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Palm Sunday

Front Cover Artwork

Vincent van Gogh, *Almond Blossom* 1890, 73.3 x 92.4 cm, oil on canvas, Van Gogh Museum, Amsterdam (Vincent van Gogh Foundation). In the public domain.

Large blossom branches like this against a blue sky were one of Van Gogh's favorite subjects. Almond trees flower early in the spring making them a symbol of new life. Van Gogh borrowed the subject, the bold outlines and the positioning of the tree in the picture plane from Japanese printmaking.

The painting was a gift for his brother Theo and sister-in-law Jo, who had just had a baby son, Vincent Willem. In the letter announcing the new arrival, Theo wrote: 'As we told you, we'll name him after you, and I'm making the wish that he may be as determined and as courageous as you.' Unsurprisingly, it was this work that remained closest to the hearts of the Van Gogh family. Vincent Willem went on to found the Van Gogh Museum.

<https://www.vangoghmuseum.nl/en/collection/s0176V1962>

This springtime, as we see the retreat of winter and the newness of life coming into our world, we are reminded of the deadness of sin and our own need for new life. The message of Christianity is that this new life is found in Jesus!



Hershey Presbyterian Church (PCA) desires to be a welcoming, grace-filled, all-nations community of Jesus Christ in the Presbyterian tradition. We seek to love God and our neighbor as we make disciples of Jesus Christ who are learning to *worship God, proclaim Christ, and love others.*

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Preparing to Worship God

Welcome

Welcome to Hershey PCA! We are glad to have you join with us in the worship of God through Jesus Christ, our Savior and King.

A **nursery** is available today for *infants through age 3* in our Education Wing.

A **private area for nursing mothers** is located at the back of the worship area.

A **Junior Church** for young worshippers from *age 4 through 2nd grade* meets in Classroom 2 in our Education Wing. Children are dismissed during the Song of Preparation and remain in Junior Church until the end of the worship service. Parents, please pick up your children at the end of the service.

Thank you to all our volunteers who make our gathered time of worship possible.

Prelude

Use the prelude time to find a seat and to prepare for joining in with God's people to worship God with joy and gladness. Thanks to Anita Wood for playing piano for us this morning.

Praising God

*Call to Worship

Selected Verses from Psalm 118

This is the day that the LORD has made;

let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD!

We bless you from the house of the LORD.

The LORD is God,

and he has made his light to shine upon us.

You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;

you are my God; I will extol you.

Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;

for his steadfast love endures forever!

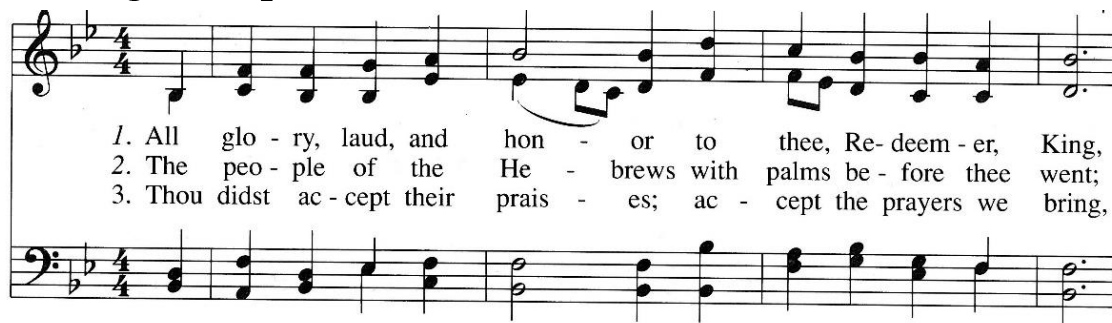
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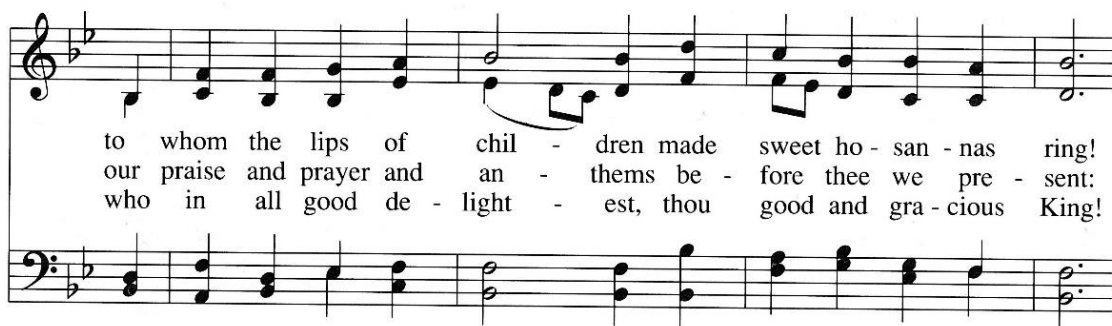
*Song of Response:

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

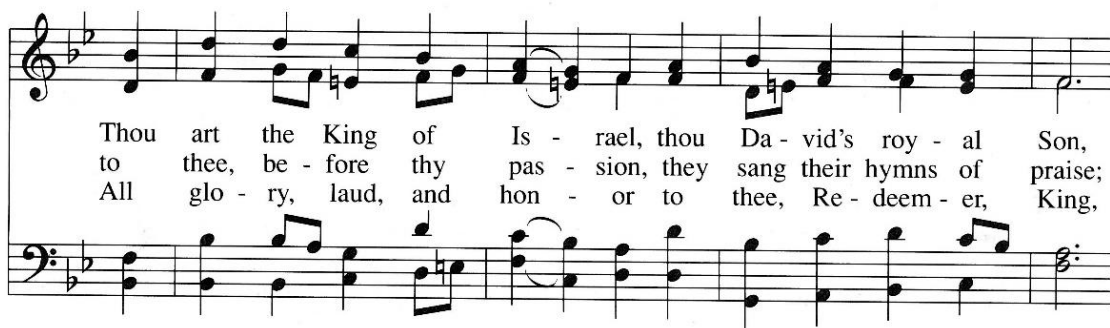
ST. THEODULPH 7.6.7.6.D.
Melchior Teschner, ca. 1615



1. All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re-deem - er, King,
2. The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;
3. Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

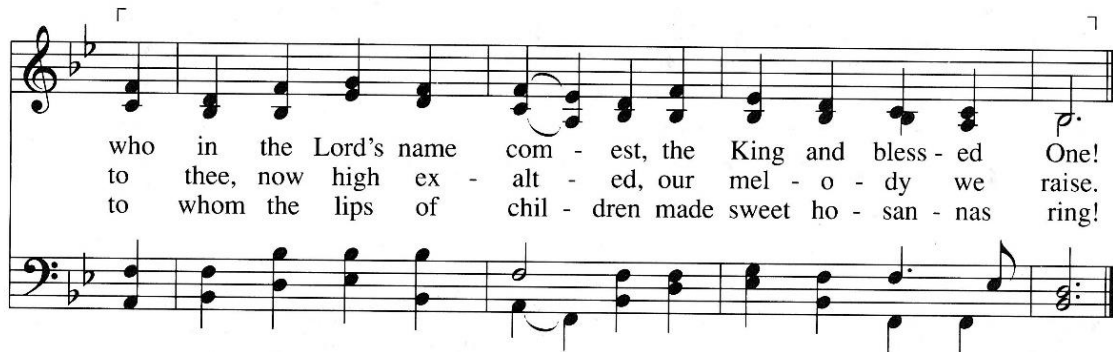


to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring!
our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent:
who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King!



Thou art the King of Is - rael, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,
to thee, be - fore thy pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise;
All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re - deem - er, King,

Theodulph of Orleans, ca. 820
Tr. by John Mason Neale, 1854; alt.



who in the Lord's name com - est, the King and bless - ed One!
to thee, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring!

***Prayer of Adoration & Invocation**

Confession of Faith

Hebrews 1:1-4

Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, ² but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. ³ He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴ having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

***Gloria Patri**

Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther, And to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Ghost: as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men, a-men.

Facing Up to Our Sin before God

Reading of God's Standard

Hebrews 3:12-15

Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God. ¹³ But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called "today," that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. ¹⁴ For we have come to share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original confidence firm to the end. ¹⁵ As it is said, "Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion."

Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon in Christ

Hebrews 4:14-16

Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. ¹⁵ For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶ Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

***Song of Thanksgiving:**

Ride On, Ride On in Majesty

UNISON

1. Ride on, ride on in ma - jes - ty as
 2. Ride on, ride on in ma - jes - ty, in
 3. Ride on, ride on in ma - jes - ty the
 4. Ride on, ride on in ma - jes - ty, the

all the crowds 'Ho - san - na!' cry: through wav - ing bran - ches
 low - ly pomp ride on to die: O Christ, your tri - umph
 an - gel ar - mies of the sky look down with sad and
 last and fier - cest foe de - fy: the Fa - ther on his

slow - ly ride, O Sa - viour, to be cru - ci - fied.
 now be - gin with cap - tured death, and con - quered sin!
 won - dering eyes to see the ap - proach - ing sac - ri - fice.
 sap - phire throne a - waits his own a - noint - ed Son.

(Verse 5 next page)

5. Ride on, ride on in ma-jes-ty,
in low-ly pomp ride on to die:
bow your meek head to mor-tal pain,
then take, O God, your power and reign!

In: *Sing Glory* 386 (339)
The Carol Book 18
Carols for Today 160

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Offering Our Prayers to God

Prayer of Intercession & the Lord's Prayer

Our time of intercession will close with this version of the Lord's Prayer:

**"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, forever.
Amen.**

Presentation of Our Tithes & Offerings

Tithes and offerings are an expression of our worship to God.

Offertory

During this song, children from 4 years old to 2nd grade are invited to attend
Junior Church in our Education Wing.

*Song of Preparation:

Man of Sorrows! What a Name

1. Man of Sor - rows! what a name for the Son of God, who came
2. Bear - ing shame and scoff - ing rude, in my place con - demned he stood,
3. Guilt - y, vile, and help - less, we; spot - less Lamb of God was he;
4. Lift - ed up was he to die, "It is fin - ished!" was his cry;
5. When he comes, our glo - rious King, all his ran - somed home to bring,

ru - ined sin - ners to re - claim: Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Sav - ior!
sealed my par - don with his blood: Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Sav - ior!
• full a - tone - ment! can it be? Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Sav - ior!
now in heav'n ex - alt - ed high: Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Sav - ior!
then a - new this song we'll sing: Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Sav - ior!

Philip P. Bliss, 1875

HALLELUJAH! WHAT A SAVIOR! 7.7.7.8.
Philip P. Bliss, 1875

*Prayer for Illumination

In this prayer, we ask the Lord to open our eyes and hearts to his Word.

Reading & Explanation of Scripture: *Life, Freedom, Glory*

John 12:9-43

*Leader: Lift up your hearts to God and turn your attention to the Word of the Lord.

***Congregation: We lift up our hearts to God, and we receive the Lord's Word with anticipation and joy!**

*Leader: Please be seated.

The First Reading of Scripture: John 12:9-19:

*"When the large crowd of the Jews learned that Jesus was there, they came, not only on account of him but also to see Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. ¹⁰ So the chief priests made plans to put Lazarus to death as well, ¹¹ because on account of him many of the Jews were going away and believing in Jesus. The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. ¹³ So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, **'Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!'** ¹⁴ And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written, ¹⁵ **'Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!'** His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about him and had been done to him. ¹⁷ The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. ¹⁸ The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. ¹⁹ So the Pharisees said to one another, 'You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him.'"*

Life

The Second Reading of Scripture: John 12:20-33:

"Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. ²¹ So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, 'Sir, we wish to see Jesus.' ²² Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³ And Jesus answered them, 'The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴ Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵ Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶ If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him. ²⁷ 'Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? But

for this purpose I have come to this hour. ²⁸ Father, glorify your name.' Then a voice came from heaven: 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.' ²⁹ The crowd that stood there and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, 'An angel has spoken to him.' ³⁰ Jesus answered, 'This voice has come for your sake, not mine. ³¹ Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out. ³² And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.' ³³ He said this to show by what kind of death he was going to die."

Freedom

The Third Reading of Scripture: John 12:34-43:

"So the crowd answered him, 'We have heard from the Law that the Christ remains forever. How can you say that the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?' ³⁵ So Jesus said to them, 'The light is among you for a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you. The one who walks in the darkness does not know where he is going. ³⁶ While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light.' When Jesus had said these things, he departed and hid himself from them. ³⁷ Though he had done so many signs before them, they still did not believe in him, ³⁸ so that the word spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: **'Lord, who has believed what he heard from us, and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?'** ³⁹ Therefore they could not believe. For again Isaiah said, ⁴⁰ **'He has blinded their eyes and hardened their heart, lest they see with their eyes, and understand with their heart, and turn, and I would heal them.'** ⁴¹ Isaiah said these things because he saw his glory and spoke of him. ⁴² Nevertheless, many even of the authorities believed in him, but for fear of the Pharisees they did not confess it, so that they would not be put out of the synagogue; ⁴³ for they loved the glory that comes from man more than the glory that comes from God."

Glory

Prayer of Application

The sermon concludes with a prayer asking the Lord to help us to be those who listen to his word and obey it. "...be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves." (James 1:22)

Receiving Provision from God

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Invitation & Warning

Words of Institution & Prayer

Distribution of the Elements

Please wait until all are served before eating. Our communion bread is gluten-free.

The tray of communion cups provides a choice of grape juice or grape wine (see diagram).

Prayer

Invitation to the Lord's Supper

Hershey Presbyterian Church (PCA) welcomes to receive the Holy Supper all baptized Christians who actively trust in Jesus Christ for salvation, who are willing to forsake their sin and obey Christ, and who are members in good standing of an evangelical church that proclaims the gospel or who have been approved by our Session after indicating a desire to participate (BCO 58-4). Children should await communicant membership before participating. Let this table, and our communion together, point you to Jesus—to receive grace from him, to hold out your empty and faltering hands to him, to allow him to feed and strengthen you, and to remind you that He is *for you* and *will help you* as you seek to follow him this week.

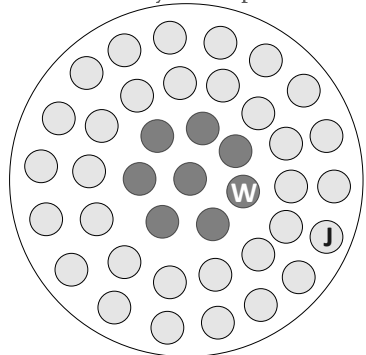
If you are *not* a baptized believer in Jesus today, we are glad that you are here with us this morning! We ask you not to participate in this part of the service. We do invite you to stay and observe this celebration of the Christian's union with the risen Jesus. As the bread and wine pass by, let them urge you to cry out to Jesus and pray the following prayer (or one like it):

Prayer of Belief: "Lord Jesus Christ, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever dared to admit, but in Jesus I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared to hope. I thank you for paying my debt on the cross, taking what I deserved in order to offer me complete forgiveness. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and Lord." *If you prayed this prayer for the first time this morning, please share that with a friend or talk with our pastor who can help you take the next steps in the faith.*

Communion Cup Tray Layout

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Dark Gray = Grape Wine



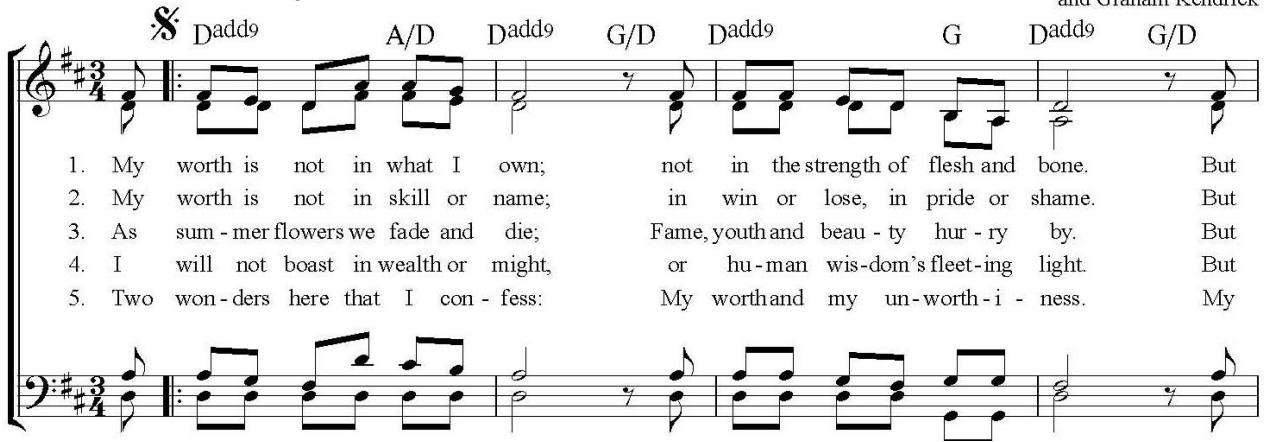
Renewing Our Devotion to God

Song of Dedication and Service: My Worth Is Not In What I Own

Words and Music by
Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty
and Graham Kendrick

Gentle and Prayerful

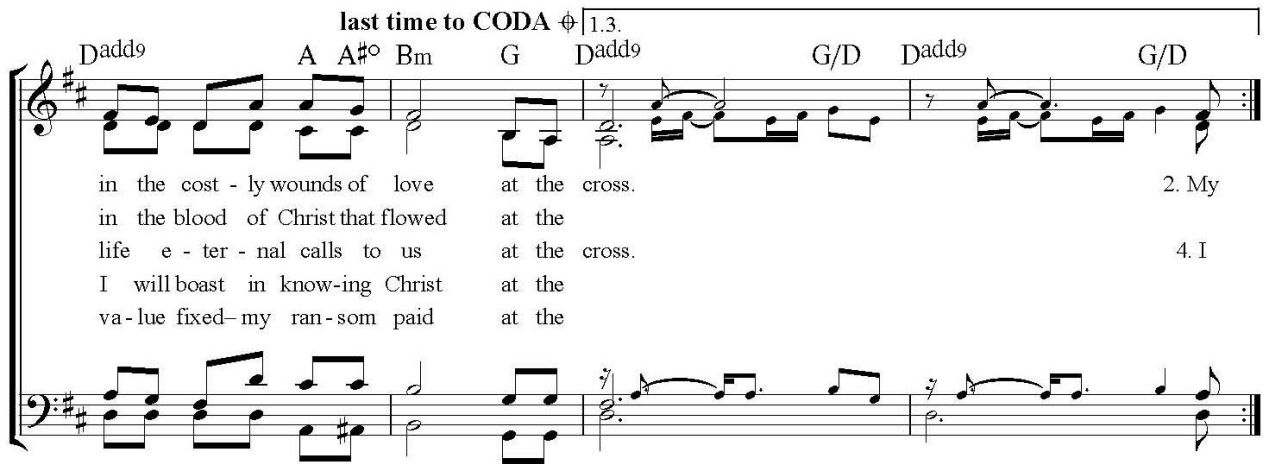
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1. My worth is not in what I own; not in the strength of flesh and bone. But
2. My worth is not in skill or name; in win or lose, in pride or shame. But
3. As sum-mer flowers we fade and die; Fame, youth and beau-ty hur-ry by. But
4. I will not boast in wealth or might, or hu-man wis-dom's fleet-ing light. But
5. Two won-ders here that I con-fess: My worth and my un-worth-i-ness. My

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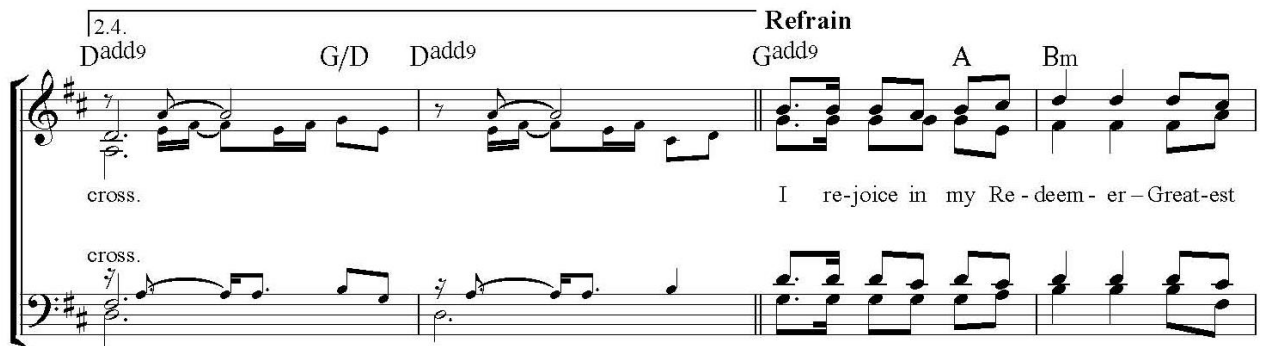
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in the cost-ly wounds of love at the cross. 2. My
in the blood of Christ that flowed at the
life e-ter-nal calls to us at the cross. 4. I
I will boast in know-ing Christ at the
va-lue fixed-my ran-som paid at the

2.4. Refrain

Dadd9 G/D Dadd9 Gadd9 A Bm



cross. I re-joice in my Re-deem-er-Great-est

CROSS.

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trea - sure, Well - spring of my soul. I will trust in Him, no

Bm D/F# G A Dadd9 G/D

oth - er; my soul is sa - tis - fied in Him a - lone.

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5. Two

CODA ⊕

Dadd9 G/D D

cross.

Receiving God's Blessing

*Benediction

2 Corinthians 13:14

*The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ
and the love of God
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.*

*Postlude

Use this time to greet someone that you don't know. If you see someone sitting or standing alone, welcome them in the name of Christ. The time after our worship is a great time for mutual, one-another ministry in Christ.

To our guests: We are glad that you have joined us for worship today. We would like to invite you to stay for a little while for conversation with our pastor and other Hershey PCA members.

To our members: As an act of fellowship and service, after a time of conversation and fellowship (approx. 15 minutes), please help to tear down today. We would love your help!

Today's Service Information

- 1) **Artwork:** Vincent van Gogh, *Almond Blossom*, 1890, 73.3 x 92.4 cm, oil on canvas, Van Gogh Museum, Amsterdam (Vincent van Gogh Foundation). Source: <https://www.vangoghmuseum.nl/en/collection/s0176V1962>. In the public domain.
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- 4) The **"Invitation to the Lord's Supper"** and the communion page information was, in part, modified from the practice of Redeemer PCA in NYC (2008) and Westminster PCA in Lancaster. PA (2015)

*Congregation standing