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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 19:7-13

### **\*His Call to Us to Worship Him**

Psalm 96:1-9

**Elder:** Oh sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth!

**People:** **Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.**

**Elder:** 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:** For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols, but the Lord made the heavens.

**People:** **Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.**

**Elder:** Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength! Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering and come into his courts!

**People:** **Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness; tremble before him, all the earth!**

**Elder:** The Lord is dwelling among His Congregation.

**People:** **Let us worship Him!**

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

O Church, Arise

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### **\*Prayer of Invocation**

## **The Father Reaffirms His Covenant with Us**

**Scripture Reading**

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**Prayer of Adoration & Confession**

Elder led prayer

**Assurance of His Pardon**

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**\*Hymn of Thanksgiving**

Ps.19b: The Heavens Above Declare

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**Intercessory Prayer**

## **Christ is Made Known to Us**

**His Word is Opened to Us**

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**Scripture: Ephesians 6:14a**

*"The grass withers, the flower fades ...*

*But the Word of our God will stand forever."*

**Message: First Things First**

**Prayer for Response and Obedience**

**Hymn of Preparation**

Behold the Lamb

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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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Philippians 2:1-13

## **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**

Psalms 134

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**\*Charge and Benediction: Hallelujah**

**Postlude**

**\*Congregation Standing**

# **Studies in Paul's Letter to the Church at Ephesus**

## ***First Things First***

*Ephesians 6:14a*

(see also: Gen. 3:1; Ps. 19; Jn. 1:14; 8:31-32; 18:37-38; Eph. 3:12; 2 Tim. 3:16-17; Heb. 4:16; 1 Jn. 4:17)

The purpose of a belt is

- a) to look elegant and fashionable.
- b) to keep your waistline looking thin.
- c) to allow you to freely do other things.

**I. The believer must be embraced by the truth.**

**II. Truth comes from God's revelation.**

1<sup>st</sup>, there is \_\_\_\_\_ revelation.

Is that enough?

2<sup>nd</sup>, there is \_\_\_\_\_ revelation.

Only this revelation is \_\_\_\_\_.

**III. The believer always needs the truth.**

Doubt –

Worldly reason –

Materialism –

Fear –

**Because having God's truth is a blessing & benefit**

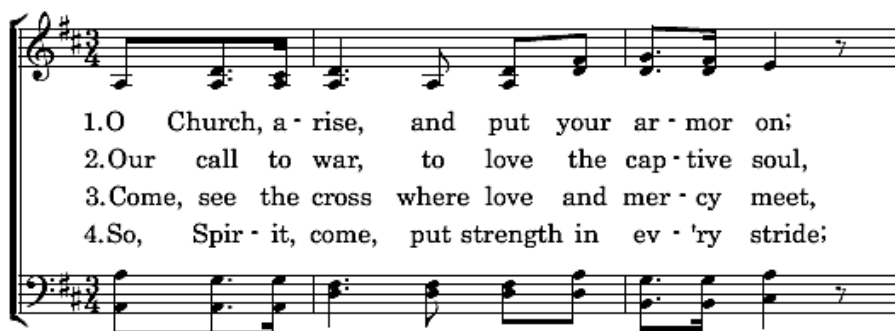
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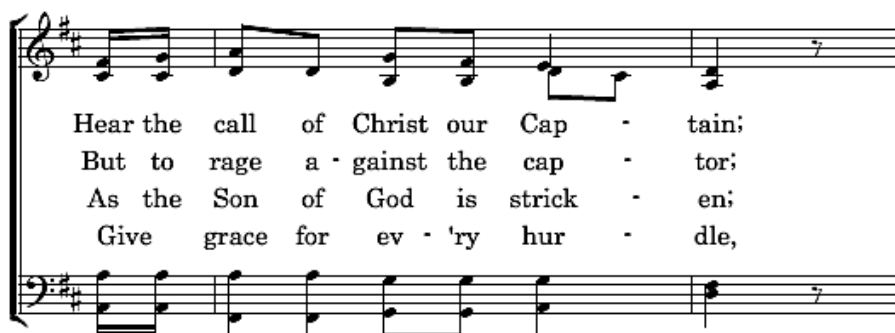
you must:

# *My Own Thoughts*

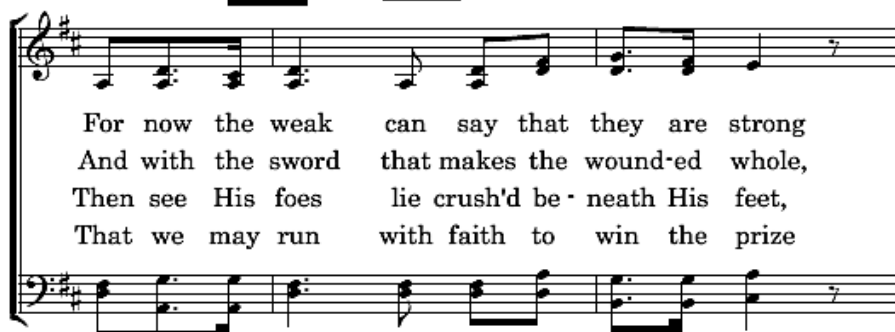
# O Church, Arise



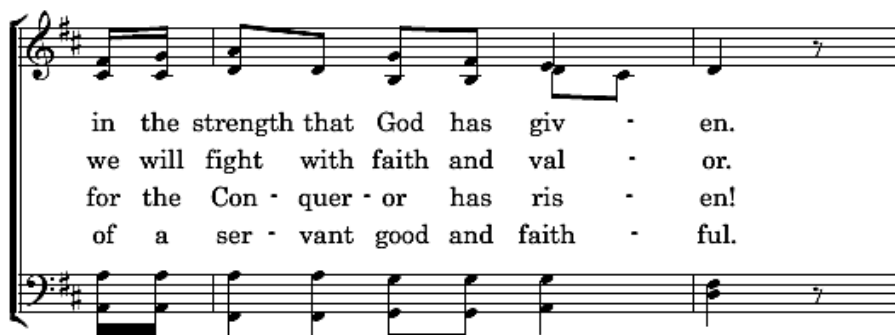
1. O Church, a - rise, and put your ar - mor on;  
2. Our call to war, to love the cap - tive soul,  
3. Come, see the cross where love and mer - cy meet,  
4. So, Spir - it, come, put strength in ev - 'ry stride;



Hear the call of Christ our Cap - tain;  
But to rage a - gainst the cap - tor;  
As the Son of God is strick - en;  
Give grace for ev - 'ry hur - dle,



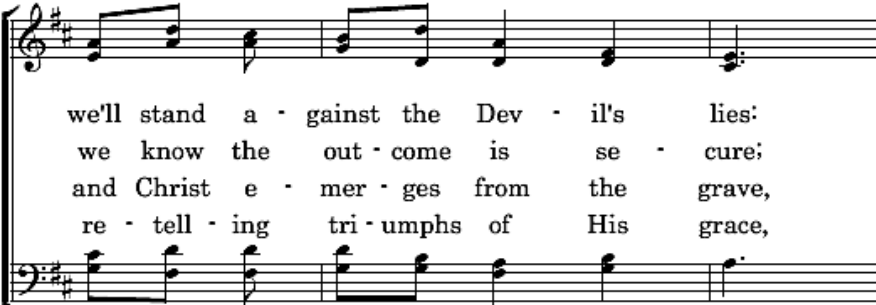
For now the weak can say that they are strong  
And with the sword that makes the wound - ed whole,  
Then see His foes lie crush'd be - neath His feet,  
That we may run with faith to win the prize



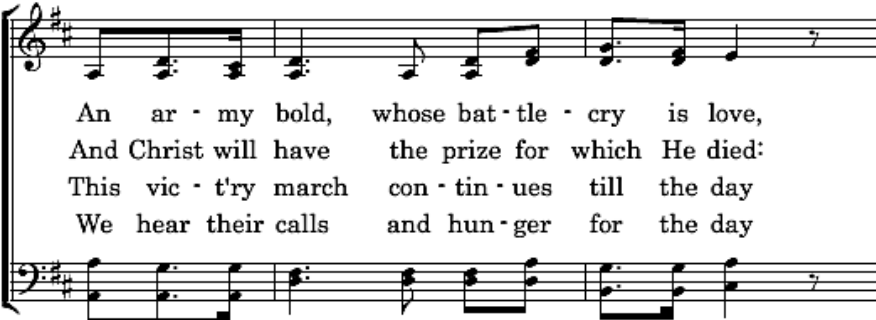
in the strength that God has giv - en.  
we will fight with faith and val - or.  
for the Con - quer - or has ris - en!  
of a ser - vant good and faith - ful.



With shield of faith and belt of truth,  
When faced with trials on ev - 'ry side,  
And as the stone is rolled a - way,  
As saints of old still line the way,



we'll stand a - gainst the Dev - il's lies:  
we know the out - come is se - cure;  
and Christ e - mer - ges from the grave,  
re - tell - ing tri - umphs of His grace,



An ar - my bold, whose bat - tle - cry is love,  
And Christ will have the prize for which He died:  
This vic - t'ry march con - tin - ues till the day  
We hear their calls and hun - ger for the day



reach - ing out to those in dark - ness.  
an in - her - i - tance of na - tions.  
ev - 'ry eye and heart shall see Him.  
when with Christ we stand in glo - ry.

## Responsive Reading of Psalm 135

Praise the LORD.

**Praise the name of the LORD;**

praise him, you servants of the LORD,

**you who minister in the house of the LORD, in the courts of the house of our God.**

Praise the LORD, for the LORD is good; sing praise to his name, for that is pleasant.

**For the LORD has chosen Jacob to be his own, Israel to be his treasured possession.**

I know that the LORD is great, that our Lord is greater than all gods.

**The LORD does whatever pleases him, in the heavens and on the earth, in the seas and all their depths.**

He makes clouds rise from the ends of the earth;

**he sends lightning with the rain and brings out the wind from his storehouses.**

He struck down the firstborn of Egypt, the firstborn of men and animals.

**He sent his signs and wonders into your midst, O Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his servants.**



He struck down many nations and killed mighty kings - Sihon king of the Amorites, Og king of Bashan and all the kings of Canaan -

**And he gave their land as an inheritance, an inheritance to his people Israel.**

Your name, O LORD, endures forever, your renown, O LORD, through all generations.

**For the LORD will vindicate his people and have compassion on his servants.**

The idols of the nations are silver and gold, made by the hands of men.

**They have mouths, but cannot speak, eyes, but they cannot see;** they have ears, but cannot hear, nor is there breath in their mouths.

**Those who make them will be like them, and so will all who trust in them.**

O house of Israel, praise the LORD; O house of Aaron, praise the LORD;

**O house of Levi, praise the LORD; you who fear him, praise the LORD.**

Praise be to the LORD from Zion, to him who dwells in Jerusalem.  
**Praise the LORD.**

## **Call to Confession**

When we come into the holy presence of God, our own humanity is laid bare. When we stand in the living presence of truth, our own falsehood is revealed. People of God, let us acknowledge who we are and ask our ever-present God to forgive us.

## **Assurance of Our Pardon**

Hear these comforting words: If you repent and believe in God's redeeming mercy, your sins are forgiven. Trust in God's promises and begin anew your life with God and all people in the name of Jesus Christ.

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## **Unison Confession of Faith**

Philippians 2:1-13

So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind.

Do nothing from rivalry or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.

Have this in mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.


Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

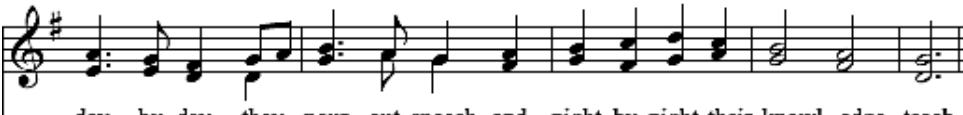
# Psalm 19B



1. <sup>1</sup>The heav'n's a - bove de - clare the glo - ry of our God;  
 2. <sup>2</sup>No lan - guage do they use, nor an - y spo - ken word;  
 3. God set a tent in heav'n, a dwell - ing for the sun,  
 4. <sup>6</sup>The sun goes forth in might from heav - en's far - thest end  
 5. <sup>7</sup>The per - fect law of God will make the soul re - vive;



and what his hands have made the skies pro - claim a - broad. <sup>2</sup>For  
 they ut - ter not a sound and yet their voice is heard. <sup>4</sup>Thro'-  
 • <sup>3</sup>which, like a bride-groom, leaves his wed - ding tent at dawn, and  
 and runs its course a - bove un - til the day is spent. Its  
 his stat - utes, sure and true, will make the sim - ple wise. <sup>9</sup>The

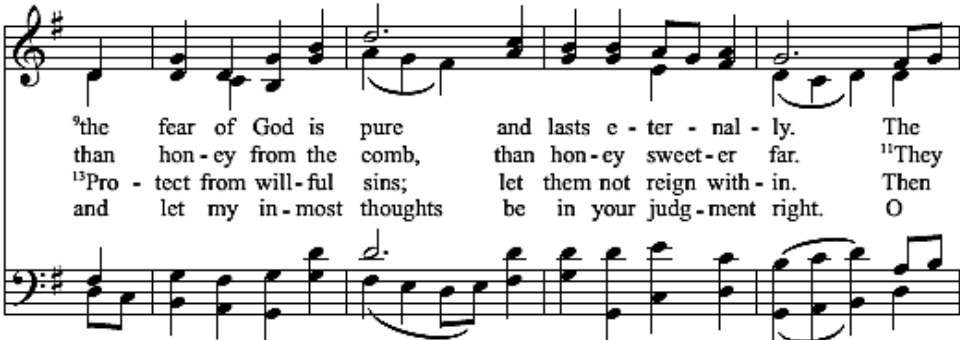


day by day they pour out speech, and night by night their knowl - edge teach.  
 out the world their voice re - sounds, their words to earth's re - mot - est bounds.  
 • like a strong, he - ro - ic man, goes forth with joy his race to run.  
 path from end to end com - plete—there's noth - ing hid - den from its heat.  
 pre - cepts of the LORD are right and fill the heart with great de - light.

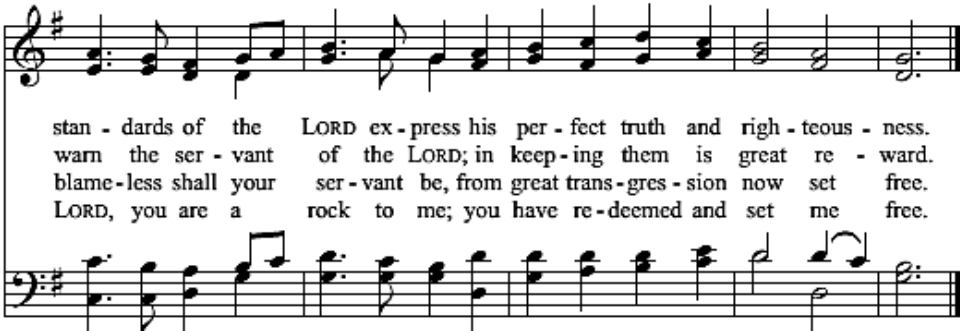
# Psalm 19B



6. God's ra - di - ant com - mands shed light on what we see;  
 7. <sup>10</sup>Of far more worth than gold— than much pure gold—they are;  
 8. <sup>12</sup>Who can dis - cern his faults? For - give my hid - den sin.  
 9. <sup>14</sup>So let the words I speak be pleas - ing in your sight;



<sup>9</sup>the fear of God is pure and lasts e - ter - nal - ly. The  
 than hon - ey from the comb, than hon - ey sweet - er far. <sup>11</sup>They  
<sup>13</sup>Pro - tect from will - ful sins; let them not reign with - in. Then  
 and let my in - most thoughts be in your judg - ment right. O



stan - dards of the LORD ex - press his per - fect truth and righ - teous - ness.  
 warn the ser - vant of the LORD; in keep - ing them is great re - ward.  
 blame - less shall your ser - vant be, from great trans - gres - sion now set free.  
 LORD, you are a rock to me; you have re - deemed and set me free.

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 Leonard Cooper Blanton, 1951; alt.

# Behold the Lamb

1. Be - hold the Lamb who bears our  
 2. The bod - y of our Sav - ior,  
 3. The blood that cleans - es ev - 'ry  
 4. And so with thank - ful - ness and

sins a - way, slain for us: And we re-mem-ber  
 Je - sus Christ, torn for you: Eat and re-mem-ber  
 stain of sin, shed for you: Drink and re-mem-ber  
 faith we rise to re-pond and to re-mem-ber

the pro - mise made that all who  
 the wounds that heal, the death that  
 He drained death's cup that all may  
 our call to fol - low in the

come in faith find for - give - ness at the cross.  
 brings us life, paid the price to make us one.  
 en - ter in to re - ceive the life of God.  
 steps of Christ as His bod - y here on earth.

So, we share in this Bread of Life,  
So, we share in this Bread of life,  
So, we share in this Bread of Life,  
As we share in His suf - fer - ing,

and we drink of His sac - ri - fice,  
and we drink of His sac - ri - fice,  
and we drink of His sac - ri - fice,  
we pro - claim: Christ will come a - gain!

as a sign of our bonds of peace  
as a sign of our bonds of love  
as a sign of our bonds of grace  
And we'll join in the feast of heav'n

a - round the ta - ble of the King.  
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# Psalm 134

## Verse 1

Oh bless our God with one accord, ye faithful  
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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