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# MIDWEEK LENTEN WORSHIP V

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## Chronicles of the King—Know Thyself: Uzziah

### 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 Uzziah, a good king who did what was right in the eyes of the Lord. Uzziah was a strong ruler; he expanded and strengthened Judah and, “as long as he sought the Lord, God made him prosper” (2 Chronicles 26:5). If Uzziah had a failing, it was that he presumed what belonged to others. He played like he was a priest. God humbled him, warning him that what he sought was not for him.

# ORGAN RECITAL

O Lamm Gottes, Unschuldig from Orgelbuchlein, BWV 618	Johann Sebastian Bach
Sonata in f minor, Op. 65 No. 1 Allegro moderato e serio	Felix Mendelssohn
Christe du Lamm Gottes from Orgelbuchlein, BWV 619	Johann Sebastian Bach
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God from Improvisations for the Lenten Season	Paul Manz
Fantasia in G, BWV 572	Johann Sebastian Bach

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# THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

**P** = Pastor

\* = Stand

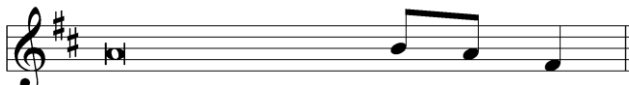
**C** = Congregation

## Opening Voluntary

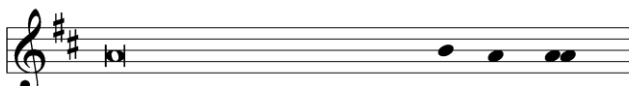
### \*Versicles



**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.

### \*Psalm

*Psalm 110*

**P** <sup>1</sup>The LORD says to my Lord:

**C** "Sit at my right hand, until I make your enemies your footstool."

**P** <sup>2</sup>The LORD sends forth from Zion your mighty scepter.

**C** Rule in the midst of your enemies!

**P** <sup>3</sup>Your people will offer themselves freely on the day of your power, in holy garments;

**C** From the womb of the morning, the dew of your youth will be yours.

- P** <sup>4</sup>The LORD has sworn  
**C** And will not change his mind,  
**P** “You are a priest forever  
**C** After the order of Melchizedek.”  
**P** <sup>5</sup>The Lord is at your right hand;  
**C** He will shatter kings on the day of his wrath.  
**P** <sup>6</sup>He will execute judgment among the nations,  
**C** Filling them with corpses; he will shatter chiefs over the wide earth.  
**P** <sup>7</sup>He will drink from the brook by the way;  
**C** Therefore he will lift up his head.

## Hymn

## LSB 440 Jesus, I Will Ponder Now



1 Je - sus, I will pon - der now On Your ho - ly pas - sion;  
 2 Make me see Your great dis - tress, An - guish, and af - flic - tion,  
 3 Yet, O Lord, not thus a - lone Make me see Your pas - sion,  
 With Your Spir - it me en - dow For such med - i - ta - tion.  
 Bonds and stripes and wretch - ed - ness And Your cru - ci - fix - ion;  
 But its cause to me make known And its ter - mi - na - tion.  
 Grant that I in love and faith May the im - age cher - ish  
 Make me see how scourge and rod, Spear and nails did wound You,  
 Ah! I al - so and my sin Wrought Your deep af - flic - tion;  
 Of Your suf - f'ring, pain, and death That I may not per - ish.  
 How for them You died, O God, Who with thorns had crowned You.  
 This in - deed the cause has been Of Your cru - ci - fix - ion.

## First Reading

## 2 Chronicles 26:1–5, 15b–21

<sup>1</sup>And all the people of Judah took Uzziah, who was sixteen years old, and made him king instead of his father Amaziah. <sup>2</sup>He built Eloth and restored it to Judah, after the king slept with his fathers. <sup>3</sup>Uzziah was sixteen years old when he began to reign, and he reigned fifty-two years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Jecoliah of Jerusalem. <sup>4</sup>And he did what was right in the eyes of the LORD, according to all that his father Amaziah had done. <sup>5</sup>He set himself to seek God in the days

of Zechariah, who instructed him in the fear of God, and as long as he sought the LORD, God made him prosper.

<sup>15</sup>In Jerusalem he made engines, invented by skillful men, to be on the towers and the corners, to shoot arrows and great stones. And his fame spread far, for he was marvelously helped, till he was strong.

<sup>16</sup>But when he was strong, he grew proud, to his destruction. For he was unfaithful to the LORD his God and entered the temple of the LORD to burn incense on the altar of incense. <sup>17</sup>But Azariah the priest went in after him, with eighty priests of the LORD who were men of valor, <sup>18</sup>and they withstood King Uzziah and said to him, “It is not for you, Uzziah, to burn incense to the LORD, but for the priests the sons of Aaron, who are consecrated to burn incense. Go out of the sanctuary, for you have done wrong, and it will bring you no honor from the LORD God.” <sup>19</sup>Then Uzziah was angry. Now he had a censer in his hand to burn incense, and when he became angry with the priests, leprosy broke out on his forehead in the presence of the priests in the house of the LORD, by the altar of incense. <sup>20</sup>And Azariah the chief priest and all the priests looked at him, and behold, he was leprous in his forehead! And they rushed him out quickly, and he himself hurried to go out, because the LORD had struck him. <sup>21</sup>And King Uzziah was a leper to the day of his death, and being a leper lived in a separate house, for he was excluded from the house of the LORD. And Jotham his son was over the king’s household, governing the people of the land.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Second Reading

*Hebrews 7:1–10, 26–28*

<sup>1</sup>For this Melchizedek, king of Salem, priest of the Most High God, met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings and blessed him, <sup>2</sup>and to him Abraham apportioned a tenth part of everything. He is first, by translation of his name, king of righteousness, and then he is also king of Salem, that is, king of peace. <sup>3</sup>He is without father or mother or genealogy, having neither beginning of days nor end of life, but resembling the Son of God he continues a priest forever.

<sup>4</sup>See how great this man was to whom Abraham the patriarch gave a tenth of the spoils! <sup>5</sup>And those descendants of Levi who receive the priestly office have a commandment in the law to take tithes from the people, that is, from their brothers, though these also are descended from Abraham. <sup>6</sup>But this man who does not have his descent from them received tithes from Abraham and blessed him who had the promises. <sup>7</sup>It is beyond dispute that the inferior is blessed by the superior. <sup>8</sup>In the one case tithes are received by mortal men, but in the other case, by one of whom it is testified that he lives. <sup>9</sup>One might even say that Levi himself, who receives tithes, paid tithes through Abraham, <sup>10</sup>for he was still in the loins of his ancestor when Melchizedek met him.

<sup>26</sup>For it was indeed fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, innocent, unstained, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. <sup>27</sup>He has no need, like those high priests, to offer sacrifices daily, first for his own sins and then for those of the people, since he did this once for all when he offered up himself. <sup>28</sup>For the law appoints men in their weakness as high priests, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

### \*Third Reading

*John 10:11–18*

<sup>11</sup>[Jesus said:] “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup>He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. <sup>13</sup>He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. <sup>14</sup>I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, <sup>15</sup>just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup>And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. <sup>17</sup>For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. <sup>18</sup>No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father.”

**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 440 Jesus, I Will Ponder Now



4 Grant that I Your pas - sion view With re - pen - tant griev - ing.  
5 If my sins give me a - larm And my con - science grieve me,  
6 Gra - cious - ly my faith re - new; Help me bear my cross - es,



Let me not bring shame to You By un - ho - ly liv - ing.  
 Let Your cross my fear dis - arm; Peace of con - science give me.  
 Learn - ing hum - ble - ness from You, Peace mid pain and loss - es.

How could I re - fuse to shun Ev - 'ry sin - ful plea - sure  
 Help me see for - give - ness won By Your ho - ly pas - sion.  
 May I give You love for love! Hear me, O my Sav - ior,

Since for me God's on - ly Son Suf - fered with - out mea - sure?  
 If for me He slays His Son, God must have com - pas - sion!  
 That I may in heav'n a - bove Sing Your praise for - ev - er.

## Sermon

“Know Thyself - Uzziah”

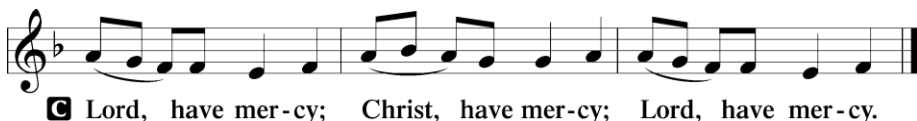
(2 Chronicles 26:1–5, 15b–21)

## Gathering of the Offering

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## Voluntary

### \*Kyrie



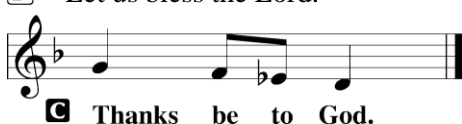
**C** Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

### \*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 571 God Loved the World So That He Gave



1 God loved the world so that He gave His on - ly  
2 Christ Je - sus is the ground of faith, Who was made  
3 God would not have the sin - ner die; His Son with  
4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son For - gives all



Son the lost to save, That all who would in  
flesh and suf - fered death; All then who trust in  
sav - ing grace is nigh; His Spir - it in the  
sins which you have done; And, jus - ti - fied by



Him be - lieve Should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.  
Him a - lone Are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.  
Word de - clares How we in Christ are heav - en's heirs.  
Je - sus' blood, Your Bap - tism grants the high - est good.

- 5 If you are sick, if death is near, This truth your troubled heart can cheer:  
Christ Jesus saves your soul from death; That is the firmest ground of faith.
- 6 Glory to God the Father, Son, And Holy Spirit, Three in One!  
To You, O blessed Trinity, Be praise now and eternally!

## \*Silent Prayer

## Closing Voluntary

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