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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

"TOCCATA AND FUGUE IN F MAJOR" (DIETRICH BUXTEHUDE)

"ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS' NAME" | HYMNAL #601

All hail the power of Jesus' name!

Let angels prostrate fall.

Bring forth the royal diadem,

And crown him Lord of all.

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And crown him Lord of all!

O seed of Israel's chosen race

Now ransomed from the fall,

Hail him who saves you by his grace,

And crown him Lord of all.

Hail him who saves you by his grace,

And crown him Lord of all!

Let every tongue and every tribe

On this terrestrial ball,

To him all majesty ascribe,

And crown him Lord of all.

To him all majesty ascribe,

And crown him Lord of all!

Oh, that with all the sacred throng

We at his feet may fall!

We'll join the everlasting song

And crown him Lord of all.

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CALL TO WORSHIP | FROM PSALM 66:1-2, 4

- › Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;
sing the glory of his name;
give to him glorious praise.

» **All the earth worships you;
they sing praises to you,
sing praises to your name.**

PRAYER OF ADORATION

"LIFT UP THE GATES ETERNAL" | HYMNAL #144

Lift up the gates eternal, lift up your voices;

The King of glory comes, the nation rejoices.

See, all the earth is God's, its people and nations;

God built it on the deeps and laid its foundations.

Who can go up this mountain, who stand in praising?

Those who are pure, who come with clean hands upraising.

They shall receive forgiveness, and have God's blessing

If they will search for God, their Savior confessing.

Come, lift your voices high, be lifted to glory;

The Lord our God approaches, come, shout the story.

Who is this glorious one, for whom we are waiting?

We wait the mighty Lord, our God celebrating.

Come, lift your heads with joy; come, lift up your tower;

The King of glory comes in full might and power.

Who is this King of glory of whom we're singing?

Our God, the Lord of Hosts, the victory is bringing.

"GREAT ARE YOU, LORD"

You give life. You are love.

You bring light to the darkness.

You give hope. You restore

Every heart that is broken.

Great are you, Lord.

It's your breath in our lungs,

So we pour out our praise, we pour out our praise.

It's your breath in our lungs,

So we pour out our praise to you only.

All the earth will shout your praise.

Our hearts will cry, these bones will sing.

Great are you, Lord.

CONFESSING

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

» Jesus Lord, in your mercy,
by your holy life that heals us,
by your holy death that saves us,
by your Holy Spirit with us,
come to cleanse these sinners that we are.
Set us free to obey you;
make us clear to stand before you;
then, for your mercy, we will praise you.
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 | FROM ROMANS 8:31–39

- › Who then is the one who condemns?
- » **No one. Christ Jesus, who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us.**
- › Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?
- » **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.**

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 Stephanie Black, who is working in Ireland and teaching in theological institutions alongside Serge's church-planting efforts. Pray for her work in inviting and equipping others to participate in theological training in cross-cultural settings.

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.

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 | 1 PETER 4:7–11; LUKE 11:5–8

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

SERMON | "AN INVITATION TO PRACTICE HOSPITALITY"

RESPONDING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

› 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, in your mercy,

» **Hear our prayer.**

› 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, in your mercy,

» **Hear our prayer.**

› 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, in your mercy,

» **Hear our prayer.**

› 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

"WE WILL FEAST IN THE HOUSE OF ZION"

*We will feast in the house of Zion,
We will sing with our hearts restored.
"He has done great things," we will say together.
"We will feast and weep no more."*

We will not be burned by the fire.
He is the Lord our God.
We are not consumed by the flood—
Upheld, protected, gathered up.

In the dark of night, before the dawn:
My soul, be not afraid.
For the promised morning, oh, how long?
O God of Jacob, be my strength.

Every vow we've broken and betrayed.
You are the faithful one.
And from the garden to the grave,
Bind us together, bring shalom.

COMMISSION AND BENEDICTION | ROMANS 12:9-13

› Love must be sincere.
Hate what is evil; cling to what is good.

» **Be devoted to one another in love.
Honor one another above yourselves.**

› Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.

» **Amen!**

"CORONATION" (JASON PAYNE)