



JOY

ON THE OTHER SIDE

BEVERLY HEIGHTS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

July 16, 2023

The Pattern of Worship

Because Jesus Christ was raised from the dead on the first day of the week, the church has always gathered to worship on Sunday (“the Lord’s Day”; cf. John 20:1,19,26, Acts 20:7, etc.) in celebration of Christ’s resurrection and victory over death. Christians gather at many different times throughout the week, but Lord’s Day worship is the essential fountainhead from which all other Christian worship, service, and fellowship flow.

The patterns seen throughout Scripture inform our Lord’s Day worship. Scripture has much to say as to how the church should worship. Worship is much more than a matter of preference.

The pattern of our liturgy follows the basic biblical structure of sacrificial worship. This pattern is found in both old and new testament Scriptures, but perhaps the clearest place to see this shape is in Leviticus 9, the first corporate worship service at the newly constructed tabernacle.

While Jesus abolished animal sacrifice, He did not abrogate the way of sacrifice (e.g., Rom. 12:1-2; Heb. 13:15, etc.). New covenant worship is still described in sacrificial categories and the church is described as the true temple. As Augustine observed, whatever is fulfilled in Christ (the Head) is also fulfilled in the ongoing life of the church (Christ’s body). Therefore, in Christ, our worship service represents the fulfillment and transformation of old covenant liturgical types. The basic pattern is as follows:

The Lord Gathers Us: The people are called to worship (Lev. 9:5). Our worship is a response to God’s summons. He always takes the initiative. We draw near only because He first invites us.

The Lord Cleanses Our Sin: The sin offering (Lev. 9:15) highlights confession of sin and absolution. Without an initial confession of sin, we are worshipping God with unclean hands and lips. But having been washed, we may enter God’s presence.

The Lord Sanctifies Our Lives: The ascension offering (Lev. 9:16) corresponds to our entrance into God’s heavenly sanctuary (cf. Heb. 10:19ff) and consecration. The ascension offering consists in a burst of sung praise, since we have received cleansing and access to God’s throne room. We enter God’s courts with thanksgiving and joy. This offering also includes the reading and preaching of the Word, as we are consecrated to God’s service by His truth (Jn. 17:17; Heb. 4:12).

The Lord Receives Our Gifts and Hearts: The tribute offering (Lev. 9:17) follows, represented by the collection of tithes and offerings. We offer ourselves in the ascension offering; we offer our lives, our hearts and our prayers in the tribute offering. Our lives are not acceptable to God apart from the blood sacrifice of Christ, but in Christ, God accepts us and the fruit of our labors.

The Lord Meets Us at the Table: The peace offering was at the center of every feast and festival in the old covenant and is the climax of the liturgy (Lev. 9:18-21). This offering is the communion meal we eat in God’s presence. The Lord’s Supper, of course, is our peace offering in the new covenant, as God shares His table with us.

The Lord Scatters Us into the World: Finally, we are commissioned. We are sent out with God’s benediction (Lev. 9:22-23). At the tabernacle, Aaron raised his hands and blessed the people as he dismissed them (Num. 6:22-27). We are sent out to serve God in the world, carrying His blessing as we go.

BEVERLY HEIGHTS TOGETHER

Welcome and Greeting

Mr. Peter A. Chace

Announcements

THE LORD GATHERS US FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

I Need Thee, Jesus
Jinna Park, *Accompanist and Organist*

Dykes/Lowry

*The first note of the prelude marks the beginning of worship. Please use this brief period of time for prayer and preparation while keeping conversation at a low volume and to a minimum. **Please refrain from clapping unless led to do so.***

Invitation to Worship

Leader: Rejoice in the Lord always!

People: And again I say rejoice!

Congregational Introit Psalm **37C**

v. 9

Steps a Man Takes

Prayer of Invocation

Opening Psalm of Praise **100E**

vv. 1-4

In All the Land Rejoice

Responsive Reading

Psalm 100

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! Serve the LORD with gladness!
Come into His presence with singing!

People: Know that the LORD, He is God! It is He who made us, and we are His; we
are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.

Leader: Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise! Give thanks to Him;
bless His name!

People: For the LORD is good; His steadfast love endures forever, and His
faithfulness to all generations.

THE LORD CLEANSSES OUR SIN

Unison Confession of Sin

The psalmist testifies: Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what He has done for me. If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, the Lord would not have listened. But truly God has listened; He has given heed to the words of my prayer. Blessed be God, because He has not rejected my prayer or removed His steadfast love from me. In the strength of this assurance, let us confess our sins to God.

Silent Confession of Sin

Unison Assurance of Pardon

Hear the good news! There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and death. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Thanks be to God!

Unison Confession of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and Earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

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

Psalm of Praise

vv. 1-4

Afflicted Saint, to Christ Draw Near

THE LORD SANCTIFIES OUR LIVES

New Testament Lesson: Philippians 2:1-18

Mr. Peter Chace, Candidate Under Care

Responsive Psalm **84C**

vv. 1, 3

Your Dwelling Places, LORD

Special Music

This Is My Father's World
Justine Campagna, *violin*; Jinna Park, *piano*

arr. Funderburk

The musical score is for the hymn 'This Is My Father's World'. It is written for a two-part setting (Soprano and Bass) in the key of D major (one sharp) and 2/4 time. The score consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are: 'Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.' The piano accompaniment features a simple, steady melody in the right hand and a supporting bass line in the left hand. Chord symbols are provided above the vocal lines: G, D, Em, Bm, Em, D, G, D, Em, C, G, D, G, C, D, G, D, Am, G, D, C, G.

Thomas Ken, 1709

OLD HUNDREDTH L.M.
Louis Bourgeois's *Genevan Psalter*, 1551

Congregational Response **No. 731**

Doxology

*Children ages preschool and younger are dismissed to the Nursery, Walkabouts Room or Runabouts Room.
All other children remain in worship with their families.*

Scripture Reading

Psalms 84:1-12

Sermon

Joy on the Other Side
In-House Joy

Dr. Kyle David Bennett

THE LORD RECEIVES OUR GIFTS AND HEARTS

Call for the Offering and Offertory

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

arr. Hayes

Congregational Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Threefold Amen



THE LORD MEETS US AT THE TABLE

The Lord's Supper was instituted by Jesus on the night of His betrayal. It is to be celebrated until the end of the world as a perpetual remembrance of what He did for mankind on the cross. The Lord's Supper is a seal of all those benefits of Calvary for believers and signifies their spiritual growth and nourishment. It is a bond and pledge of the communion of believers with Jesus Christ and with each other as parts of the Church.

The Session is responsible for determining the frequency of celebration of the Lord's Supper. It is proper to observe it as often as each Lord's Day, but it should be observed at least quarterly. The Session should exercise care that the sacrament be not neglected.

According to the EPC Book of Order, ordinarily, only a lawfully ordained Minister may administer the sacraments. Since Pastor Devlin is away this Sunday, we will not celebrate the Lord's Supper today.

THE LORD SCATTERS US TO ADVANCE HIS KINGDOM

Closing Psalm **96D**

vv. 5, 8

Ascribe Unto the Lord

Dismissal

Postlude

The Lord Is My Light
Jinna Park, Accompanist and Organist

Bowditch

Won't it get old?

Some insights from Dr. Kyle Bennett on the nature of ritual

My sons, Calvin and Miles, have been playing baseball. It's Miles' second year and Calvin's first. Without fail, I find them in the backyard playing catch, running the bases, pitching to each other, and consummately antagonizing each other. They've gotten really good at all of these activities, especially antagonizing.

Watching them reminds me of the old adage, "Practice makes perfect." It's true. Those who practice a profession get proficient at it.

If you want to field grounders well, you have to spend your days scooping them up. If you want to knit scarves, you have to crochet regularly. If you want your kids to obey you, you have to correct them daily.

The logic of practice also applies to religious rites like confessing our sins, hearing the Word of God and partaking of the Lord's Supper. If you want to get comfortable confessing your sins, or being attentive to God's word, or being nourished by His body and blood, you have to practice it.

Some in the Church find this line of thinking dubious. Practice?! What are you talking about? Won't partaking of the Lord's Supper on a regular basis render it meaningless? Won't frequency of confession lead to insincerity? Won't hearing a sermon multiple times desensitize us to its message?

Yet we don't refrain from saying "I'm sorry" to our spouses out of fear of it becoming disingenuous. We don't kiss our kids infrequently out of concern for it becoming rote routine. We don't object to having close friends over for dinner parties because we're worried our friendship will be taken for granted.

The same road cannot lead to both perfection and perdition. Whether plain practices or religious rites, the logic stands: practice makes perfect.

Some in the Church have an "absence-makes-the-heart-grow-fonder" view of our Savior's sacraments. This view assumes that novelty and spontaneity are what make things meaningful. And that infrequency breeds sincerity. It believes that God-given gifts like the Lord's Supper are too holy to touch on a regular basis.

But our Lord doesn't share this view. He isn't absent, nor does He want to be. In fact, He wants to be more present to us. Which is why He sent the Holy Spirit and gave us the Church and why He instituted His sacraments. He wants to be more present to us through these gifts!

As a sacrament, the Lord's Supper is a means by which Christ is mediated to us. It "holds forth" Christ and His salvation and grace to us, as the Westminster Shorter Catechism puts it. It – along with confession, preaching of the Word, and prayer – is necessary for the Church. We need them to know Christ and live in Him.

The more we confess our guilt and sins, the quicker we will recognize His grace and express gratitude. The more often we listen to His words and meditate on them, the more He will inhabit our thoughts and dreams. The more we partake of His body and blood, the more we will remember, profess and long for Him.

There is a beauty captured in the contours of practice. There is an attraction to things done well. There is a fullness found in purpose. We were designed to be full of our Creator. We were meant to eat and drink our Savior. We were made to feast for eternity.

"Practice makes perfect."

The next few months here at Beverly Heights will be a "Summer of Psalms and Sacraments," during which we will engage more deeply in the practice of what distinguishes us as Christians. Eat His body with regularity, drink His blood routinely, and hear His Word with repetition.

Sing His praises with resound. And watch your life overflow with His presence and grace!

This Week

SUNDAY, JULY 16

7:30 AM Men's Bible Study
9:00 AM Christian Ed for all ages
10:00 AM Beverly Heights Together Worship

MONDAY, JULY 17

Church Offices Closed

8:30 AM Revelation Fitness fundraiser

TUESDAY, JULY 18

7:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting

WEDNESDAY, JULY 19

9:00 AM Staff Meeting

THURSDAY, JULY 20

FRIDAY, JULY 21

10:00 AM Playground Playgroup

SATURDAY, JULY 22

8:30 AM Revelation Fitness workout

SUNDAY, JULY 23

7:30 AM Men's Bible Study
9:00 AM Christian Ed for all ages
10:00 AM Beverly Heights Together Worship

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Gathered By His Love For Us ~ Scattered By Our Love For Him

Steps a Man Takes

*Indeed we count them blessed who endure....**The Lord is very compassionate and merciful. —James 5:11*

9. ²³ Steps a man takes are es - tab - lished By the
 10. ²⁶ His de - scen - dants are a bless - ing; Through the
 11. ²⁹ In the land the righ - teous set - tle, Dwell - ing

LORD for His de - light. ²⁴ If he stum - bles, he'll not
 day he lends and gives. ²⁷ Turn from e - vil; prac - tice
 in it end - less - ly, For the whole land in the

fall down, By the LORD his hand's held tight.
 good - ness That you may for - ev - er live.
 fu - ture Their in - her - i - tance shall be.

²⁵ Though once young, I am quite old now, Yet through-
²⁸ For the LORD, who loves true jus - tice, Will not
³⁰ Words of wis - dom speaks the righ - teous, Jus - tice



out the life I've led I've not seen the just for -
 leave His god - ly ones; They will be pre - served for -
 comes forth from his lips; ³¹ Since God's law with - in his



sak - en Nor their chil - dren beg - ging bread.
 ev - er, While cut off are sin - ners' sons.
 heart is, In his steps he nev - er slips.

100E

Psalm 100

In All the Land Rejoice

There shall be one flock and one Shepherd.

—John 10:16

1. ¹ In all the land re - joice And
 2. ³ Know that the LORD is God. He
 3. ⁴ With thanks come through His gates, Praise
 4. ⁵ Be - cause the LORD is good, His

to the LORD cry out. ² In wor - ship glad - ly
 made us, we are His, His peo - ple and the
 in His courts pro - claim; De - clare the glo - ry
 love will yet en - dure; To gen - er - a - tions,

serve the LORD, For joy be - fore Him shout.
 cho - sen flock Set where His pas - ture is.
 He de - serves, Give bless - ings to His name.
 on and on, His faith - ful - ness is sure.

Afflicted Saint, to Christ Draw Near

John Fawcett (1782), Connie Dever (Chorus)

Connie Dever

1. Af - flict - ed saint, to — Christ draw near, Your
2. Your faith is weak, your foes are strong, Your
3. Should per - se - cu - tion — rage and flame, still
4. When called to bear your weigh - ty cross, or

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Sa - vior's gra - cious pro - mise hear, His faith - ful Word, you
if the con - flict should be long, the Lord will make the —
trust in your Re - deem - er's name; in or fier - y tri - als —
sore af - flic - tion, pain, or loss, or deep dis - tress or —

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1.
can be - lieve, that as your days — your strength shall be.
temp - ter flee, that as your days — your strength shall be.
you shall see, that as your days — your strength shall be.
po - ver - ty, still as your days — your strength shall be.

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2, 3, 4.
So, sing with joy, af - flic - ted one; the bat - tle's fierce, but the vic - tory's

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won; God shall sup - ply all that you need. Yes, as your days your strength shall be.

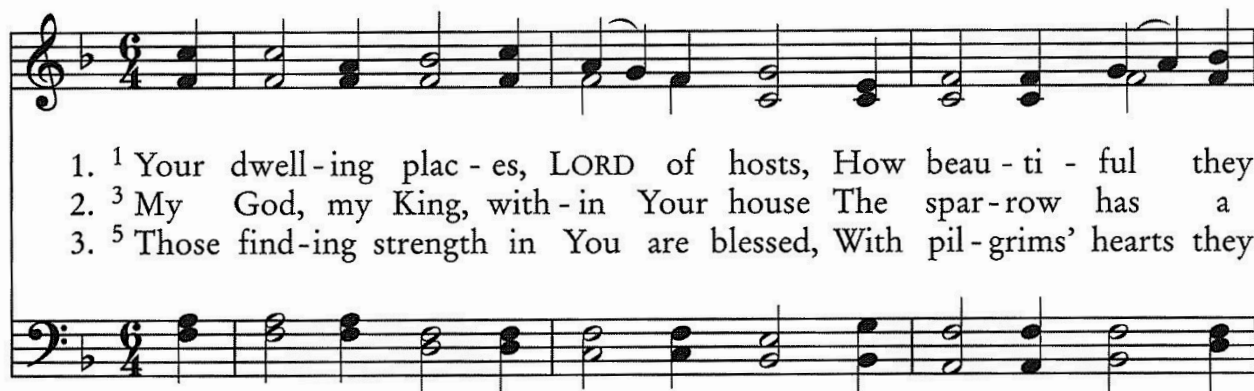
84C

Psalm 84:1-7

Your Dwelling Places, LORD

You also, as living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house.

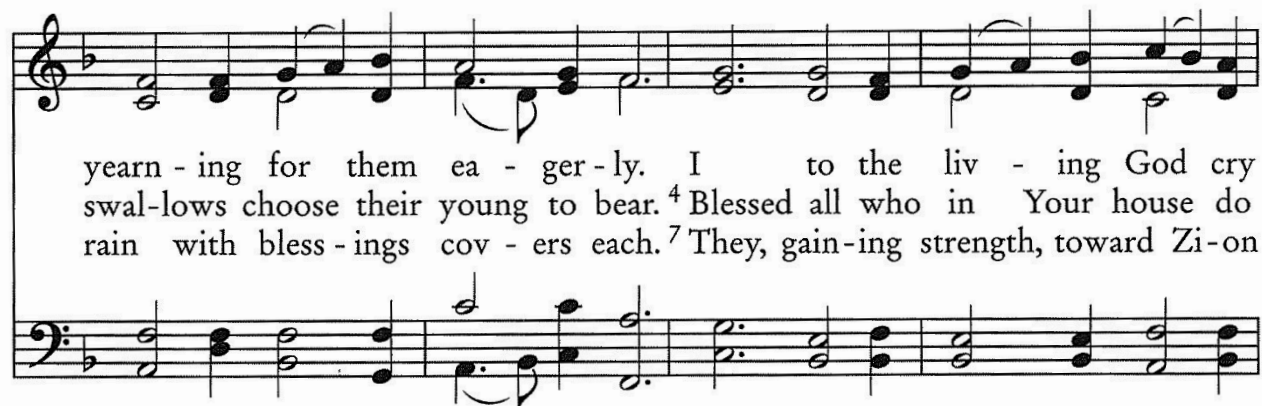
— 1 Peter 2:5



1. ¹ Your dwell - ing plac - es, LORD of hosts, How beau - ti - ful they
 2. ³ My God, my King, with - in Your house The spar - row has a
 3. ⁵ Those find - ing strength in You are blessed, With pil - grims' hearts they



are to me. ² The LORD's courts are my soul's de - sire, I'm
 dwell - ing there. O LORD of hosts, Your al - tars are Where
 on - ward reach, ⁶ The val - ley's tears they turn to springs, While



yearn - ing for them ea - ger - ly. I to the liv - ing God cry
 swal - lows choose their young to bear. ⁴ Blessed all who in Your house do
 rain with bless - ings cov - ers each. ⁷ They, gain - ing strength, toward Zi - on



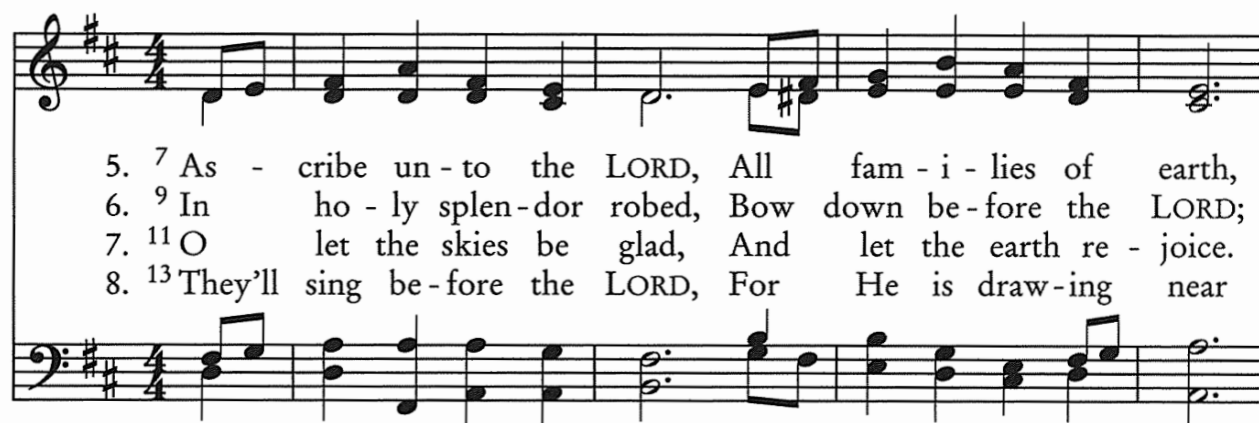
out, With joy my heart and bod - y shout!
 live, To You their praise they ev - er give.
 run; Be - fore God then ap - pears each one.

Ascribe Unto the LORD

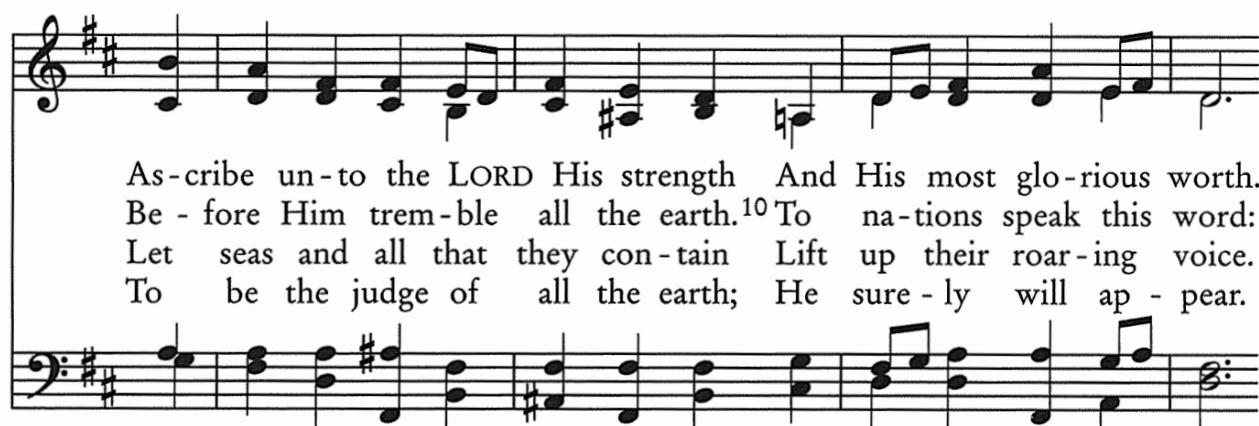
"Yes, I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.
—Revelation 22:20

96D

Psalm 96:7-13



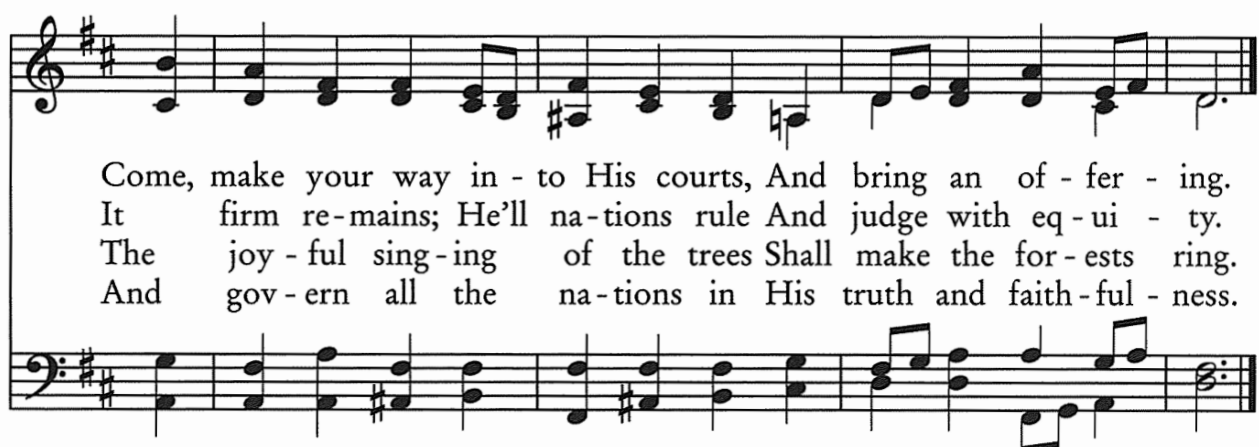
5. ⁷ As - crite un - to the LORD, All fam - i - lies of earth,
6. ⁹ In ho - ly splen - dor robed, Bow down be - fore the LORD;
7. ¹¹ O let the skies be glad, And let the earth re - joice.
8. ¹³ They'll sing be - fore the LORD, For He is draw - ing near



As - crite un - to the LORD His strength And His most glo - rious worth.
Be - fore Him trem - ble all the earth. ¹⁰ To na - tions speak this word:
Let seas and all that they con - tain Lift up their roar - ing voice.
To be the judge of all the earth; He sure - ly will ap - pear.



⁸ As - crite un - to the LORD The glo - ry of His name;
"The LORD reigns o - ver all!" The world un - moved will be,
¹² Let ev - ery beast ex - ult, Let fields with glad - ness sing;
Then He will rule the world In per - fect righ - teous - ness,



Come, make your way in - to His courts, And bring an of - fer - ing.
It firm re - mains; He'll na - tions rule And judge with eq - ui - ty.
The joy - ful sing - ing of the trees Shall make the for - ests ring.
And gov - ern all the na - tions in His truth and faith - ful - ness.