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The Lord's Day

July 27, 2025

God's Call to Us to Worship Him

"Be still and know that I Am God"

Psalm 7:8-11

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

Psalm 96:1-4

Elder: Let us sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth!

People: **Let us sing to the Lord, and bless His name; Let us tell of His salvation from day to day.**

Elder: Let us declare His glory among the nations, His marvelous works among all the peoples!

People: **For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; He is to be feared above all gods.**

Elder: Has the Lord put that new song in your heart?

People: **He has! And we rejoice to come before him.**

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

Ps.9: O Lord Most High, with All My Heart

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***Prayer of Invocation**

The Father Reaffirms His Covenant with Us

Responsive Reading of the Moral Law

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Words of Jesus from the Gospels

Call to Confession

Isaiah 30:15, 18

Prayer of Confession

Elder led prayer

Assurance of His Pardon

Acts 10:43

***Hymns of Thanksgiving**

Come and Rejoice

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By Faith

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Intercessory Prayer

Christ is Made Known to Us

Hymn of Prayer

Ps.5: O Jehovah, Hear My Words

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His Word is Opened to Us

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Scripture: Philemon

"The grass withers, the flower fades ...

But the Word of our God will stand forever."

Message: A Nuanced Authority

Prayer for Response and Obedience

We Depart with His Blessing And Sending of His Spirit

Presenting His Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory

*Gloria Patri

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

Ps.146: Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah, O My Soul

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***Charge and Benediction**

(Trinity Hymn Book #524, vs. 4)

Thy righteousness, O Christ, alone can cover me:
no righteousness avails save that which is of thee.

To whom, save thee,
who canst alone for sin atone, Lord, shall I flee?

Postlude

*Congregation Standing

Studies in Paul's Letter to the Church at Ephesus

A Nuanced Authority

Philemon

(see also: Eph. 6:5-9; Col. 4:7-14)

The issue of slavery

- a) just occurred in the 1800s and no longer exists today.
- b) is not mentioned in the Bible.
- c) occurs anytime one person objectifies another.

I. The history of regard for the letter to Philemon.

II. Paul's nuances

A. about himself

B. about Christian relationships

III. The heart of the matter (vs. 8)

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IV. Three lessons

#1

#2

#3

Am I enslaving anyone today?

My Own Thoughts

O Lord Most High, with All My Heart

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I will praise you, O LORD, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonders. Ps. 9:1

1. O Lord Most High, with all my heart your won - drous
 2. The Lord, the ev - er - last - ing King, is seat - ed
 3. Je - ho - vah will a ref - uge prove, a ref - uge
 4. All they, O Lord, that know your name their con - fi -
 5. Sing prais - es to the Lord Most High, to him who

works I will pro - claim; I will be glad and
 on his judg - ment throne; the righ - teous Judge of
 strong for all op - pressed, a safe re - treat, where
 does in you will place, for you have ne'er for -
 does in Zi - on dwell; de - clare his might - y

give you thanks and sing the prais - es of your name.
 all the world will make his per - fect jus - tice known.
 wea - ry souls in trou - bled times may sure - ly rest.
 sak - en them who ear - nest - ly have sought your face.
 deeds a - broad, his deeds a - mong the na - tions tell.

Psalm 9:1, 2, 7-11
 The Psalter, 1912; alt. 1990, mod.

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 Arr. by Edward Miller, 1790

Responsive Reading of the Moral Law

Words of Jesus from the Gospels

Leader: I am the Lord your God, ... You shall have no other gods before me.

People: **"It is written: 'You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve.'" (Mt. 4:10)**

Leader: You shall not make for yourself a carved image ... You shall not bow down to them or serve them,

People: **"God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." (Jn. 4:24)**

Leader: You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain,

People: **"Do not take an oath at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, or by the earth, for it is his footstool, ... And do not take an oath by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. Let what you say be simply 'Yes' or 'No'; anything more than this comes from evil. (Mt. 5:34-37)**

Leader: Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. ... the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

People: **"The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath. So the Son of Man is lord even of the Sabbath. ... It is lawful to do good on the Sabbath.'" (Mk. 2:27-28; Mt. 12:12)**

Leader: Honor your father and your mother ...

People: **"Jesus said, 'You know the commandments: ... 'Honor your father and mother.'" (Mk. 10:19)**

Leader: You shall not murder.

People: “You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.’ But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; (Mt. 5:21-22)

Leader: You shall not commit adultery.

People: “I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart.” (Mt. 5:28)

Leader: You shall not steal.

People: “The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.” (Jn. 10:10)

Leader: You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

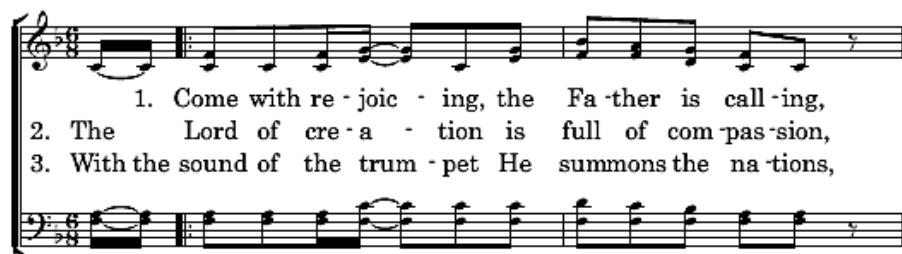
People: “Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks. The good person out of his good treasure brings forth good, and the evil person out of his evil treasure brings forth evil.” (Mt. 12:34-35)

Leader: You shall not covet ... anything that belongs to your neighbor.

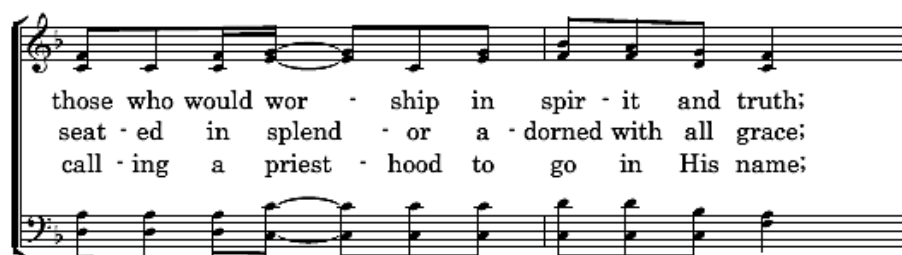
People: And he said to them, “Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions. ... But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.” (Lk. 12:15; Mt. 6:33)

all quotations are taken from the English Standard Version

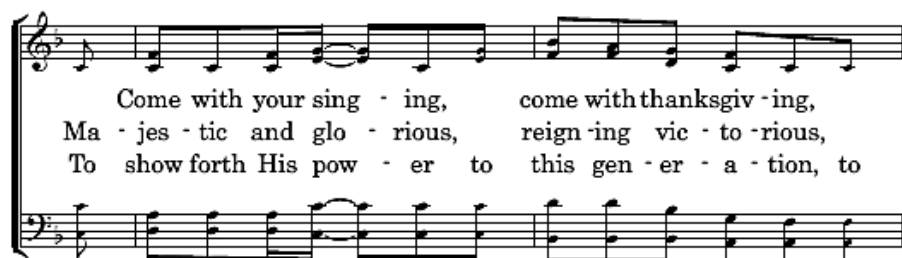
Come and Rejoice



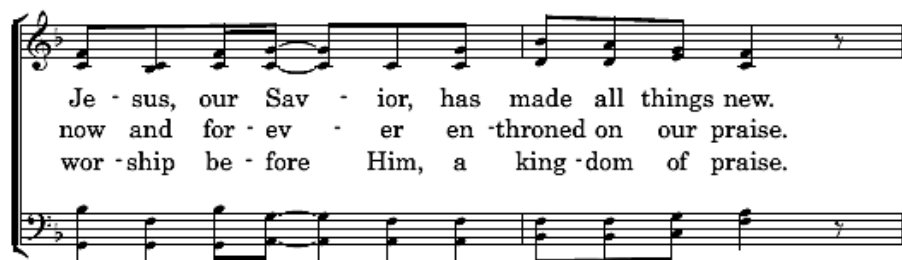
1. Come with re - joic - ing, the Fa - ther is call - ing,
2. The Lord of cre - a - tion is full of com pas - sion,
3. With the sound of the trum - pet He summons the na - tions,



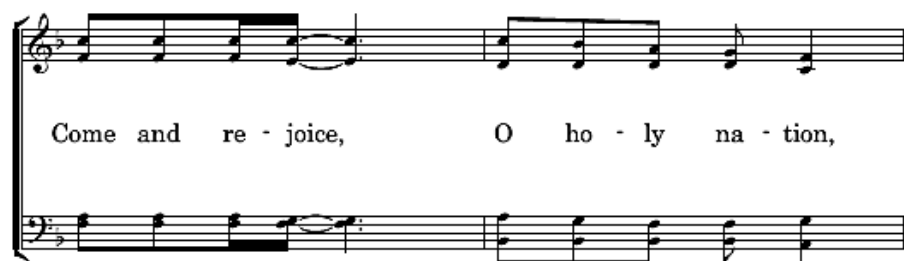
those who would wor - ship in spir - it and truth;
seat - ed in splend - or a - dorned with all grace;
call - ing a priest - hood to go in His name;



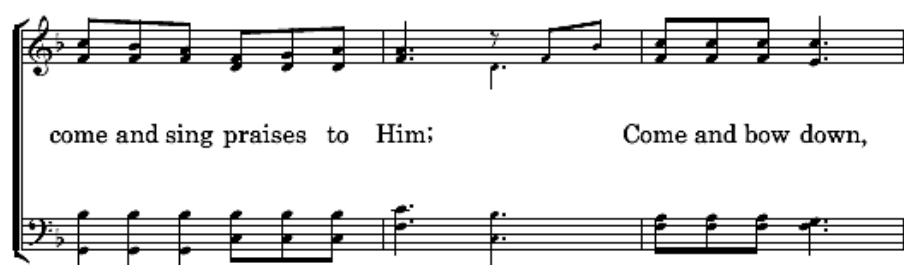
Come with your sing - ing, come with thanksgiv - ing,
Ma - jes - tic and glo - rious, reign - ing vic - to - rious,
To show forth His pow - er to this gen - er - a - tion, to



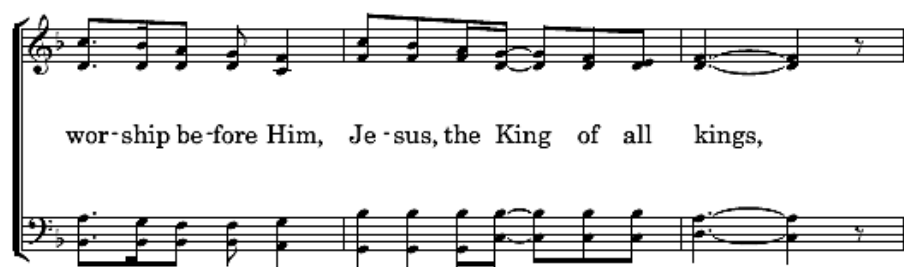
Je - sus, our Sav - ior, has made all things new.
now and for - ev - er en - throned on our praise.
wor - ship be - fore Him, a king - dom of praise.



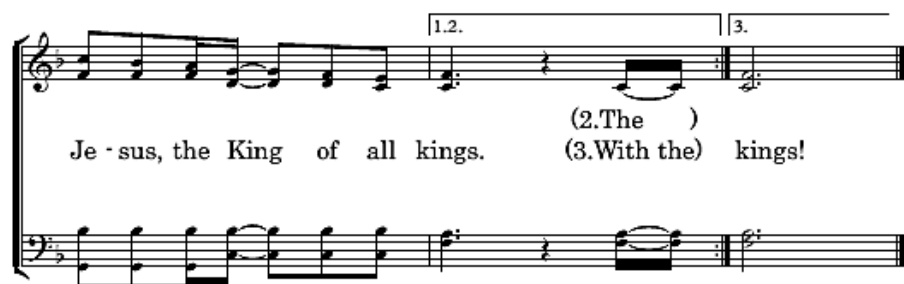
Come and re - joice, O ho - ly na - tion,



come and sing praises to Him; Come and bow down,

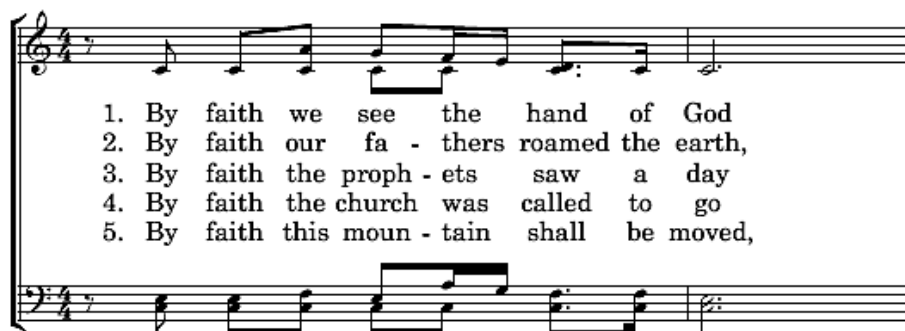


wor-ship be-fore Him, Je - sus, the King of all kings,

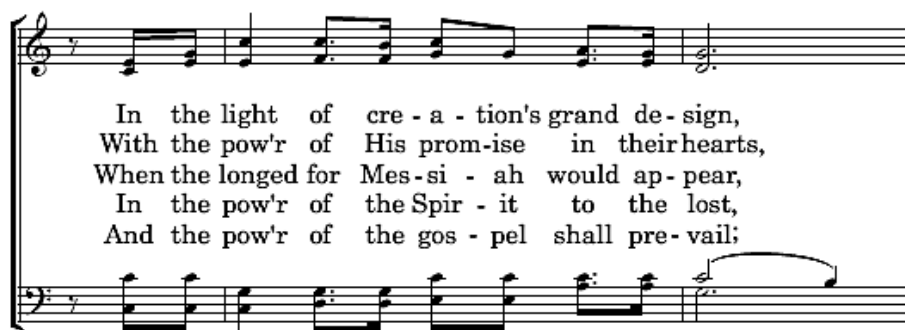


Je - sus, the King of all kings. (2.The) (3.With the) kings!

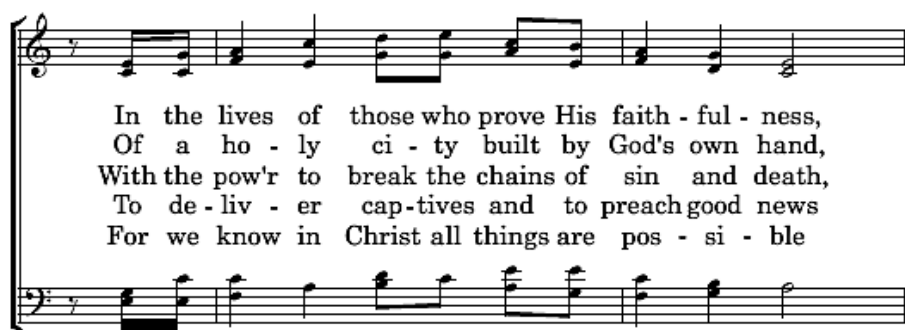
By Faith



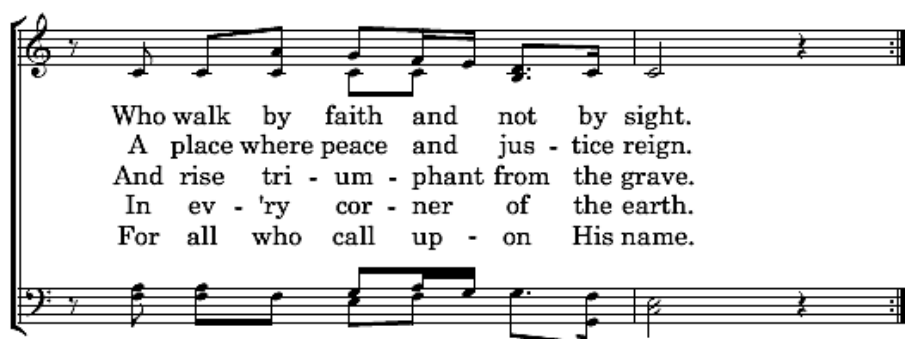
1. By faith we see the hand of God
2. By faith our fa - thers roamed the earth,
3. By faith the proph - ets saw a day
4. By faith the church was called to go
5. By faith this moun - tain shall be moved,



In the light of cre - a - tion's grand de - sign,
With the pow'r of His prom - ise in their hearts,
When the longed for Mes - si - ah would ap - pear,
In the pow'r of the Spir - it to the lost,
And the pow'r of the gos - pel shall pre - vail;



In the lives of those who prove His faith - ful - ness,
Of a ho - ly ci - ty built by God's own hand,
With the pow'r to break the chains of sin and death,
To de - liv - er cap - tives and to preach good news
For we know in Christ all things are pos - si - ble



Who walk by faith and not by sight.
A place where peace and jus - tice reign.
And rise tri - um - phant from the grave.
In ev - 'ry cor - ner of the earth.
For all who call up - on His name.

We will stand as chil-dren of the prom - ise;

We will fix our eyes on Him, our soul's re - ward;

Till the race is fin-ished and the work is done,

We'll walk by faith and not by sight.

O Jehovah, Hear My Words

*Give ear to my words, O LORD, consider my sighing. Listen to my cry for help,
my King and my God, for to you I pray. Ps. 5:1, 2*

Dm A Dm A⁷ Dm A Dm A⁷ Dm A

1. O Je - ho - vah, hear my words, to my thoughts at - ten - tive be;
2. Thou, Je - ho - vah, art a God who de - light - est not in sin;
3. In the ful - ness of thy grace to thy house I will re - pair;
4. False and faith - less are my foes, in their mouth no truth is found;
5. O let all that trust thy care ev - er glad and joy - ful be;

Dm A Dm A⁷ Dm A Dm F Edm Dm A⁷ Dm

hear my cry, my King, my God, I will make my prayer to thee.
e - vil shall not dwell with thee, nor the proud thy fa - vor win.
• bow - ing toward thy ho - ly place, in thy fear to wor - ship there.
dead - ly are the words they speak, all their thoughts with sin a - bound.
let them joy who love thy name, safe - ly guard - ed, Lord, by thee.

F B^b F B^b Edm F C⁷ F Dm A Dm C F E⁷ Am

With the morn - ing light, O Lord, thou shalt hear my voice a - rise,
E - vil - do - ers thou dost hate, ly - ing tongues thou wilt de - feat;
• Lead me in thy righ - teous - ness, let my foes as - sail in vain;
Bring, O God, their plans to naught, hold them guilt - y in thy sight,
For a bless - ing from thy store to the righ - teous thou wilt yield;

B \flat F Dm Gm A Dm A 7 Dm A 7 Dm $\bar{7}$

and ex - pec - tant I will bring prayer as morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
 God ab - hors the man who loves vi - o - lence and base de - ceit.
 • lest my feet be turned a - side, make thy way be - fore me plain.
 for a - gainst thee and thy law they have set them - selves to fight.
 thou wilt com - pass him a - bout with thy fa - vor as a shield.

Psalm 5
 The Psalter, 1912

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 Joseph Parry, 1879

Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah, O My Soul

Praise the LORD. Praise the LORD, O my soul. I will praise the LORD all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live. Ps. 146:1, 2

1. Hal - le - lu - jah, praise Je - ho - vah, O my soul, Je - ho - vah praise;
 2. Hap - py is the man that choos - es Is - rael's God to be his aid;
 3. Food he dai - ly gives the hun - gry, sets the mourn - ing pris - ner free;
 4. Hal - le - lu - jah, praise Je - ho - vah, O my soul, Je - ho - vah praise;

I will sing the glo - rious prais - es of my God through all my days.
 he is blessed whose hope of bless - ing on the Lord his God is stayed.
 rais - es those bowed down with an - guish, makes the sight - less eye to see.
 I will sing the glo - rious prais - es of my God through all my days.

Put no con - fi - dence in princ - es, nor for help on man de - pend;
 Heav'n and earth the Lord cre - at - ed, seas and all that they con - tain;
 Well Je - ho - vah loves the righ - teous, and the strang - er he be - friends,
 O - ver all God reigns for - ev - er, through all a - ges he is King;

he shall die, to dust re - turn - ing, and his pur - pos - es shall end.
 he de - liv - ers from op - pres - sion, right - eous - ness he will main - tain.
 helps the fa - ther - less and wid - ow, judg - ment on the wick - ed sends.
 un - to him, your God, O Zi - on, joy - ful hal - le - lu - jahs sing.

New Covenant Presbyterian Church
Lord's Day Evening Service
July 27, 2025

Welcome, Announcements

Call to Re-Gather at the close of the Lord's Day Ps. 44:1-3

Prayer of Adoration

Hymns to the glory and praise of our Covenant God

Scriptural Warning

of the Human Condition Ps. 44:9-26

and the Way of Salvation Ps. 44:4-8

Unison Prayer

Heavenly Father, Almighty God, we come before You with awe and gratitude, inspired by Your mighty works. You fought for Your people and made the sun stand still. We confess that, like the rebellious Canaanites, we have often strayed from Your will, allowing sin to take root in our hearts through pride, fear, or disobedience. Forgive us, Lord, for the times we have failed to trust You fully or have relied on our own strength. Just as You struck fear into the enemies of Your people, go before us now, scattering every force that opposes Your will and cleansing us from all unrighteousness.

We praise You for Your faithfulness, honoring Your covenant with Gibeon and keeping Your promises to a thousand generations for those who love You. Thank You for hearing Christians' cry and granting victory, and for delivering those who seek You from all their fears.

Hear us now as we seek Your forgiveness and strength. Surround us with Your angels, lead us through our battles, and help us walk faithfully in Your truth, reflecting Your glory as we trust in Your unfailing power and love, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon and Encouragement

to Hope and Obedience Ps. 44:26

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Prayers of Supplication and Thanksgiving

Scripture Reading: Joshua 10:1-15

Message: The Sun Stands Still: God Fights for His People

Closing Hymn: Through All the Changing Scenes of Life Bulletin, page 20

Prayer of Benediction

Studies in the book of Joshua
The Sun Stands Still: God Fights for His People
Joshua 10:1-15
the Rev. Kurt Scharping

Trust God, for God fights for you.

I. The LORD Strikes Fear into the Rebellious Canaanites. 1-5

Exodus 23:27

II. The LORD Honors the Covenant with Gibeon. 6-11

Deuteronomy 7:9

III. The LORD Hears Joshua and Acquires the Victory. 12-15

Psalms 34:4-7

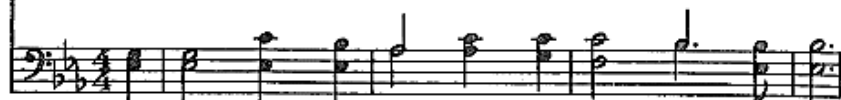
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Psalm 44

Verse 1 - 2



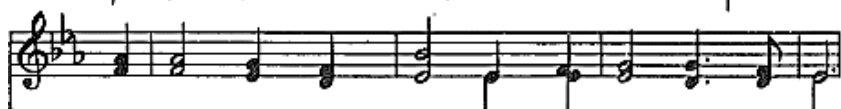
O God, we have heard and our fa - thers have told



What won - ders You did in the great days of old,



Where na - tions were crushed and cast out by Your hand;



You plant - ed our fa - thers to dwell in the land.



TUNE: DOMINUS REGIT ME 11.11.11.11

Verses 3 - 8

They gained not the land by the edge of their sword;
Their own arm to them could no safety afford,
But Your right hand, Your arm the light of your face.
You showed them Your favor, Your wonderful grace.

O God, You alone are forever my King;
Command, and for Jacob deliverance bring.
Through You we will surely put down all our foes,
Through Your name will trample on them that oppose.

No trust will I place in my sword or my bow,
For You are our Savior from hater and foe.
In God we will boast Who has put them to shame,
All day and forever give thanks to Your name.

Through All the Changing Scenes of Life

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I will extol the LORD at all times; his praise will always be on my lips. Ps. 34:1

1. Through all the chang-ing scenes of life, in trou-ble and in joy,
 2. Of his de-liv-'rance I will boast, till all that are dis-tressed
 3. O mag-ni-fy the Lord with me, with me ex-alt his name;
 4. The hosts of God en-camp a-round the dwell-ings of the just;

the prais-es of my God shall still my heart and tongue em-ploy.
 from my ex-am-ple com-fort take, and charm their griefs to rest.
 when in dis-tress to him I called, he to my res-cue came.
 de-liv-'rance he af-fords to all who on his suc-cor trust.

5. O make but trial of his love;
 experience will decide
 how blest they are, and only they,
 who in his truth confide.

6. Fear him, ye saints, and you will then
 have nothing else to fear:
 make you his service your delight;
 he'll make your wants his care.

From Psalm 34:1-4, 7-9
 Tate and Brady's New Version, 1696, 1698

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 Lowell Mason, 1832