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## MIDWEEK LENTEN WORSHIP III MARCH 8, 2023

### Chronicles of the King—Strange Bedfellows: Jehoshaphat

#### **As We Gather**

Though we call Jesus King of kings, we often do not focus much on the nature of His kingdom. Today we continue our Lenten midweek series exploring how the kings of Judah are a shadow of Christ, the King of kings, who sits upon the throne of David, His father, forever. Each of the kings in Chronicles points us to Christ, who fulfills all the kingly promises which the kings of Judah were unable to realize in themselves. Today we consider Jehoshaphat, great-great-great-grandson of David. This heir to the throne walked in the ways of his father David and walked in the commandments of the Lord—at least for a while. Then ambition lured his heart away from the Lord. The prideful ambition of our sinful hearts can only be answered by the humble Savior who suffered for our sin, died to sanctify our grave, and rose that death may reign no more.

# ORGAN RECITAL

Passion Chorale

Leo Sowerby (1895-1968)

Rhosymedre

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

*From Three Preludes Founded on Welsh Hymn Tunes*

Pari intervallo

Arvo Pärt (b. 1935)

Concerto in A minor, BWV 593

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

After Vivaldi, RV 522

1. Allegro

2. Adagio

3. Allegro

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# THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

**P** = Pastor

\* = Stand

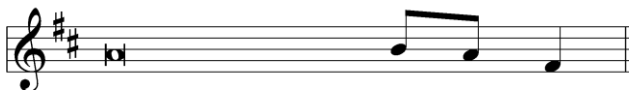
**C** = Congregation

## Opening Voluntary

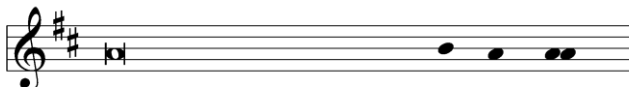
### \*Versicles



**L** O Lord, o - pen my lips,



**C** and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.



**L** Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;



**C** make haste to help me, O Lord.



**C** Glo-ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.



Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our sal - va - tion.

## Hymn

## LSB 438 A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth

1 A Lamb goes un - com - plain - ing forth, The  
 2 This Lamb is Christ, the soul's great friend, The  
 3 "Yes, Fa - ther, yes, most will - ing - ly I'll  
 4 Lord, when Your glo - ry I shall see And

guilt of sin - ners bear - ing And, lad - en with the  
 Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, Whom God the Fa - ther  
 bear what You com - mand Me. My will con - forms to  
 taste Your king - dom's plea - sure, Your blood my roy - al

sins of earth, None else the bur - den shar - ing; Goes  
 chose to send To gain for us His fa - vor. "Go  
 Your de - cree, I'll do what You have asked Me." O  
 robe shall be, My joy be - yond all mea - sure! When

pa - tient on, grows weak and faint, To slaugh - ter led with -  
 forth, My Son," the Fa - ther said, "And free My chil - dren  
 won - drous Love, what have You done! The Fa - ther of - fers  
 I ap - pear be - fore Your throne, Your righ - teous - ness shall

out com - plaint, That spot - less life to of - fer, He bears the  
 from their dread Of guilt and con - dem - na - tion. The wrath and  
 up His Son, De - sir - ing our sal - va - tion. O Love, how  
 be my crown; With these I need not hide me. And there, in

stripes, the wounds, the lies, The mock - er - y, and  
 stripes are hard to bear, But by Your pas - sion  
 strong You are to save! You lay the One in -  
 gar - ments rich - ly wrought, As Your own bride shall

yet re - plies, "All this I glad - ly suf - fer."  
 they will share The fruit of Your sal - va - tion."  
 to the grave Who built the earth's foun - da - tion.  
 we be brought To stand in joy be - side You.

## First Reading

*2 Chronicles 17:1–6; 18:1–3; 19:1–7*

<sup>1</sup>Jehoshaphat his son reigned in his place and strengthened himself against Israel. <sup>2</sup>He placed forces in all the fortified cities of Judah and set garrisons in the land of Judah, and in the cities of Ephraim that Asa his father had captured. <sup>3</sup>The LORD was with Jehoshaphat, because he walked in the earlier ways of his father David. He did not seek the Baals, <sup>4</sup>but sought the God of his father and walked in his commandments, and not according to the practices of Israel. <sup>5</sup>Therefore the LORD established the kingdom in his hand. And all Judah brought tribute to Jehoshaphat, and he had great riches and honor. <sup>6</sup>His heart was courageous in the ways of the LORD. And furthermore, he took the high places and the Asherim out of Judah.

<sup>1</sup>Now Jehoshaphat had great riches and honor, and he made a marriage alliance with Ahab. <sup>2</sup>After some years he went down to Ahab in Samaria. And Ahab killed an abundance of sheep and oxen for him and for the people who were with him, and induced him to go up against Ramoth-gilead. <sup>3</sup>Ahab king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat king of Judah, “Will you go with me to Ramoth-gilead?” He answered him, “I am as you are, my people as your people. We will be with you in the war.”

<sup>1</sup>Jehoshaphat the king of Judah returned in safety to his house in Jerusalem. <sup>2</sup>But Jehu the son of Hanani the seer went out to meet him and said to King Jehoshaphat, “Should you help the wicked and love those who hate the LORD? Because of this, wrath has gone out against you from the LORD. <sup>3</sup>Nevertheless, some good is found in you, for you destroyed the Asherahs out of the land, and have set your heart to seek God.”

<sup>4</sup>Jehoshaphat lived at Jerusalem. And he went out again among the people, from Beersheba to the hill country of Ephraim, and brought them back to the LORD, the God of their fathers. <sup>5</sup>He appointed judges in the land in all the fortified cities of Judah, city by city, <sup>6</sup>and said to the judges, “Consider what you do, for you judge not for man but for the LORD. He is with you in giving judgment. <sup>7</sup>Now then, let the fear of the LORD be upon you. Be careful what you do, for there is no injustice with the LORD our God, or partiality or taking bribes.”

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Second Reading

*Revelation 2:18–28*

<sup>18</sup>“And to the angel of the church in Thyatira write: ‘The words of the Son of God, who has eyes like a flame of fire, and whose feet are like burnished bronze.

<sup>19</sup>“‘I know your works, your love and faith and service and patient endurance, and that your latter works exceed the first. <sup>20</sup>But I have this against you, that you tolerate that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess and is teaching and seducing my servants to practice sexual immorality and to eat food sacrificed to idols. <sup>21</sup>I gave her time to repent, but she refuses to repent of her sexual immorality. <sup>22</sup>Behold, I will throw her onto a sickbed, and those who commit adultery with her I will throw into great tribulation, unless they repent of her works, <sup>23</sup>and I will strike her children dead. And all the churches will know that I am he who searches mind and heart, and I will give to each of you as your works deserve. <sup>24</sup>But to the rest of you in Thyatira, who do not hold this teaching, who have not learned what some call the deep things of Satan, to you I say, I do not lay on you any other burden. <sup>25</sup>Only hold fast what you have until I come. <sup>26</sup>The one who conquers and who keeps my works until the end, to him I will give authority over the nations, <sup>27</sup>and he will rule them with a rod of iron, as when earthen pots are broken in pieces, even as I myself have received authority from my Father. <sup>28</sup>And I will give him the morning star.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**\*Third Reading**

*Matthew 7:24–27*

<sup>24</sup>“Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. <sup>25</sup>And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock. <sup>26</sup>And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. <sup>27</sup>And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it.”

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**\*Responsory For Lent**

**P** Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are the God of my salvation.

**C** Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.

**P** In You, O Lord, do I put my trust, leave me not, O Lord, my God.

**C** Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.

**P** Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are the God of my salvation.

**C** Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.

**\*Apostles' Creed**

**C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

# Hymn

## LSB 644 The Church's One Foundation



1 The Church's one foun - da - tion Is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;  
 2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, Yet one o'er all the earth;  
 3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der The world sees her op - pressed,  
 4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion And tu - mult of her war  
 5 Yet she on earth has u - nion With God, the Three in One,



She is His new cre - a - tion By wa - ter and the Word.  
 Her char - ter of sal - va - tion: One Lord, one faith, one birth.  
 By schisms rent a - sun - der, By her - e - sies dis - tressed,  
 She waits the con - sum - ma - tion Of peace for - ev - er - more  
 And mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion With those whose rest is won.



From heav'n He came and sought her To be His ho - ly bride;  
 One ho - ly name she bless - es, Par - takes one ho - ly food,  
 Yet saints their watch are keep - ing; Their cry goes up, "How long?"  
 Till with the vi - sion glo - rious Her long - ing eyes are blest,  
 O bless - ed heav'n - ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by Your grace



With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.  
 And to one hope she press - es With ev - 'ry grace en - dued.  
 And soon the night of weep - ing Shall be the morn of song.  
 And the great Church vic - to - rious Shall be the Church at rest.  
 That we, like saints be - fore us, May see You face to face.

# Sermon

"Jehoshaphat: The Way of the Lord"

(II Chronicles 17:3)

# Gathering of the Offering

*Please fill out an attendance card and place it in the offering plate*

# Voluntary

# \*Kyrie



**C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

# \*Prayers

# \*Lord's Prayer

### \*Benedicamus

**P** Let us bless the Lord.



**C** Thanks be to God.

### \*Benediction

**P** The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.



**C** A - men.

### \*Hymn to Depart

### LSB 429 We Sing the Praise of Him Who Died



1 We sing the praise of Him who died, Of Him who  
2 In - scribed up - on the cross we see In shin - ing  
5 The balm of life, the cure of woe, The mea - sure  
6 To Christ, who won for sin - ners grace By bit - ter



died up - on the cross. The sin - ner's hope let  
let - ters, "God is love." He bears our sins up -  
and the pledge of love, The sin - ner's ref - uge  
grief and an - guish sore, Be praise from all the



all de - ride; For this we count the world but loss.  
on the tree; He brings us mer - cy from a - bove.  
here be - low, The an - gels' theme in heav'n a - bove.  
ran - somed race For - ev - er and for - ev - er - more.

### \*Silent Prayer

### Closing Voluntary

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