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“If the world hates you,
know that it has hated me before it hated you.

If you were of the world,
the world would love you as its own;
but because you are not of the world, but

I chose you out of the world,
therefore the world hates you.”

~ John 15:18-19 ~



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The Lord's Day

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God's Call to Us to Worship Him

"Be still and know that I Am God"

Isaiah 61:1-3

***His Call to Us to Worship Him**

Psalms 118:22-24

Elder: The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. This is the Lord's doing;

People: **It is marvelous in our eyes. This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Elder: The Lord is dwelling among His Congregation.

People: **Let us worship Him!**

***Prayer of Invocation**

***Hymn of Our Procession Into the Presence of God**

All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above

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The Father Reaffirms His Covenant with Us

Scripture Reading

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Responsive Reading from Ecclesiastes 5:1-17

Call to Confession

Romans 8:39

Unified Prayer of Confession

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Assurance of His Pardon

1 Timothy 1:15, 17

***Hymn of Thanksgiving**

Ps.22: All You That Fear Jehovah's Name

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Intercessory Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Christ is Made Known to Us

His Word is Opened to Us

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Scripture: Exodus 8:20 – 9:7

"The grass withers, the flower fades ...

But the Word of our God will stand forever."

Message: A Sovereign Distinction

Prayer for Response and Obedience

Hymn of Preparation

We Gather Together

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We Come to His Table

The Invitation and the Warning

Sursum Corda – Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Prayer of Preparation

The Lord's Supper & Prayers of Thanksgiving

Unison Confession of our Faith

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From The Westminster Larger Catechism (Q. 175)

We Depart with His Blessing And Sending of His Spirit

Presenting of His Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory

***Hymn of Our Procession Into the World**

Psalm 134

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***Charge and Benediction: Hallelujah**

Postlude

***Congregation Standing**

The Life and Times of Moses, the Servant of YHWH
A Sovereign Distinction
Exodus 8:20-9:7
(see also: Josh. 2:10-11; Rev. 15-17)

The 'doing of science'

- a) always yields better and better answers.
- b) can be manipulated for corrupt ends.
- c) must be curbed by the Moral Law.
- d) all of the above.

I. Moses confronts Pharaoh again.

(Choose one):

- All these plagues are to be correctly understood
as (natural/supernatural).
- as (unfortunate/terror).

Is mankind supposed to 'do science?'

II. What is different about these two plagues?

What distinction is there between you and your world?

My Personal Thoughts

Unified Prayer of Confession

Almighty and holy Father, we confess ourselves unworthy of your gift of salvation. We have not loved you as we ought; we have not always been loving to one another, kindhearted and forgiving one another, even as you, for Christ's sake, have forgiven us. We have lived in selfishness and worldly pride, and the good gifts you have bestowed upon us we have not used to relieve the burdens of others. Pardon and blot out our offenses, we pray. Grant us grace to feel and to lament our share in the evil that took our Savior, Jesus Christ to the cross. And give us a true longing to be free from sin, through the deliverance offered by your Son, our Redeemer. Amen.



Confession of *Faith*

Westminster Larger Catechism (Q. 175)

What is the duty of Christians, after they have received the sacrament of the Lord's Supper?

The duty of Christians, after they have received the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, is seriously to consider how they have behaved themselves therein, and with what success;

If they find quickening and comfort, to bless God for it, beg the continuance of it, watch against relapses, fulfill their vows, and encourage themselves to a frequent attendance on that ordinance:

But if they find no present benefit, more exactly to review their preparation to, and carriage at, the sacrament; In both which, if they can approve themselves to God and their own consciences, they are to wait for the fruit of it in due time:

But, if they see they have failed in either, they are to be humbled, and to attend upon it afterwards with more care and diligence.

Responsive Reading

Ecclesiastes 5:1-17 (ESV)

Guard your steps when you go to the house of God. To draw near to listen is better than to offer the sacrifice of fools, for they do not know that they are doing evil.

Be not rash with your mouth, nor let your heart be hasty to utter a word before God,

For God is in heaven and you are on earth. Therefore let your words be few.

For a dream comes with much business, and a fool's voice with many words.

When you make a vow to God, do not delay paying it; for He has no pleasure in fools. Pay what you vow;

It is better that you should not vow than that you should vow and not pay.

Let not your mouth lead you into sin, and do not say before the messenger that it was a mistake. Why should God be angry at your voice and destroy the work of your hands?

For when dreams increase and words grow many, there is vanity; but God is the one you must fear.

If you see in a province the oppression of the poor and the violation of justice and righteousness, do not be amazed at the matter, for the high official is watched by a higher, and there are yet higher ones over them. But this is gain for a land in every way: a king committed to cultivated fields. He who loves money will not be

satisfied with money, nor he who loves wealth with his income; this also is vanity.

When goods increase, they increase who eat them, and what advantage has their owner but to see them with his eyes?

Sweet is the sleep of a laborer, whether he eats little or much, but the full stomach of the rich will not let him sleep.

There is a grievous evil that I have seen under the sun; riches were kept by their owner to his hurt,

And those riches were lost in a bad venture. And he is father of a son, but he has nothing in his hand.

As he came from his mother's womb he shall go again.

Naked as he came; and shall take nothing for his toil that he may carry away in his hand.

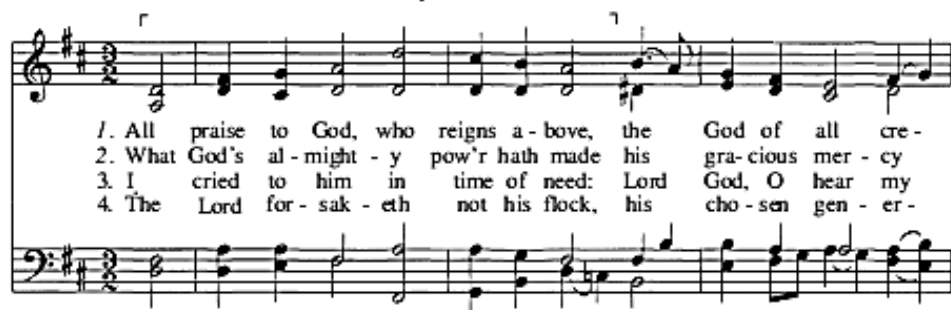
This also is a grievous evil: just as he came, so shall he go,

And what gain is there to him who toils for the wind?

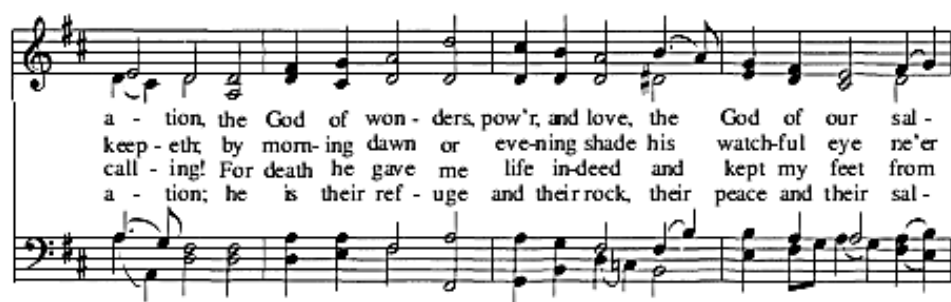
Moreover, all his days he eats in darkness in much vexation and sickness and anger.

4 All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above

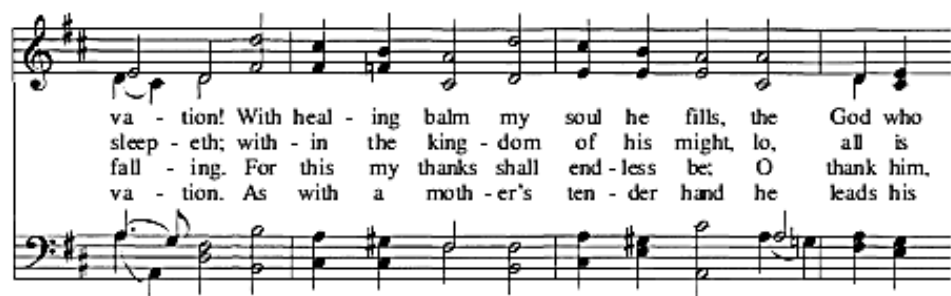
Let them give thanks to the LORD for his unfailling love and his wonderful deeds for men. Ps. 107:15



1. All praise to God, who reigns a - bove, the God of all cre -
 2. What God's al - might - y pow'r hath made his gra - cious mer - cy
 3. I cried to him in time of need: Lord God, O hear my
 4. The Lord for - sak - eth not his flock, his cho - sen gen - er -



a - tion, the God of won - ders, pow'r, and love, the God of our sal -
 keep - eth; by morn - ing dawn or eve - ning shade his watch - ful eye ne'er
 call - ing! For death he gave me life in - deed and kept my feet from
 a - tion; he is their ref - uge and their rock, their peace and their sal -



va - tion! With heal - ing balm my soul he fills, the God who
 sleep - eth; with - in the king - dom of his might, lo, all is
 fall - ing. For this my thanks shall end - less be; O thank him,
 va - tion. As with a moth - er's ten - der hand he leads his



ev - ery sor - row stills. To God all praise and glo - ry!
 just and all is right. To God all praise and glo - ry!
 thank our God with me. To God all praise and glo - ry!
 own, his cho - sen band. To God all praise and glo - ry!

5. Ye who confess Christ's holy name, to God give praise and glory!
Ye who the Father's pow'r proclaim, to God give praise and glory!
All idols underfoot be trod, the Lord is God! The Lord is God!
To God all praise and glory!
6. Then come before his presence now and banish fear and sadness;
to your Redeemer pay your vow and sing with joy and gladness:
Though great distress my soul befell, the Lord, my God, did all things well.
To God all praise and glory!

Johann J. Schütz, 1675
Tr. by Frances E. Cox, 1864

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Bohemian Brethren's *Gesangbuch*, 1566

All You That Fear Jehovah's Name

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You who fear the LORD, praise him! Ps. 22:23

1. All you that fear Je - ho - vah's name, his glo - ry tell, his
 2. The suf - f'ring One he has not spurned, who un - to him for
 3. O Lord, your good - ness makes me raise a - mid your peo - ple
 4. For all the meek you will pro - vide; they shall be fed and
 5. The Lord's un - fail - ing righ - teous - ness all gen - er - a - tions

praise pro - claim; you chil - dren of his cho - sen race, stand... in
 help has turned; from him he has not hid his face, but an - swered
 • songs of praise; be - fore all them that fear you, now I wor - ship
 sat - is - fied; all they that seek the Lord shall live and nev - er -
 shall con - fess; from age to age shall men be taught what won - drous

awe be - fore his face, stand... in awe be - fore his face.
 his re - quest in grace, but an - swered his re - quest in grace.
 • you and pay my vow, I wor - ship you and pay my vow.
 end - ing prais - es give, and nev - er - end - ing prais - es give.
 works the Lord has wrought, what won - drous works the Lord has wrought.

Psalm 22:23-26, 31
 The Psalter, 1912; alt. 1990, mod.

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 Frederick M. A. Venu, ca. 1810; arr.

We Gather Together

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I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you and watch over you. Ps. 32:8

♩ C Dm⁷ G C 7

1. We gath - er to - geth - er to ask the Lord's bless - ing,
 2. Be - side us to guide us, our God with us join - ing,
 3. We all do ex - tol thee, thou lead - er tri - um - phant,

he chas - tens and has - tens his will to make known;
 or - dain - ing, main - tain - ing his king - dom di - vine;
 and pray that thou still our de - fend - er wilt be.

G/F C/E Dm G⁷ C

the wick - ed op - press - ing now cease from dis - tress - ing;
 so from the be - gin - ning the fight we were win - ning;
 Let thy con - gre - ga - tion en - dure thro' trib - u - la - tion:

♩ F G⁷ C Dm G⁷ C 7

sing prais - es to his name; he for - gets not his own.
 thou, Lord, wast at our side; all glo - ry be thine!
 thy name be ev - er prais'd! O Lord, make us free!

Psalm 134

Verse 1

Oh bless our God with one accord, ye faith-ful

ser_vants of the Lord, who in his house do stand by night: and

praise him there with all your might.

Verses 2 – 3 and Doxology

Lift up your hand, in prayer draw nigh unto his sanctuary high;
Bless ye the Lord, kneel at his feet, and worship him with reverence meet.

Jehovah bless thee from above, from Zion in his boundless love,
Our God, who heav'n and earth did frame; Blest be his great and holy name.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

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