am free, for the love of Je - sus Christ,



to a cra - dle in the dirt.
 Je - sus, for our sake you died.
 to the Fa - ther are re - stored.
 who has res - ur - rect - ed me.

Chorus



Praise the Fa - ther, praise the Son, praise the Spir - it, Three in One.



God of glo - ry, maj - es - ty, praise for - ev - er to the King of Kings.

RAISE A HALLELUJAH



1. I raise a hal - le - lu - jah
2. I raise a hal - le - lu - jah
3. Sing a little louder

in the pres - ence of my en - e - mies.
with eve - ry - thing in - side of me._
in the pres - ence of my en - e - mies.



I raise a hal - le - lu - jah loud - er than the un - be - lief.
I raise a hal - le - lu - jah I will watch the dark - ness flee.
— Sing a little louder, loud - er than the un - be - lief.



I raise a hal - le - lu - jah; my_ weap - on is a mel - o - dy._
I raise a hal - le - lu - jah in the mid - dle of a mys - ter - y._
— Sing a little louder. My_ weap - on is a mel - o - dy._



I raise a hal - le - lu - jah. Heav - en comes to fight for me.
I raise a hal - le - lu - jah. Fear, you lost your hold on me.
— Sing a little louder.____ Heav - en comes to fight for me.

Chorus



Lord, help me to sing_ in the mid - dle of the storm.



Loud - er and loud - er, you're gon - na hear my prais - es roar. Up from the ash - es,

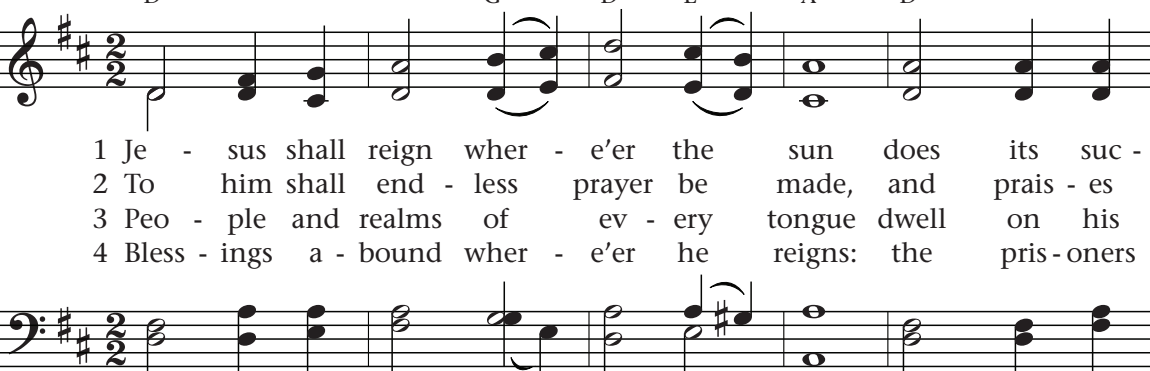


hope will a - rise. Death is de - feat - ed, the King_ is a - live!_____

JESUS SHALL REIGN

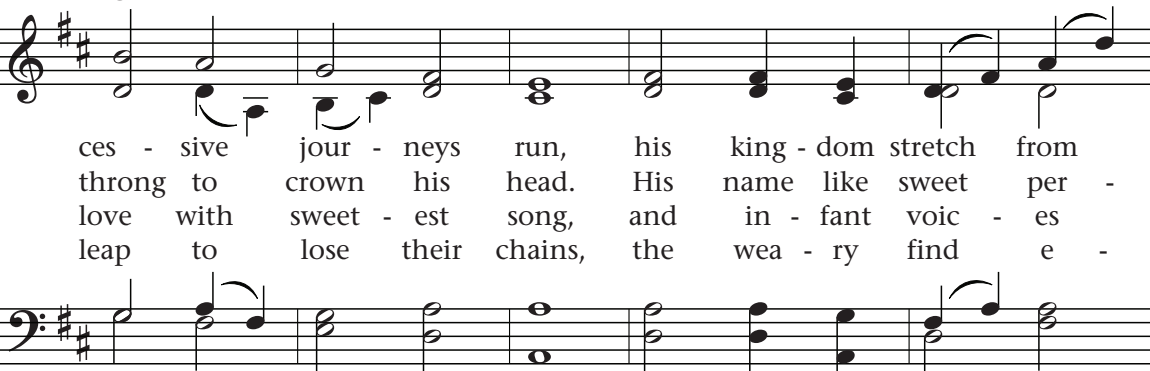
"LIFT UP YOUR HEARTS" HYMNAL #219

D G D E A D



1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc -
2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es
3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - ery tongue dwell on his
4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - oners

G D Em D A D A D



ces - sive jour - neys run, his king - dom stretch from
throng to crown his head. His name like sweet per -
love with sweet - est song, and in - fant voic - es
leap to lose their chains, the wea - ry find e -

G Em A D G D Em D/A A7 D



shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
fume shall rise with ev - ery morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.
ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.

5 Let every creature rise and bring
the highest honors to our King,
angels descend with songs again,
and earth repeat the loud amen.

For other settings of Ps. 72 see 109, 953

Words: Isaac Watts, 1719, alt., P.D.

Music (DUKE STREET 8.8.8.8): John Hatton, (1710-1793), 1793, P.D.