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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

"THIS IS MY FATHER'S WORLD" (MICHAEL BURKHARDT)

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP | FROM HABAKKUK 2:20

- › The LORD is in his holy temple;
- » **Let all the earth be silent before him.**

CALL TO WORSHIP | FROM PSALM 115

- › Not to us, O LORD, not to us, but to your name give glory,
- » **For the sake of your steadfast love and mercy!**
- › The idols of the people are silver and gold,
the work of human hands.
They have mouths, but do not speak; eyes, but do not see.
They have ears, but do not hear; feet, but do not walk.
- » **Those who make them become like them;
so do all who trust in them.**
- › But we trust in the LORD; he is our help and our shield!
- » **We will bless the LORD
from this time forth and forevermore.
Praise the LORD!**

PRAYER OF ADORATION

"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.

"BEFORE THE THRONE OF GOD ABOVE"

Before the throne of God above
I have a strong and perfect plea,
A great High Priest whose name is Love,
Who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on his hands,
My name is written on his heart;
I know that while in heaven he stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart,
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair
And tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look and see him there
Who made an end of all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died,
My sinful soul is counted free;
For God the Just is satisfied
To look on him and pardon me,
To look on him and pardon me.

Behold him there! The risen Lamb,
My perfect, spotless righteousness;
The great unchangeable "I AM,"
The King of glory and of grace!
One with himself I cannot die,
My soul is purchased by his blood;
My life is hid with Christ on high,
With Christ, my Savior and my God,
With Christ, my Savior and my God.

CONFESSING

PRAYER OF CONFESSION | FROM PSALM 79:9

- › Help us, O God of our salvation,
for the glory of your name,
- » **Deliver us, and forgive our sins
for your name's sake.**

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.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

- › Let us pray for the church of Christ throughout the world:
for its unity in witness and service, for all church leaders
and ministers and the people whom they serve, for all
the people of this community, that God will confirm the
church in faith, increase it in love, and preserve it in
peace. Lord, in your mercy,
- » **Hear our prayer.**
- › Let us pray for all nations and peoples of the earth,
and for those in authority among them: for the President,
for the legislative bodies and the courts, for the members
and representatives of the United Nations, for all who
serve the common good, that by God's help they may
seek justice and truth, and live in peace and concord.
Lord, in your mercy,
- » **Hear our prayer.**
- › Let us pray especially for those affected by the deadly
shooting in Atlanta earlier this week: for Asian Americans
made in the image of God, for those who feel afraid for
the increasing threats of violence to their community, for
all who suffer discrimination and profiling; that with God's
help, they would feel seen, heard, and protected, and
through the power of the Holy Spirit, the church would
seek to serve and listen to those who are brokenhearted
and crushed in Spirit.
- » **Hear our prayer.**

- › Let us pray for all who suffer and are afflicted in body or
in mind: for the hungry and homeless, the destitute and
the oppressed, and all who suffer persecution, doubt, and
despair; for the sorrowful and bereaved; for prisoners
and captives and those in mortal danger; that God will
comfort and relieve them and grant them the knowledge
of God's love, and stir up in us the will and patience
to minister to their needs. Lord, in your mercy,
- » **Hear our prayer.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

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 Haiti Outreach
Ministries: for the staff, the students, the girls at the orphanage
and for peace in Haiti.*

MISSION PARTNER INTERVIEW | CAROLYN RENNIE

*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 | GALATIANS 5:22-23; MATTHEW 11:28-29

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

SERMON | "GENTLENESS IN A TIME OF ROUGHNESS"

SENDING

“LORD, WHOSE LOVE IN HUMBLE SERVICE”

Lord, whose love in humble service
Bore the weight of human need,
Who upon the cross, forsaken,
Worked your mercy's perfect deed,
We, your servants, bring the worship
Not of voice alone, but heart,
Consecrating to your purpose
Every gift that you impart.

Still your children wander homeless;
Still the hungry cry for bread;
Still the captives long for freedom;
Still in grief we mourn our dead.
As you, Lord, in deep compassion
Healed the sick and freed the soul,
Use the love your Spirit kindles
Still to make your people whole.

As we worship, grant us vision
Till your love's revealing light
In its height and depth and greatness
Dawns upon our quickened sight,
Making known the needs and burdens
Your compassion bids us bear,
Stirring us to tireless striving
Your abundant life to share.

Called through worship to your service,
Forth in your dear name we go,
To the child, the youth, the aged,
Love in living deeds to show.
Hope and health, goodwill and comfort,
Counsel, aid, and peace we give,
That your servants, Lord, in freedom
May your mercy know, and live.

COMMISSION AND BENEDICTION | EPHESIANS 4:1-2

› I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling
you have received.

» **Let us be completely humble and gentle;
patient, bearing with one another in love.**

“IF THOU BUT SUFFER TO GUIDE THEE” (J. S. BACH)

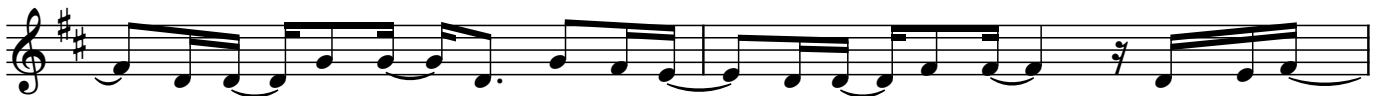
KING OF KINGS



1. In the dark-ness we were wait-ing, with - out hope, with - out light, till from heav-
2. To re - veal the king - dom com - ing and to rec - on - cile the lost, to re - deem
3. And the morn-ing that you rose, all of heav-en held its breath till that stone
4. And the church of Christ was born, then the Spir - it lit the flame. Now this gos -



- en you came run - ning. There was mer - cy in your eyes. To ful - fill
the whole cre - a - tion you did not de - spise the cross. For e -
was moved for good, for the Lamb had con-quer-ed death. And the dead
pel truth of old shall not kneel, shall not faint. By his blood



the law and proph-ets, to a Vir - gin came the Word, from a throne
ven in your suf - f'ring, you saw to the oth - er side. Know - ing this
rose from their tombs, and the an - gels stood in awe, for the souls
and in his Name, in his free - dom I am free, for the love



of end - less glo - ry to a cra - dle in the dirt.
was our sal - va - tion, Je - sus, for our sake you died.
of all who'd come to the Fa - ther are re - stored.
of Je - sus Christ, 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.

BEFORE THE THRONE OF GOD ABOVE

"LIFT UP YOUR HEARTS" HYMNAL #682

A D G Dsus D

1 Be - fore the throne of God a - bove I have a
2 When Sa - tan tempts me to de - spair and tells me
3 Be - hold him there! The ris - en Lamb, my per - fect,

F#m G D A

strong and per - fect plea, a great High Priest whose name is
of the guilt with - in, up - ward I look and see him
spot - less right - eous - ness; the great un - change - a - ble "I

Bm2 Em D

Love, who ev - er lives and pleads for me. My name is
there who made an end of all my sin. Be - cause the
AM," the King of glo - ry and of grace! One with him -

G D A D G D A

grav - en on his hands, my name is writ - ten on his
sin - less Sav - ior died, my sin - ful soul is count - ed
self I can - not die, my soul is pur - chased by his

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Bm G D A Bm2

heart; I know that while in heaven he stands no tongue can
 free; for God the Just is sat - is - fied to look on
 blood; my life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my

Em Bm Em G D

bid me thence de - part, no tongue can bid me thence de - part.
 him and par - don me, to look on him and par - don me.
 Sav - ior and my God, with Christ, my Sav - ior and my God.

LORD, WHOSE LOVE IN HUMBLE SERVICE

"LIFT UP YOUR HEARTS" HYMNAL #928

The musical score is written in 2/4 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. Chord symbols are placed above the vocal line: F, Bb, F, Bb, C7, F, Bb in the first system; F/C, C7, F, Bb, F, Bb, C7 in the second; F, Bb, F/C, C7, F in the third; and Bb, F/C, C, F in the fourth.

1 Lord, whose love in hum - ble ser - vice bore the weight of
2 Still your chil - dren wan - der home - less; still the hun - gry
3 As we wor - ship, grant us vi - sion till your love's re -
4 Called through wor - ship to your ser - vice, forth in your dear

hu - man need, who up - on the cross, for - sak - en,
cry for bread; still the cap - tives long for free - dom;
veal - ing light in its height and depth and great - ness
name we go, to the child, the youth, the a - ged,

worked your mer - cy's per - fect deed, we, your
still in grief we mourn our dead. As you,
dawns up - on our quick - ened sight, mak - ing
love in liv - ing deeds to show. Hope and

ser - vants, bring the wor - ship not of voice a -
Lord, in deep com - pas - sion healed the sick and
known the needs and bur - dens your com - pas - sion
health, good - will and com - fort, coun - sel, aid, and

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B \flat Csus C F B \flat F

lone, but heart, con - se - cra - ting to your
 freed the soul, use the love your Spir - it
 bids us bear, stir - ring us to tire - less
 peace we give, that your ser - vants, Lord, in

B \flat C7 F B \flat F/C C7 F

pur - pose ev - ery gift that you im - part.
 kin - dles still to make your peo - ple whole.
 striv - ing, your a - bun - dant life to share.
 free - dom may your mer - cy know, and live.