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TITHING
&
TESTING
MALACHI 3:7-12 MICHAEL LORTZ

THE LORD CALLS US BEFORE HIS PRESENCE

From PSALM 117
Isaac Watts, 1719

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Geistliche Kirchengesang, Cologne, 1623

Voices in unison



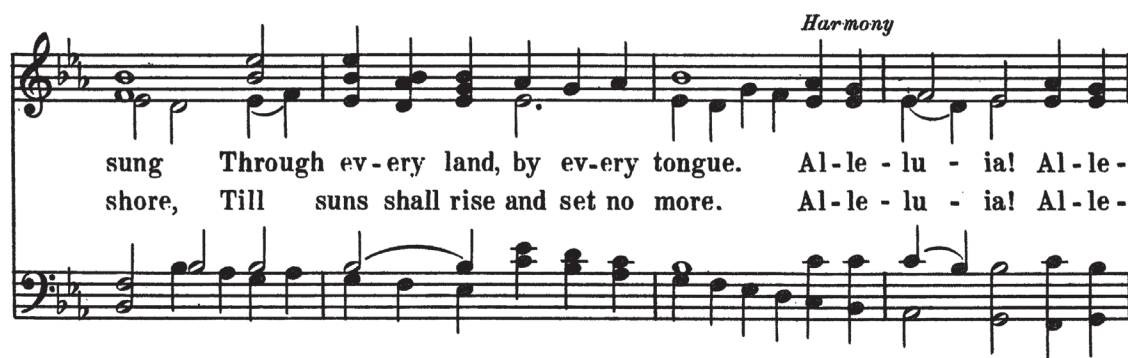
1. From all that dwell be-low the skies Let the Cre - a - tor's praise a - rise:
2. E - ter-nal are thy mer-cies, Lord; E - ter-nal truth at-tends thy Word:

Harmony *Unison*



Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Let the Re-deem - er's Name be
Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Thy praise shall sound from shore to

Harmony



sung Through ev-ery land, by ev-ery tongue. Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le -
shore, Till suns shall rise and set no more. Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le -

Unison *Harmony*



lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia!
lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! A - MEN.

Pastor: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit!

PASTOR GREETS

☞ Congregation: Amen!

Matthew 28:19

CONGREGATION
RESPONDS

Oh give thanks to Yahweh; call upon His Name!

Ruth 2:4

☞ Make known His deeds among the peoples!

Sing to Him, sing praises to Him;

☞ Tell of all His wondrous works!

Glory in His holy Name;

☞ Let the hearts of those who seek Yahweh rejoice!

Seek Yahweh and His strength;

☞ Seek His face evermore!

Psalms 145:15-16



“Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man to whom the LORD does not impute iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit. When I kept silent, my bones grew old through my groaning all the day long.”

Psalms 32:1-3

Beloved, our LORD has invited us to draw near to Him with an honest heart. He has graciously promised to receive all those who come to Him with heavy burdens of guilt and shame. Therefore I exhort all who are here today to accompany me with a pure heart and a humble voice, unto the throne of heavenly grace.

SILENT CONFESSION

☞ I confess to Almighty God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and before all the company of heaven, that I have sinned, in thought, word, and deed, through my fault, my own fault, my own most grievous fault; wherefore, I pray Almighty God to have mercy upon me, to forgive all my sins, and to make clean my heart. For I pray in the Father's love, pleading the shed blood of Christ His Son, through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

JOINT CONFESSION

“For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me; my vitality was turned into the drought of summer. I acknowledged my sin to You, and my iniquity I have not hidden. I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,” and You forgave the iniquity of my sin. Selah.”

Psalms 32:4-5

Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for your sins and to be raised for your justification; and for His sake forgives you all your sins. This I declare in the name and authority of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. ☞ Amen



Hal - le - lu - yah! Praise to God the Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it!

Glo - ry to You, O Lord, both now and for - ev - er, Hal - le - lu - yah!



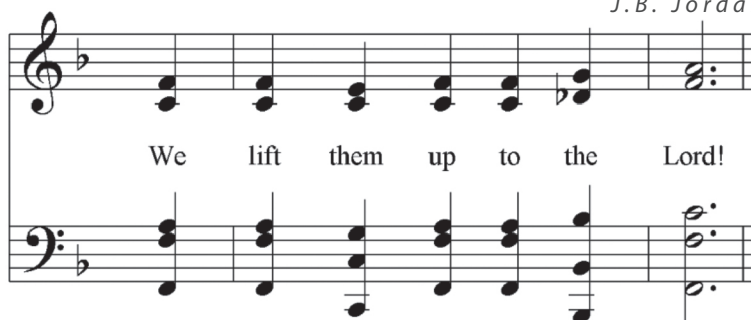
CONSECRATES US BY HIS WORD
ascension offering, gift of knowledge

SURSUM CORDA — *lift up your heart*

Lift up your hearts!

J.B. Jordan

PASTOR LEADS LIFTING
 UP OF YOUR HANDS



We lift them up to the Lord!

Let us give thanks to the LORD, our God!



It is pro - per and right to do so.

It is truly proper, right, wholesome, and beneficial that we should at all times, and in all places, give praise unto Thee, O LORD, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God. Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Thy glorious Name; evermore worshipping Thee! PASTOR SPEAKS

SANCTUS

The musical score for the Sanctus is written for a two-part setting (Soprano and Bass) in G major, 4/4 time. It consists of four systems of staves. The lyrics are in German and English. The first system begins with a forte (*ff*) dynamic marking. The second system includes a triplet of eighth notes. The third system includes a triplet of eighth notes and a long melisma line. The fourth system concludes the piece with a final cadence.

ff Ho - ly! Ho - ly! Ho - ly! Lord, God of Hosts.

Hea - ven and earth are full of Your glo - ry! Ho - san - na in the

High - - - est! Bless - ed is he who comes in the

name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the High - - - est!

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

EIN FESTE BURG (8 7. 8 7. 6 6. 6 6 7)


Martin Luther, 1483-1546

Harm. by Heinrich Schütz, 1585-1672



Martin Luther, 1483-1546

tr. Frederick H. Hedge, 1805-1890



Based on Psalm 46




1. A might - y for - tress is our God, A trus - ty shield and weap - on.
 2. With might of ours can naught be done, Soon were our loss ef - fect - ed;
 3. Tho' dev - ils all the world should fill, All ea - ger to de - vour us,
 4. The Word they still shall let re - main Nor an - y thanks have for it;

He helps us free from ev - ery need That hath us now o'er - ta - ken.
 But for us fights the Val - iant One, Whom God Him - self e - lect - ed.
 We trem - ble not, we fear no ill, They shall not o - ver - pow'r us.
 He's by our side u - pon the plain With His good gifts and Spir - it.

The old e - vil foe Now means - dead - ly woe; Deep guile and great might
 Ask ye, Who is This? Je - sus Christ it is, Of Sab - a - oth Lord,
 This world's prince may still Scowl fierce as he will, He can harm us none,
 And take they our life, Goods fame, child and wife, Let these all be gone,




Are His dread arms in fight; On earth is not his e - qual.
 And there's none oth - er God: He holds the field for - ev - er.
 He's judged, The deed is done: One lit - tle word can fell him.
 They yet have noth - ing won: The king - dom ours re - main - eth!



DEUTERONOMY 14: 22–29

“You shall tithe all the yield of your seed that comes from the field year by year. PASTOR STARTS

☞ And before the LORD your God, in the place that he will choose, to make his name dwell there, CONGREGATION
RESPONDS

You shall eat the tithe of your grain, of your wine, and of your oil, and the firstborn of your herd and flock,

☞ That you may learn to fear the LORD your God always.

And if the way is too long for you, so that you are not able to carry the tithe,

☞ When the LORD your God blesses you, because the place is too far from you, which the LORD your God chooses, to set his name there,

Then you shall turn it into money and bind up the money in your hand and go to the place that the LORD your God chooses

☞ And spend the money for whatever you desire—oxen or sheep or wine or strong drink, whatever your appetite craves.

And you shall eat there before the LORD your God and rejoice, you and your household.

☞ And you shall not neglect the Levite who is within your towns, for he has no portion or inheritance with you.

“At the end of every three years you shall bring out all the tithe of your produce in the same year and lay it up within your towns.

☞ And the Levite, because he has no portion or inheritance with you,

And the sojourner, the fatherless, and the widow, who are within your towns,

☞ Shall come and eat and be filled, that the LORD your God may bless you in all the work of your hands that you do.

Be Merciful to Me, O God

Psalm 57

1. Be mer - ci - ful to me, O God, bend down and hear my cry;
2. My foes are like de - vour-ing beasts, their teeth like ar - rows, spears.
3. Foes spread a net to catch my feet, a pit a - cross my path,
4. In song I thank you, O my Lord; my prais - es o - ver - flow.

With - in the shad - ow of your wings I hide while storms pass by.
Their sharp - ened tongues, like slash-ing swords, in - crease my woes and fears.
But they them - selves fell in their trap in - tend - ed for my death.
I sing of your great - love, O Lord, that na - tions all may know.

You will ful - fill your pur - pos - es, will send your sav - ing power,
O be ex - alt - ed high a - bove the heav'ns in glo - rious might,
My heart is filled with con - fi - dence; I break out in - to song.
O be ex - alt - ed high a - bove the heav'ns in glor - ious might,

And put to shame my en - e - mies in this most try - ing hour.
And let your glo - ry co - ver all the earth, O LORD of light.
Rise up and play, O harp and lyre: let mu - sic greet the dawn.
And let your glo - ry cov - er all the earth, O LORD of light.

MALACHI 3:7-12

English Standard Version (ESV)

From the days of your fathers you have turned aside from my statutes and have not kept them. Return to me, and I will return to you, says the Lord of hosts. But you say, 'How shall we return?' ⁸ Will man rob God? Yet you are robbing me. But you say, 'How have we robbed you?' In your tithes and contributions. ⁹ You are cursed with a curse, for you are robbing me, the whole nation of you. ¹⁰ Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. And thereby put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need. ¹¹ I will rebuke the devourer for you, so that it will not destroy the fruits of your soil, and your vine in the field shall not fail to bear, says the Lord of hosts. ¹² Then all nations will call you blessed, for you will be a land of delight, says the Lord of hosts.

TITHING AND TESTING

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RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD - TRIBUTE OFFERING

"Give to the LORD the glory due His name; bring an offering, and come into His courts. O, worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness! Tremble before Him, all the earth."

Psalm 96:8-9

PLEASE BRING
FORWARD YOUR
TITHES AND
OFFERINGS DURING
THIS SONG

The Church's One Foundation

AURELIA (7 6. 7 6. D.)
Samuel Sebastian Wesley, 1864

Samuel John Stone, 1866

1. The church - 's one foun - da - tion Is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
2. E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, Yet one o'er all the earth;
3. *The church shall nev - er per - ish!* Her dear Lord to de - fend,
4. *Though with a scorn - ful won - der* Men see her sore op - pressed,
5. 'Mid toil and trib - u - la - tion, And tu - mult of her war,
6. Yet she on earth hath un - ion With God the Three in One,

She is His new cre - a - tion By wa - ter and the Word.
Her char - ter of sal - va - tion, One Lord, one faith, one birth;
To guide, sus - tain, and cher - ish, Is with her to the end:
By schis - ms rent a - sun - der, By her - e - sies dis - tressed:
She waits the con - sum - ma - tion Of peace for - ev - er - more;
And mys - tic sweet com - mun - ion With those whose rest is won,

From heav'n He came and sought her To be His ho - ly bride;
One ho - ly Name she bless - es, Par - takes one ho - ly food,
Though there be those who hate her, And false sons in her pale,
Yet saints their watch are keep - ing, Their cry goes up, "How long?"
Till with the vi - sion glo - rious Her long - ing eyes are blest,
O hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that we

With His own blood He bought her And for her life He died.
And to one hope she press - es, With ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
A - gainst or foe or trai - tor She ev - er shall pre - vail.
And soon the night of weep - ing Shall be the morn of song!
And the great church vic - to - rious Shall be the church at rest.
Like them, the meek and low - ly, On high may dwell with Thee.

THE GREAT PRAYER

CONCLUDING WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER

☞ Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Matthew 6:9-13

CONGREGATION
PRAYS ALONG
WITH PASTOR



COMMUNES WITH US AT HIS TABLE

peace offering, gift of life

PREPARATION FOR COMMUNION

Congregation of the LORD Jesus Christ, the LORD has prepared His table for all who love and trust in Him for their salvation. All those who have repented of their sins, have been baptized and are in good standing in the Church of Jesus Christ are welcome at this table. For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the LORD our God will call.

Leader: Christian, in Whom do you believe?

LEADER BEGINS

CONGREGATION
RESPONDS *(next page)*

We All Believe in One True God

WIR GLAUBEN ALL AN EINEN GOTT (8s. 10 lines)
 Latin Credo, c. 1300
 Johann Walter, *Geystliche gesangk Buchleyn*, 1524

Martin Luther, 1524
 tr. composite

1. We all be - lieve in one true God, Who cre - at - ed earth and heav-en,
 2. We all be - lieve in Je - sus Christ, His own Son, our Lord, pos-sess-ing
 3. We all con - fess the Ho - ly Ghost, Who sweet grace and com-fort giv - eth

The Fa - ther, Who to us in love Hath the right of chil-dren giv - en. He both soul and
 An e - qual God-head, throne, and might, Source of ev - 'ry grace and bless - ing. Born of Mar - y,
 And with the Fa - ther and the Son In e - ter - nal glo - ry liv - eth; Who the Church, His

bod - y feed-eth, All we need He doth pro-vide us; He through snares and per-ils lead - eth,
 vir - gin moth - er, By the pow - er of the Spir - it, Made true man, our eld - er Broth - er,
 own cre - a - tion, Keeps in u - ni - ty of spir - it. Here for - give-ness and sal - va - tion

Watch - ing that no harm be - tide us. He car - - - eth for
 That the lost might life in - her - it; Was cru - - - ci - fied
 Dai - ly come through Je - sus' mer - it. All flesh - - - shall rise,

us day and night, All things are gov - erned by His might.
 for sin - ful men And raised by God to life a - gain.
 and we shall be In bliss with God e - ter - nal - ly.

EUCHARIST DISTRIBUTION SONG

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

HERZLICH TUT MICH VERLANGEN (7 6. 7 6. D.)

Hans Leo Hassler, 1601

harm. Johann Sebastian Bach, 1729

attr. Bernard of Clairvaux, 1153

tr. James Waddell Alexander, 1830

1. O sa - cred Head, now wound - ed, With grief and shame weighed down,
2. What Thou, my Lord, hast suf - fered Was all for sin - ners' gain;
3. What lan - guage shall I bor - row To thank Thee, dear - est Friend,

Now scorn - ful - ly sur - round - ed With thorns, Thine on - ly crown;
Mine, mine was the trans - gres - sion, But Thine the dead - ly pain.
For this Thy dy - ing sor - row, Thy pit - y with - out end?

How art Thou pale with an - guish, With sore a - buse and scorn!
Lo, here I fall, my Sav - ior! 'Tis I de - serve Thy place;
O make me Thine for - ev - er, And should I faint - ing be,

How does that vis - age lan - guish, Which once was bright as morn!
Look on me with Thy fa - vor, Vouch - safe to me Thy grace.
Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er Out - live my love to Thee.

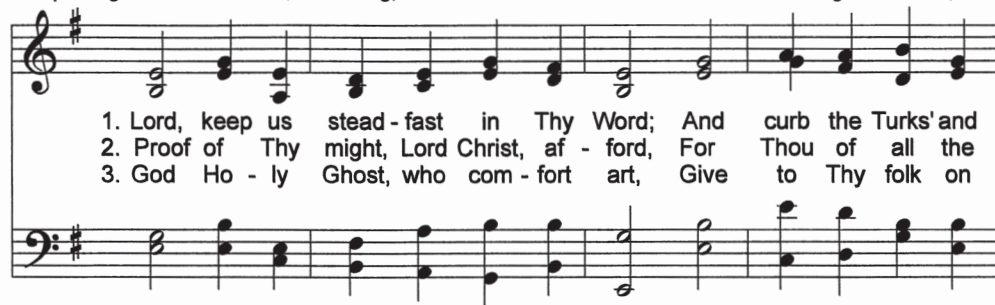
FINAL SCRIPTURE READING

CONGREGATION
STANDS

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Thy Word

ERHALT UNS, HERR (L.M.)
Joseph Klug's *Geistliche Lieder*, Wittenberg, 1543

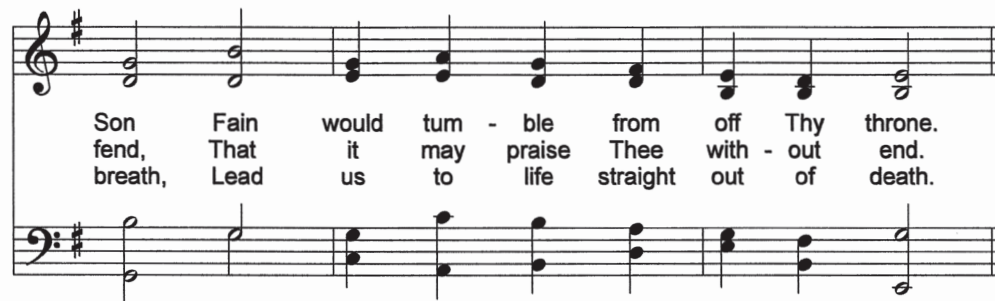
Martin Luther, 1541
tr. George McDonald, 1876



1. Lord, keep us stead-fast in Thy Word; And curb the Turks' and
2. Proof of Thy might, Lord Christ, af-ford, For Thou of all the
3. God Ho-ly Ghost, who com-fort art, Give to Thy folk on



Pap-ists' sword Who Je-sus Christ, Thine on-ly
lords art Lord; Thine own poor Christ-en-dom de-
earth one heart; Stand by us breath-ing our last



Son Fain would tum-ble from off Thy throne.
fend, That it may praise Thee with-out end.
breath, Lead us to life straight out of death.

BENEDICTION

"Then Aaron lifted his hand toward the people, blessed them, and came down from offering the purification offering, the ascension offering, and peace offerings." *Leviticus 9:22*

Nunc Dimittis

Ancient Plainsong
Based on Psalm Tone 5
arr. Valerie Lortz

Luke 2:29-32

Lord now let-test Thou Thy servant de - part in— peace, ac - cord-ing to Thy Word, For mine

eyes have seen Thy sal-va-tion; which Thou hast pre-pared be - fore the face of all people, a Light to

ligh - ten the Gen - tiles and the Glo - ry of Thy peo-ple Is - - - ra - el.

Glo - ry— be to the Fa-ther, and to— the— Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost;

As it— was in the be - gin-ning, is now and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.