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“Preaching God’s Sovereign Grace to a World of Need”

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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"

Psalm 119:57-64

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

Psalm 103:19-22

Elder: The LORD has established his throne in the heavens, and his kingdom rules over all.

People: **Bless the LORD, O you his angels, you mighty ones who do his word, obeying the voice of his word!**

Elder: Bless the LORD, all his hosts, his ministers, who do his will!

People: **Bless the LORD all his works, in all places of his dominion. Bless the LORD, O my soul.**

Elder: The Lord is dwelling among His Congregation.

People: **Let us worship Him!**

***Prayer of Invocation**

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

Ps.104: O Worship the King

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O Word of God Incarnate

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The Father Reaffirms His Covenant with Us

Reading of the Law

Matthew 23:1, 23-36

Call to Confession

Psalm 139:23-24

Prayer of Confession

Elder led prayer

Assurance of His Pardon

The God who challenges us is also the God who encourages us. The God

who confronts us is also the God who accepts us. Be assured that God is with us even now, accepting, guiding, and forgiving. **Thanks be to God.**

***Hymn of Thanksgiving**

Ps.92: How Good It Is to Thank the Lord

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Intercessory Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Christ is Made Known to Us

Hymn of Prayer

Ps.119: Teach Me, O Lord, Your Way of Truth

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His Word is Opened to Us

Dr. David G. Barker

Scripture: Ephesians 6:17b

*"The grass withers, the flower fades,
but the Word of our God will stand forever."*

Message: A Two-Edged Blade

Prayer for Response and Obedience

**We Depart with His Blessing
And Sending of His Spirit**

Presenting His Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory

*Doxology

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

Psalm 119: Let Your Mercy and Love Come to Me

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***Charge and Benediction**

(Trinity Hymn Book #637, vs. 3)

How happy all they servants are! How great thy grace to me!

My life, which thou has made thy care, Lord, I devote to thee.

Postlude

*Congregation Standing

Studies in Paul's Letter to the Church at Ephesus

A Two-edged Blade

Ephesians 6:17b

(see also: Ps. 91:11-12; Mt. 3:15; Mt. 4:1-11; 16:25; 23:15; 26:41; Jn. 1:1; Heb. 4:12;)

Jesus' baptism

- a) was after his repentance of sin.
- b) was to make Jesus "fit in" with everyone else.
- c) was his ordination into the priesthood.

**Jesus wields the sword of the Spirit
in his wilderness temptation.**

**I. *"Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word
that comes from the mouth of God."* (Mt. 4:4; Dt. 8:3)**

1st irony:

2nd irony:

**II. *"You shall not put the Lord your God to the test."*
(Mt. 4:7, Dt. 6:16, ESV)**

Who is allowed to wield the sword of the Spirit?

When am I most liable to test the Lord?

**III. *"You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you
serve."* (Mt. 4:10, Dt. 6:13, ESV)**

Man was made to _____.

Whatever/Whomever I worship will:

Only worshipping the Lord will give me:

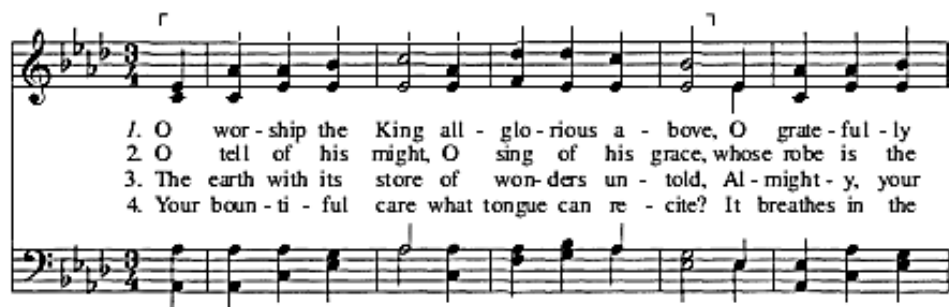
My Own Thoughts



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O Worship the King

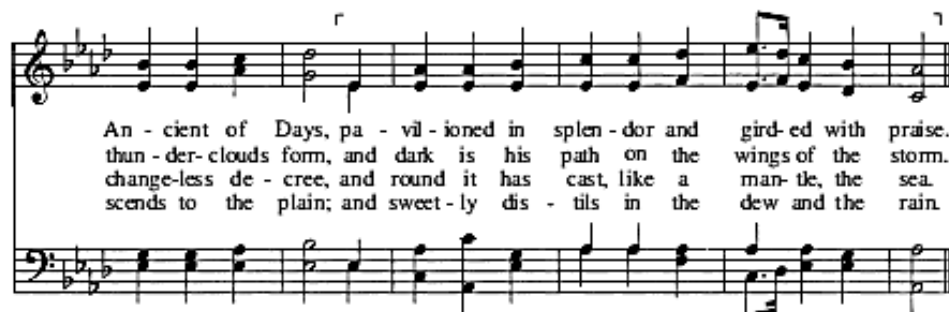
All you have made will praise you, O Lord; your saints will extol you. Ps. 145:10



1. O wor-ship the King all - glo-rious a - bove, O grate-ful - ly
2. O tell of his might, O sing of his grace, whose robe is the
3. The earth with its store of won-ders un - told, Al - might - y, your
4. Your boun - ti - ful care what tongue can re - cite? It breathes in the



sing his pow'r and his love; our shield and De - fend - er, the
light, whose can - o - py space. His char - iots of wrath the deep
pow'r has found - ed of old; has 'stab - lished it fast by a
air; it shines in the light; it streams from the hills; it de -



An - cient of Days, pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor and gird - ed with praise.
thun - der - clouds form, and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.
change-less de - decree, and round it has cast, like a man - tle, the sea.
scends to the plain; and sweet - ly dis - tils in the dew and the rain.

5. Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;
your mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

6. O measureless Might! Ineffable Love!
While angels delight to hymn you above,
the humbler creation, though feeble their lays,
with true adoration shall hush to your praise.

O Word of God Incarnate

The unfolding of your words gives light; it gives understanding to the simple.

Ps. 119:130

1. O Word of God in - car - nate, O Wis - dom from on high,
 2. The church from her dear Mas - ter re - ceived the gift di - vine,
 3. It float - eth like a ban - ner be - fore God's host un - furled;
 4. O make thy church, dear Sav - ior, a lamp of pur - est gold,

O Truth un - changed, un - chang - ing, O Light of our dark sky;
 and still that light she lift - eth o'er all the earth to shine.
 it shin - eth like a bea - con a - bove the dark - ling world.
 to bear be - fore the na - tions thy true light, as of old.

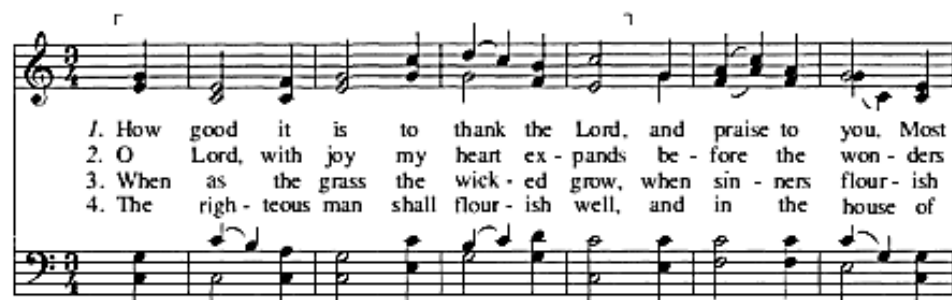
we praise thee for the ra - diance that from the hal - lowed page,
 It is the gold - en cas - ket, where gems of truth are stored;
 It is the chart and com - pass that o'er life's surg - ing sea,
 O teach thy wan - d'ring pil - grims by this their path to trace,

a lan - tern to our foot - steps, shines on from age to age.
 it is the heav'n - drawn pic - ture of Christ, the liv - ing Word.
 'mid mists and rocks and quick - sands, still guides, O Christ, to thee.
 till, clouds and dark - ness end - ed, they see thee face to face.

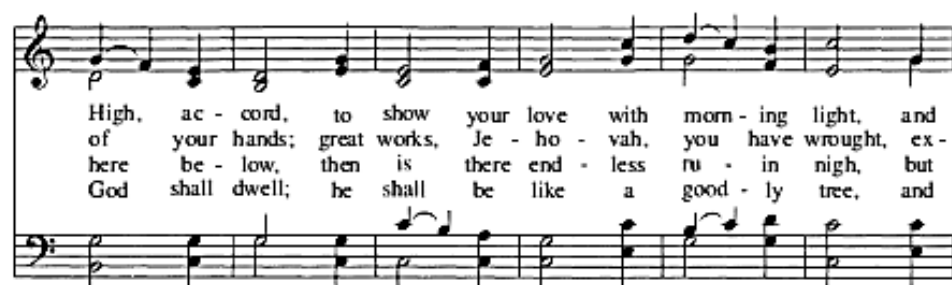
How Good It Is to Thank the Lord

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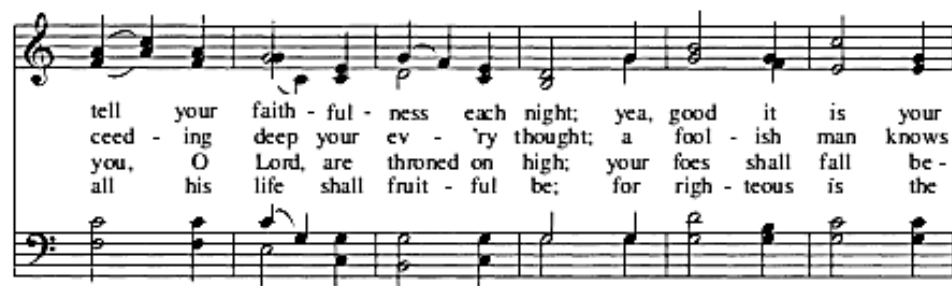
It is good to praise the LORD and make music to your name. O Most High. Ps. 92:1



1. How good it is to thank the Lord, and praise to you, Most
 2. O Lord, with joy my heart ex - pands be - fore the won - ders
 3. When as the grass the wick - ed grow, when sin - ners flour - ish
 4. The righ - teous man shall flour - ish well, and in the house of



High, ac - cord, to show your love with morn - ing light, and
 of your hands; great works, Je - ho - vah, you have wrought, ex -
 here be - low, then is there end - less ru - in nigh, but
 God shall dwell; he shall be like a good - ly tree, and



tell your faith - ful - ness each night; yea, good it is your
 ceed - ing deep your ev - 'ry thought; a fool - ish man knows
 you, O Lord, are throned on high; your foes shall fall be -
 all his life shall fruit - ful be; for righ - teous is the



praise to sing, and all our sweet - est mu - sic bring.
 not their worth, nor he whose mind is of the earth.
 fore your might, the wick - ed shall be put to flight.
 Lord and just, he is my rock, in him I trust.

Teach Me, O Lord, Your Way of Truth

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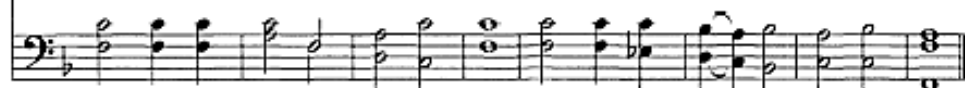
Teach me, O LORD, to follow your decrees; then I will keep them to the end. Ps. 119:33



1. Teach me, O Lord, your way of truth, and from it I will not de-part;
2. In your com-mand-ments make me walk, for in your law my joy shall be;
3. Turn now my eyes from van-i-ty, and cause me in your ways to tread;
4. Turn a-way my re-proach and fear, your righ-teous judg-ments I con-fess;



that I may stead-fast-ly o-bey, give me an un-der-stand-ing heart.
 give me a heart that loves your will, from dis-con-tent and en-vy free.
 O let your ser-vant prove your word and thus to god-ly fear be led.
 to know your pre-cepts I de-sire; re-vive me in your righ-teous-ness.



From Psalm 119:33-40
 The Psalter, 1912; alt. 1990 mod.

BISHOP L.M.
 Joseph P. Holbrook, 1874

Psalm 119F: Let Your Mercy and Love Come to Me



1. Let my cry come be - fore you, O LORD;
 2. May my lips ov - er - flow with your praise,
 3. May your hand be stretched out for my aid,
 4. Let me live and I'll praise you in song;

Give me in - sight as pledged in your word.
 For you teach me your sta - tutes al - ways.
 Since by choice your com - mands I've o - beyed.
 May your laws give me help to go on.

May my plead - ing gain ac - cess to you;
 May my tongue sing a - loud of your word;
 I de - sire your sal - va - tion to see,
 Seek your ser - vant who strayed like a sheep.

Save my life, as you pro - mised to do.
 Your com - mand - ments are right - eous, O LORD.
 And your law is de - light - ful to me.
 For your pre - cepts I stead - fast - ly keep.

New Covenant Presbyterian Church
Lord's Day Evening Service
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Welcome, Announcements

Call to Re-Gather at the close of the Lord's Day

Psalm 52:1b

Prayer of Adoration

Hymns to the glory and praise of our Covenant God

Scriptural Warning

of the Human Condition
and the Way of Salvation

Psalm 52:1a, 2-4
Psalm 52:5-7

Unison Prayer

Glorious and Holy God, my offences against thy divine majesty have been countless. Conscience has rebuked me, friends have admonished me, the examples of others have reproached me, thy kindness allured me. Thou hast seen and abhorred all my sins and couldst easily have punished me, yet thou hast spared me, given me thy help, invited me to thy table.

Lord, I thankfully obey your call, acquiesce to thy gospel appointments. I believe that Jesus thy Son has plenteous redemption; I apply to him for his benefits, give up my mind implicitly to his instructions, trust and glory in his sacrifice, revere and love his authority, pray that his grace may reign in my life. I will not love a world that crucified him, neither cherish the sin that put him to grief.

At the cross that relieves my conscience let me learn lessons of self-denial, forgiveness and submission, feel motives to obedience, find resources for all needs of the divine life. Then let me be what I profess, do as well as I teach, live as well as hear religion. For Christ's sake, Amen.

Assurance of Pardon and Encouragement
to Hope and Obedience

Psalm 52:8-9

Psalm 52

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Prayers of Supplication and Thanksgiving

Scripture Reading: Acts 7:51-60

Message: Stephen's Prayer

Closing Hymn: Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus

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Prayer of Benediction

Studies in the Prayers of Scripture

Stephen's Prayer

Acts 7:51-60

the Rev. Nick Hathaway

What's the hardest prayer you've ever prayed?

Do you know redemptive history?

Are you willing to speak the truth?

When a Christian looks to Jesus in the midst of trial, the Lord reveals His reign.

When we believe Jesus reigns, our prayers become powerful.

Will you honor Christ even if persecution looms?

Do you pray to anyone other than God?

Are you ready to forgive your debtors?

Psalm 52

Verse 1

Why boast your-self, O might-y man, of c- vil and of wrong?

The lov-ing-kind-ness of our God is pre-sent all day long.

TUNE: MEDITATION C.M.
(*New Trinity Hymnal*, p. 256)
("There Is a Green Hill Far Away")

Verses 2, 6 – 7a, 8 – 9

You with your subtle tongue have planned
Destruction to complete.
Your tongue a sharpened razor is,
A worker of deceit.

The righteous will behold and fear,
Will laugh at him and say,
“Behold the man who would not make
Our God his strength and stay.

But I within the house of God
Am like an olive tree,
And in the steadfast love of God
My trust shall ever be.

Forever I will give Thee thanks,
What Thou hast done proclaim;
In presence of Thy godly ones
I'll wait on Thy good name.

Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus

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Endure hardship with us like a good soldier of Christ Jesus. 2 Tim. 2:3

1. Stand up, stand up for Je - sus, ye sol - diers of the cross;
 2. Stand up, stand up for Je - sus, the trum - pet call o - bey;
 3. Stand up, stand up for Je - sus, stand in his strength a - lone;
 4. Stand up, stand up for Je - sus, the strife will not be long;

lift high his roy - al ban - ner, it must not suf - fer loss:
 forth to the might - y con - flict in this his glo - rious day:
 the arm of flesh will fail you, ye dare not trust your own:
 this day the noise of bat - tle, the next the vic - tor's song:

from vic - t'ry un - to vic - t'ry his ar - my he shall lead,
 ye that are men now serve him a - gainst un - num - bered foes;
 put on the gos - pel ar - mor, each piece put on with pray'r;
 to him that o - ver - com - eth a crown of life shall be;

till ev - 'ry foe is van - quished, and Christ is Lord in - deed.
 let cour - age rise with dan - ger, and strength to strength op - pose.
 where du - ty calls, or dan - ger, be nev - er want - ing there.
 he with the King of glo - ry shall reign e - ter - nal - ly.

George Du'fied, 1858

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George J. Webb, 1837