

REFORMATION COVENANT CHURCH  
WORSHIPPING OUR REIGNING SAVIOR  
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BO COGBILL  
REVELATION 3:14-21

# LAODICEA: CHRIST, THE BETTER EVERYTHING

2022  
FIRST ADVENT  
SUNDAY



# WELCOME

## TO REFORMATION COVENANT CHURCH

**WE** ARE GLAD YOU ARE JOINING US TODAY as we worship our great and gracious God, and our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. If this is your first time with us, allow us to introduce ourselves.

**Worship Service.** Our weekly service follows a responsive pattern of worship found in Scripture, as a dialogue or conversation between the Lord and His people. Here God meets with us, speaks to us, and blesses us; we speak and respond back to Him in praise, thanksgiving, and renewed commitment.

**Communion.** Each week at RCC we celebrate the Lord's Supper, receiving bread and wine as covenantal tokens of Jesus' body and blood. Christians – young or old – who are baptized, and are in good standing in Christ, are invited to partake.

To facilitate Communion distribution, we encourage a representative of each household or group to come forward using the outer aisles to receive the Communion elements. Gluten-free bread is available on the pulpit side.

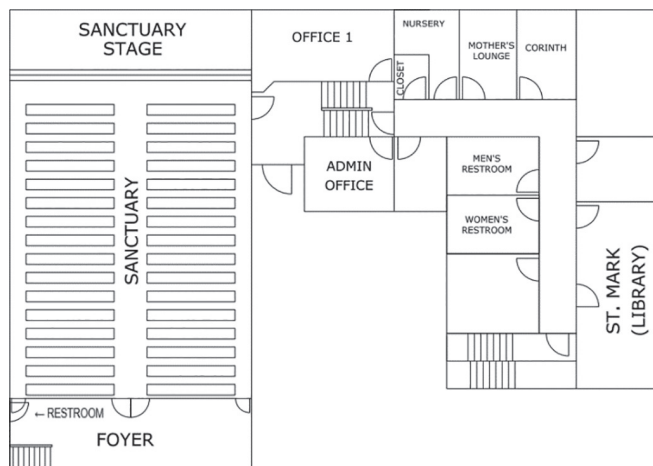
**Nursery.** We love having children involved in the whole service. Please don't worry if someone with you is wiggly – we are glad to have you all worshipping with us! During the sermon, the nursery room is available for children three and under. There is a Nursing Mother's room located adjacent to our Nursery, if

you feel you need quiet or privacy. A video feed of the service can be viewed here, as well as in the Fellowship Hall below the sanctuary.

**Restrooms.** Restrooms are located down the stairs from the Foyer and in the educational wing.

**Weekly Meal.** Every week RCC hosts a weekly Agape meal after the service (served as a potluck). We always have plenty of food, and would love for you to join us for fellowship after worship!

**Contact.** If you would like us to contact you this week, please leave your name, phone number, and/or email on a visitor card, and give it to one of our Greeters, Deacons, or Elders.



*SOLI DEO GLORIA* ~ TO GOD ALONE BE THE GLORY!

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## CALLS US BEFORE HIS PRESENCE

### Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying

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Phillip Nicolai, 1556-

Phillip Nicolai, 1556-1608  
tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1829-1878

Men Women

1. "Wake, a - wake, for night is fly - ing," The watch-men on the  
Mid night hears the wel - come voi - - ces, And at the thrill - ing

All

heights are cry - ing; "A - wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, at last!"  
cry re - joic - ces: "Come forth, ye vir - gins, night is past!

The Bride-groom comes, a - wake! Your lamps with glad-ness take: Al - le - lu - iah! And

for His mar - riage feast pre - pare, For you must go to meet him there."

*Men:* Zion hears the watchmen singing  
*Women:* And all her heart with joy is springing  
*All:* She wakes, she rises from her gloom;  
*Men:* For her Lord comes down all-glorious,  
*Women:* The Strong in grace, in truth victorious,  
*All:* Her Star is ris'n, her Light is come.  
Ah come, Thou blessed One,  
God's own beloved Son,  
Alleluia!  
We follow till the halls we see  
Where Thou hast bid us sup with Thee

*Men:* Now let all the heavens adore Thee,  
*Women:* And men and angels sing before Thee,  
*All:* With harp and cymbal's clearest tone;  
*Men:* Of one pearl each shining portal,  
*Women:* Where we are with the choir immortal  
*All:* Of saints around Thy dazzling throne;  
Nor eye hath seen, nor ear  
Hath yet attained to heart  
What is ours there;  
But we rejoice, and sing to Thee  
Our hymn of joy eternally.

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

The LORD be with you!

*Ruth 2:4*

☞ And also with you!

You crown the year with Your goodness,

☞ And Your paths drip with abundance.

They drop on the pastures of the wilderness,

☞ And the little hills rejoice on every side.

The pastures are clothed with flocks;

☞ The valleys also are covered with grain;

They shout for joy,

☞ they also sing.

*Psalms 65*



CLEANSSES US IN CHRIST

*purification offering, gift of glory*

“He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him.” *John 1:10-11*

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

☞ Almighty and most merciful Father, I have erred, and strayed from your ways like a lost sheep. I have followed too much the devices and desires of my own heart. I have broken your holy laws. I have left undone those things which I ought to have done; and I have done those things which I ought not to have done; and there is no health in me. But have mercy upon me, a miserable sinner, O Lord. Spare me, O Lord, for I humbly confess my faults. Grant unto me the grace of repentance, according to your promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for Christ's dear sake, that I may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life; to the glory of your holy Name. Amen

JOINT CONFESSION

“But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.” *John 1:12-14*

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!



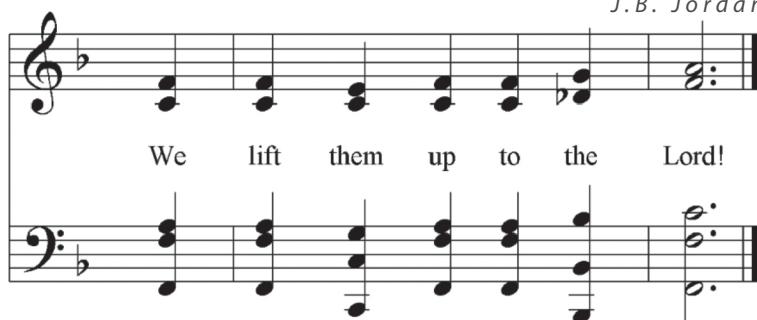
CONSECRATES US BY HIS WORD  
*ascension offering, gift of knowledge*

### **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, PASTOR SPEAKS  
 and in all places, give praise unto Thee, O LORD, Holy Father, Almighty,  
 Everlasting God. Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin  
 and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall  
 come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without  
 shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing. Therefore, with angels and  
 archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Thy  
 glorious Name; evermore worshipping Thee!

## The Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of Sab - a - oth;

Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry; Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na in the

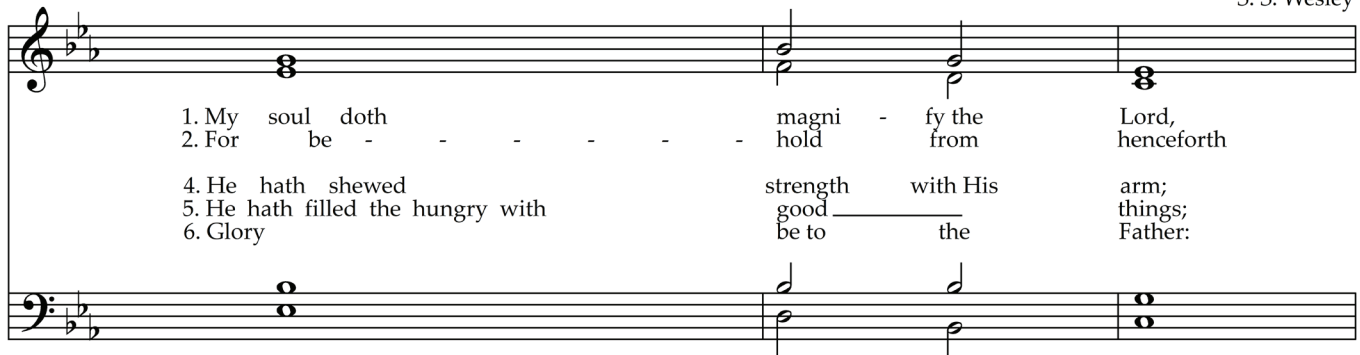
high - est. Bless - ed is He, Bless - ed is He, Bless - ed is He that com - eth in the

name of the Lord. Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na in the high - est.



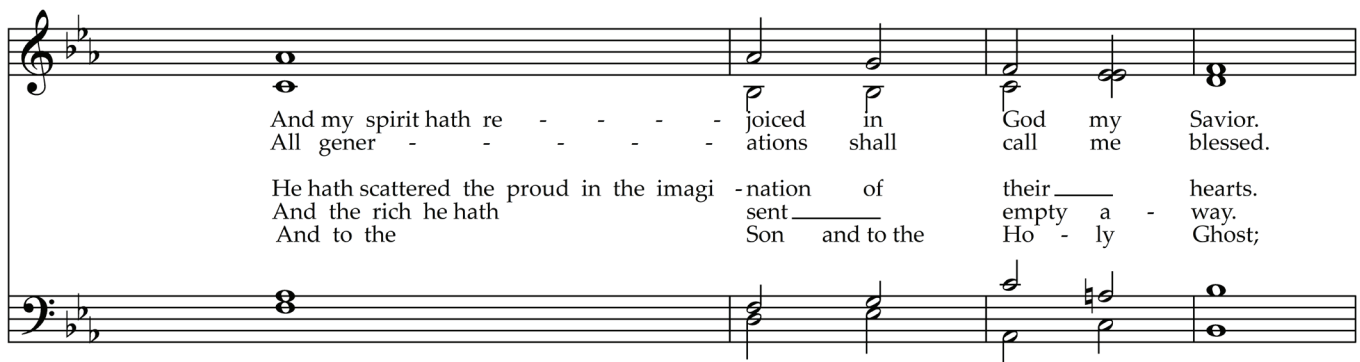
# The Magnificat

S. S. Wesley



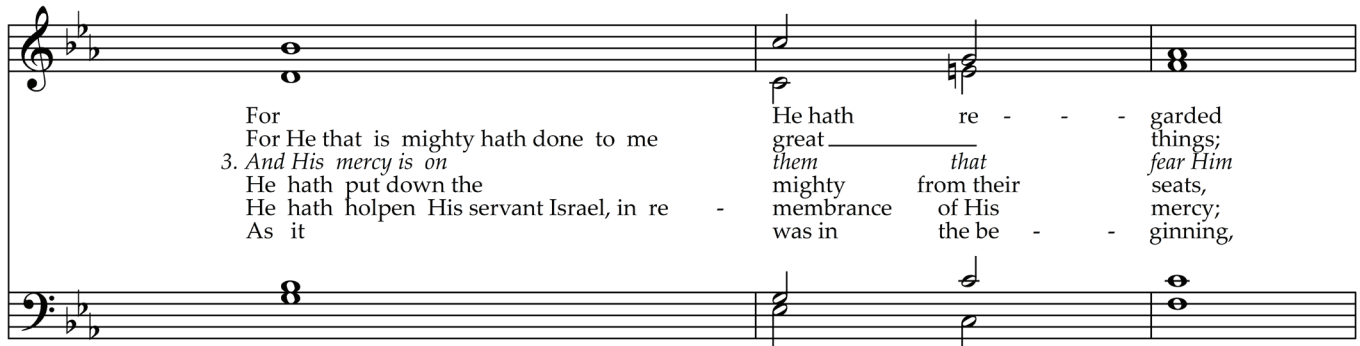
1. My soul doth magnify the Lord,  
 2. For be - - - - hold from henceforth

4. He hath shewed strength with His arm;  
 5. He hath filled the hungry with good things;  
 6. Glory be to the Father:

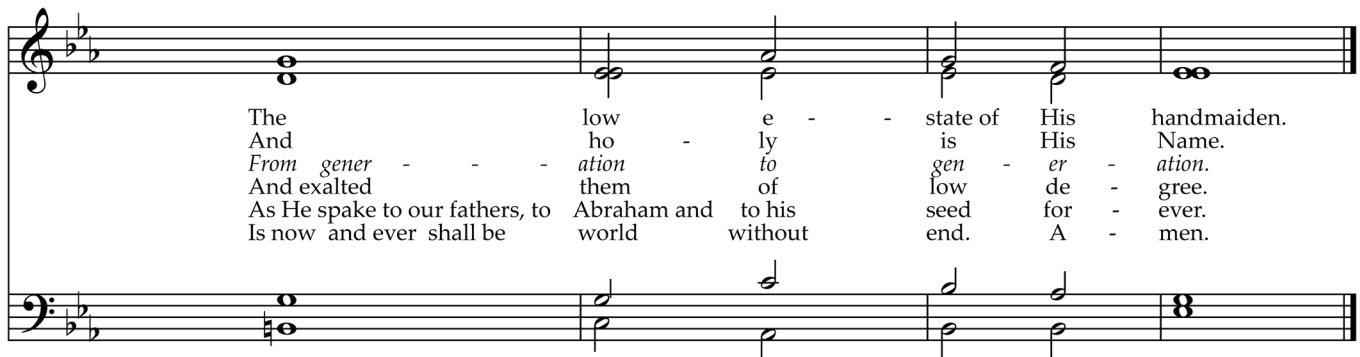


And my spirit hath re - - - - - joiced in God my Savior.  
 All gener - - - - - ations shall call me blessed.

He hath scattered the proud in the imagi - nation of their - hearts.  
 And the rich he hath sent - empty a - way.  
 And to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;



For He hath re - - - - - garded things;  
 For He that is mighty hath done to me great - - - - - that  
 3. And His mercy is on them that fear Him  
 He hath put down the mighty from their seats,  
 He hath holpen His servant Israel, in re - - - - - membrance of His mercy;  
 As it was in the be - - - - - ginning,



The low e - - - - - state of His handmaiden.  
 And ho - ly - - - - is His Name.  
 From gener - - - - - ation to gen - er - ation.  
 And exalted them of low de - gree.  
 As He spake to our fathers, to Abraham and to his seed for - ever.  
 Is now and ever shall be world without end. A - men.

## PSALM 103

*Of David*

PASTOR STARTS  
CONGREGATION  
RESPONDS

Bless Yahweh, O my soul,

☞ and all that is within me, bless  
his holy name!

<sup>2</sup> Bless Yahweh, O my soul,

☞ and forget not all his benefits,

<sup>3</sup> who forgives all your iniquity,

☞ who heals all your diseases,

<sup>4</sup> who redeems your life from the pit,

☞ who crowns you with steadfast  
love and mercy,

<sup>5</sup> who satisfies you with good

☞ so that your youth is renewed  
like the eagle's.

<sup>6</sup> Yahweh works righteousness

☞ and justice for all who are  
oppressed.

<sup>7</sup> He made known his ways to Moses,

☞ his acts to the people of Israel.

<sup>8</sup> Yahweh is merciful and gracious,

☞ slow to anger and abounding  
in steadfast love.

<sup>9</sup> He will not always chide,

☞ nor will he keep his anger  
forever.

<sup>10</sup> He does not deal with us  
according to our sins,

☞ nor repay us according to our  
iniquities.

<sup>11</sup> For as high as the heavens are  
above the earth,

☞ so great is his steadfast love  
toward those who fear him;

<sup>12</sup> as far as the east is from the west,

☞ so far does he remove our  
transgressions from us.

<sup>13</sup> As a father shows compassion to  
his children,

☞ so Yahweh shows compassion  
to those who fear him.

<sup>14</sup> For he knows our frame;

☞ he remembers that we are dust.

<sup>15</sup> As for man, his days are like grass;

☞ he flourishes like a flower of  
the field;

<sup>16</sup> for the wind passes over it, and  
it is gone,

☞ and its place knows it no more.

<sup>17</sup> But the steadfast love of Yahweh  
is from everlasting to everlasting  
on those who fear him,

☞ and his righteousness to  
children's children,

<sup>18</sup> to those who keep his covenant

☞ and remember to do his  
commandments.

<sup>19</sup> Yahweh has established his  
throne in the heavens,

☞ and his kingdom rules over all.

<sup>20</sup> Bless Yahweh, O you his  
messengers,

☞ you mighty ones who do his word,  
obeying the voice of his word!

<sup>21</sup> Bless Yahweh, all his hosts,

☞ his ministers, who do his will!

<sup>22</sup> Bless Yahweh, all his works,

☞ in all places of his dominion.  
Bless Yahweh, O my soul!

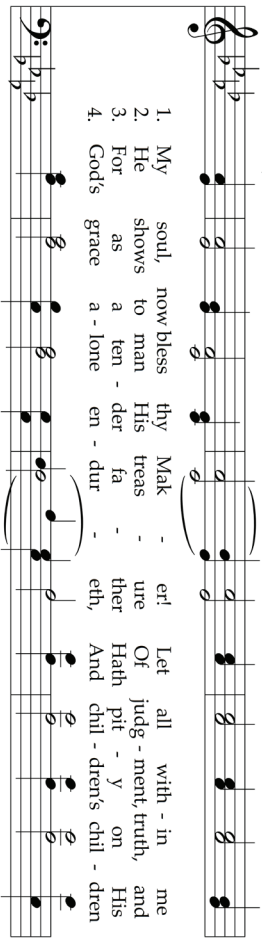


# My Soul, Now Bless Thy Maker

Psaln 103

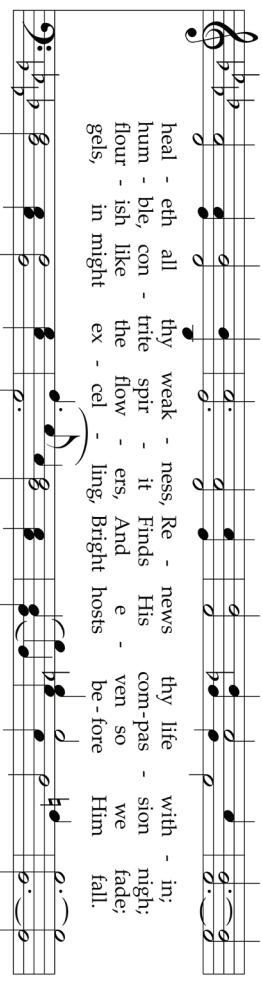
NUN LOB, MEIN SEEL (7 8, 7 8, 7 6, 7 6, 7 6, 7 6)  
Johann Kugelmann's *Concertus Novi*, Augsburg, 1540  
harm. Heinrich Schütz, 1661

Johann Gramann, 1525  
tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1863

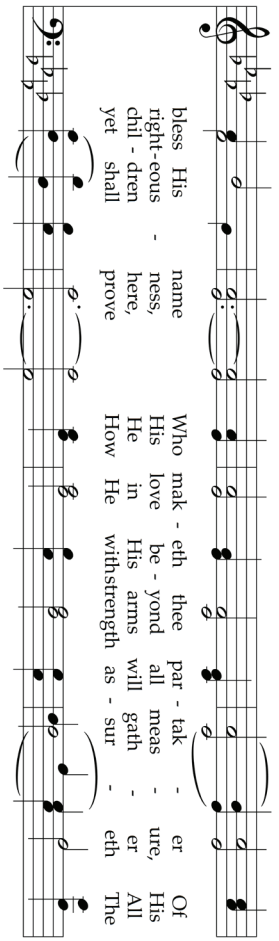


1. My soul, now bless thy Maker  
2. He shows to man His treasures  
3. For as a ten-der fa-ther  
4. God's grace a-lone en-dur-

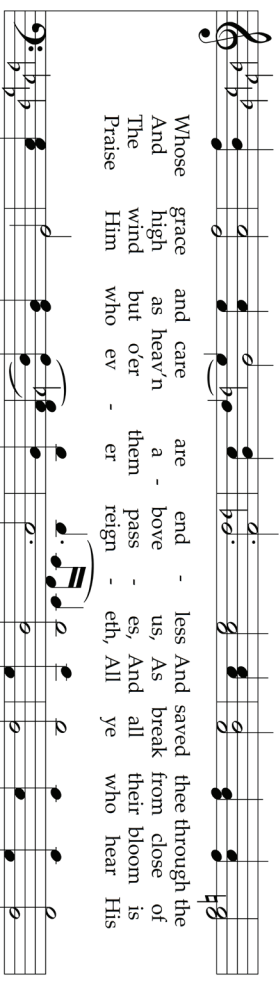
Let all with-in me  
Of judg-ment, truth, and  
Hath pit-y on His  
And chil-dren's chil-dren



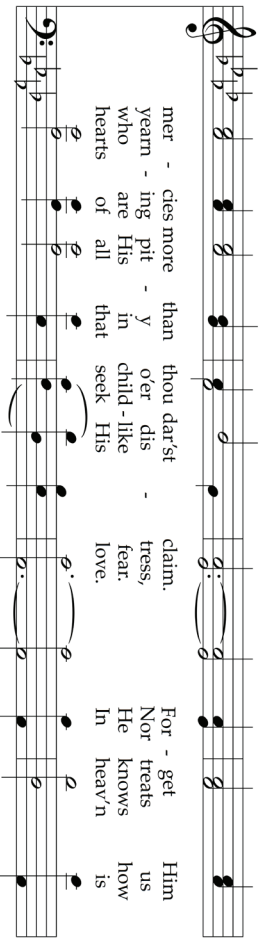
heal-eth all thy weak-ness, Re- news thy life with-in;  
hum-ble, con- trite spir- it Finds His com-pas- sion nigh;  
flour-ish like the flow- ers, And e- ven so we fade;  
gels, in might ex- cel- ling, Bright hosts be- fore Him fall.



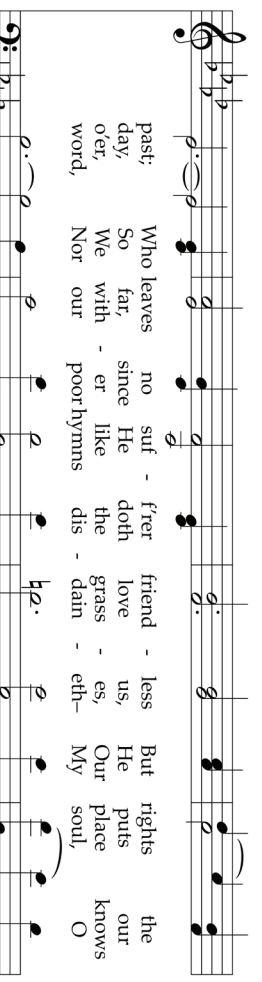
bless His name Who mak-eth thee par-tak-er Of His  
right-eous-ness, His love be-yond all meas-ure, His  
chil-dren here, He in His arms will gath-er All  
yet shall prove How He with strength as-sur-eth The



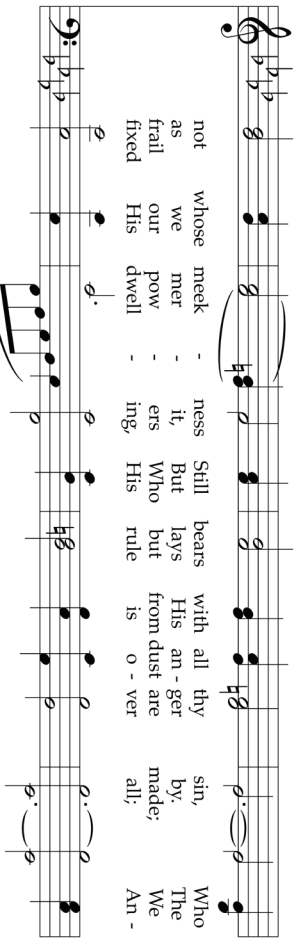
Whose grace and care are end-less And saved thee through the  
And high as heav'n a-bove us, As break from close of  
The wind but o'er them pass-eth, All ye who hear His  
Praise Him who ev-er reign-eth, All



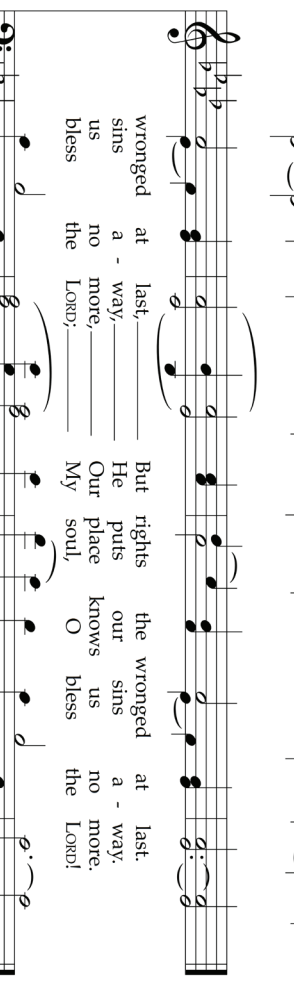
mer-cies more than thou dar'st claim.  
yearn-ing pit-y o'er dis-tress, For-get Him  
who are His in child-like fear. Nor treats us  
hearts of all that seek His love. In heav'n how is



past; Who leaves no suf-f'rer friend-less But rights the  
day, So far, since He doth love us, He puts our  
o'er, We with-er like the grass-es, Our place knows  
word, Nor our poor hymns dis-dain-eth- My soul, O



not whose meek-ness Still bears with all thy sin, Who  
as we mer-it, But lays His an-ger by, The  
frail our pow-ers Who but from dust are made; We  
fixed His dwell-ing, His rule is o-ver all; An-



wronged at last, But rights the wronged at last.  
sins a-way, He puts our sins a-way.  
us no more, Our place knows us no more.  
bless the Lord; My soul, O bless the Lord!

## SONG OF SOLOMON 5:1–4

*English Standard Version (ESV)*

He: <sup>1</sup> I came to my garden, my sister, my bride,  
I gathered my myrrh with my spice,  
I ate my honeycomb with my honey,  
I drank my wine with my milk.

Others: Eat, friends, drink,  
and be drunk with love!

She: <sup>2</sup> I slept, but my heart was awake.  
A sound! My beloved is knocking.  
“Open to me, my sister, my love,  
my dove, my perfect one,  
for my head is wet with dew,  
my locks with the drops of the night.”

<sup>3</sup> I had put off my garment;  
how could I put it on?

I had bathed my feet;  
how could I soil them?

<sup>4</sup> My beloved put his hand to the latch,  
and my heart was thrilled within me.

## REVELATION 3:14–22

*English Standard Version (ESV)*

“And to the [messenger] of the church in Laodicea write: ‘The words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the [beginning] of God’s creation.

<sup>15</sup> “I know your works: you are neither cold nor hot. Would that you were either cold or hot! <sup>16</sup> So, because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will [vomit] you out of my mouth. <sup>17</sup> For you say, I am rich, I have prospered, and I need nothing, not realizing that you are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked. <sup>18</sup> I counsel you to buy from me gold refined by fire, so that you may be rich, and white garments so that you may clothe yourself and the shame of your nakedness may not be seen, and salve to anoint your eyes, so that you may see. <sup>19</sup> Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline, so be zealous and repent. <sup>20</sup> Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me. <sup>21</sup> The one who conquers, I will grant him to sit with me on my throne, as I also conquered and sat down with my Father on his throne. <sup>22</sup> He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.”

# LAODICEA: CHRIST, THE BETTER EVERYTHING

BO COGBILL | NOVEMBER 27  
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## Revelation: The Prophetic Epistle of Jesus

He [1] I came to my garden, my sister, my bride,  
I gathered my myrrh with my spice,  
I ate my honeycomb with my honey,  
I drank my wine with my milk.

Others Eat, friends, drink,  
and be drunk with love!

She [2] I slept, but my heart was awake.  
A sound! My beloved is knocking.  
"Open to me, my sister, my love,  
my dove, my perfect one,  
for my head is wet with dew,  
my locks with the drops of the night."

Song of Solomon 5:1–2

### Pastor/church (3.14)

### Description of Jesus (3.14):

Church	Enemies	Enemies in Revelation
Ephesus	False apostles/Nicolaitans	
Smyrna	Synagogue of Satan	Demon horde from inverted temple, 9:1-11
Pergamum	Satan, Balaam and Balak	Satan and two beasts, 12-13
Thuateria	Jezebel	Harlot, 17-18
Sardis	Lethargy; Jesus the thief	Jesus like thief, 16:15
Philadelphia	Synagogue of Satan; testing	Harvest, 14:14-20
Laodicea	Lukewarmness	

### Covenant Evaluation\* (3.15-17):

### Warnings (3.16, 18):

- Le 18:25 and the land became unclean, so that I punished its iniquity, and the land vomited out its inhabitants.
- Le 18:28 lest the land vomit you out when you make it unclean, as it vomited out the nation that was before you.
- Le 18:28 lest the land vomit you out when you make it unclean, as it vomited out the nation that was before you.
- Le 20:22 "You shall therefore keep all my statutes and all my rules and do them, that the land where I am bringing you to live may not vomit you out.

### Promises (3.20-21):

Church	Description of Jesus	Threat from Jesus	Promise
Ephesus	Hold stars Walks among lamps	Remove lamp	Eat in paradise (lamps = trees)
Smyrna	First and last, dead and living	NO THREAT	Not hurt by second death
Pergamum	Sword in mouth	War with Sword	
Thuateria	Eyes of fire Feet of bronze	Kill Jezebel's children (burn?)	Iron rod Morning star (eyes?)
Sardis	Seven Spirits, seven stars	Come like thief (secrecy of Spirit)	Walk in white (like star)
Philadelphia	Keys of David	NO THREAT	Pillar in house (access by key)
Laodicea	Witness, beginning	Lax witness	Dine and rule

# Revelation: The Prophetic Epistle of Jesus

Church	Preamble	Historical Evaluation (+)	Historical Evaluation (-)	Stipulations	Succession
Ephesus	2:1 - [1] "To the angel of the church in Ephesus write: 'The words of him who holds the seven stars in his right hand, who walks among the seven golden lampstands. (ESV)"	2:2–3, 6 - [2] "I know your works, your toil and your patient endurance, and how you cannot bear with those who are evil, but have tested those who call themselves apostles and are not, and found them to be false. [3] I know you are enduring patiently and bearing up for my name's sake, and you have not grown weary.  [6] Yet this you have: you hate the works of the Nicolaitans	2:4 - [4] But I have this against you, that you have abandoned the love you had at first.	2:5 - [5] Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent, and do the works you did at first. If not, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place, unless you repent.	2:7 - [7] He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.  To the one who conquers I will grant to eat of the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God.'  22:14 - [14] Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the right to the tree of life and that they may enter the city by the gates.
Smyrna	2:8 - [8] "And to the angel of the church in Smyrna write: 'The words of the first and the last, who died and came to life.	2:9 - [9] "I know your tribulation and your poverty (but you are rich) and the slander of those who say that they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan.		2:10 - [10] Do not fear what you are about to suffer. Behold, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and for ten days you will have tribulation. Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life.	2:11 - [11] He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. The one who conquers will not be hurt by the second death.'  20:6 - [6] Blessed and holy is the one who shares in the first resurrection! Over such the second death has no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ, and they will reign with him for a thousand years.
Pergamum	2:12 - [12] "And to the angel of the church in Pergamum write: 'The words of him who has the sharp two-edged sword. (ESV)"	2:13a - [13] "I know where you dwell, where Satan's throne is. Yet you hold fast my name, and you did not deny my faith even in the days of Antipas, my faithful witness, who was killed among you, where Satan dwells.	2:14–15 - [14] But I have a few things against you: you have some there who hold the teaching of Balaam, who taught Balak to put a stumbling block before the sons of Israel, so that they might eat food sacrificed to idols and practice sexual immorality. [15] So also you have some who hold the teaching of the Nicolaitans.	2:16 - [16] Therefore repent. If not, I will come to you soon and war against them with the sword of my mouth.	2:17 - [17] He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who conquers, I will give some of the hidden manna, and I will give him a white stone, with a new name written on the stone that no one knows except the one who receives it.' (Exodus, 19.9)  22:7 - [7] "And behold, I am coming soon. Blessed is the one who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book."
Thyatira	2:18 - [18] "And to the angel of the church in Thyatira write: 'The words of the Son of God, who has eyes like a flame of fire, and whose feet are like burnished bronze.	2:19 - [19] "I know your works, your love and faith and service and patient endurance, and that your latter works exceed the first.	2:20 - [20] But I have this against you, that you tolerate that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess and is teaching and seducing my servants to practice sexual immorality and to eat food sacrificed to idols.	2:22–23, 25 - [22] Behold, I will throw her onto a sickbed, and those who commit adultery with her I will throw into great tribulation, unless they repent of her works. [23] and I will strike her children dead. And all the churches will know that I am he who searches mind and heart, and I will give to each of you according to your works.  [25] Only hold fast what you have until I come.	2:26–29 - [26] The one who conquers and who keeps my works until the end, to him I will give authority over the nations, [27] and he will rule them with a rod of iron, as when earthen pots are broken in pieces, even as I myself have received authority from my Father. [28] And I will give him the morning star. [29] He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.'
Sardis	3:1 - [1] "And to the angel of the church in Sardis write: 'The words of him who has the seven spirits of God and the seven stars.	Revelation 3:4 - [4] Yet you have still a few names in Sardis, people who have not soiled their garments, and they will walk with me in white, for they are worthy.	3:1 - [1] ... "I know your works. You have the reputation of being alive, but you are dead.	3:2–3 - [2] Wake up, and strengthen what remains and is about to die, for I have not found your works complete in the sight of my God. [3] Remember, then, what you received and heard. Keep it, and repent. If you will not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what hour I will come against you.	3:5–6 - [5] The one who conquers will be clothed thus in white garments, and I will never blot his name out of the book of life. I will confess his name before my Father and before his angels. [6] He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.' (ch.19.14)  22:14 - [14] Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the right to the tree of life and that they may enter the city by the gates.
Philadelphia	3:7 - [7] "And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write: 'The words of the holy one, the true one, who has the key of David, who opens and no one will shut, who shuts and no one opens.	3:8 - [8] "I know your works. Behold, I have set before you an open door, which no one is able to shut. I know that you have but little power, and yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name.		3:11 - [11] I am coming soon. Hold fast what you have, so that no one may seize your crown.	3:12–13 - [12] The one who conquers, I will make him a pillar in the temple of my God. Never shall he go out of it, and I will write on him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem, which comes down from my God out of heaven, and my own new name. [13] He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.' (Exilic, 21.2, 9-10)  20:6 - [6] Blessed and holy is the one who shares in the first resurrection! Over such the second death has no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ, and they will reign with him for a thousand years.
Laodicea	3:14 - [14] "And to the angel of the church in Laodicea write: 'The words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of God's creation.		3:15, 17 - [15] "I know your works: you are neither cold nor hot. Would that you were either cold or hot!  [17] For you say, I am rich, I have prospered, and I need nothing, not realizing that you are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked.	3:16, 18-20 - [16] So, because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of my mouth.  [18] I counsel you to buy from me gold refined by fire, so that you may be rich, and white garments so that you may clothe yourself and the shame of your nakedness may not be seen, and salve to anoint your eyes, so that you may see. [19] Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline, so be zealous and repent. [20] Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me.	3:21–22 - [21] The one who conquers, I will grant him to sit with me on my throne, as I also conquered and sat down with my Father on his throne. [22] He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches." (ch.22.5)  16:15 - [15] "Behold, I am coming like a thief! Blessed is the one who stays awake, keeping his garments on, that he may not go about naked and be seen exposed"

	The Seven Churches and the Bride		The Seven Churches and the Whore	
Ephesus	2:7 "I will give to him to eat of the tree of life"	22:2 "in the midst of its (New Jerusalem's) street—the tree of life"	2:5 "Repent ... but if not ... I will remove your lampstand"	18:23 "And the light of a lamp shall not shine in you (Babylon)"
Smyrna	2:11 "he shall not be hurt by the second death"	20:6 "on these the second death has no power"	2:10–11 "the devil is about to throw some of you in prison ... you will have tribulation ten days ... be faithful until death, and I will give you a crown ... you shall not be hurt by the second death"	20:2–7 "He laid hold of the devil and bound him for a thousand years ... those who had been beheaded ... lived and reigned with Christ ... over such the second death has no power ... Satan will be released from his prison"
Pergamos	2:17 "I will give to him a stone, and on the stone a new name written"	21:14, 19 "the city has twelve foundations, and on them the names of the twelve apostles ... the foundation was of every precious stone"	2:13–14 "Antipas, My faithful martyr, who was killed among you ... you have there some holding the teaching of Balaam so that they would ... eat food sacrificed to idols"	17:6, 19:20 "the woman (Babylon) was drunk with the blood ... of the martyrs ... the false prophet who had performed signs of deceit ... to make them worship the beast"
Thyatira	2:26–28 "I will give authority over the nations, and he will shepherd them with a rod of iron ... I will give the morning star"	19:15, 22:16 "He ... strikes the nations ... He Himself will shepherd them with a rod of iron ... I am the bright morning star"	2:20, 22–23 "you permit that woman Jezebel ... to deceive My servants into committing fornication and to eat things sacrificed to idols (abominations) ... I am throwing into a bed those who commit adultery with her ... I will give to each one according to your works"	17:4, 18:6, 9 "The woman (Babylon) ... had a golden cup full of abominations and the filthiness of her fornication ... repay her according to her works ... those committing fornication with her"
Sardis	3:5 "he will be clothed in white ... his name in the Book of Life"	19:14; 20:12 "the armies in heaven ... dressed in fine white linen ... and another book was opened, the Book of Life"	3:3 "Repent ... (or) you will not know in what hour I will come upon you"	18:10 "Woe to you, the great city (Babylon) ... for in one hour has your judgment come"
Philadelphia	3:8, 12 "I have set before you an open door that no one can shut ... I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God ... and the name ... of My city of the New Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from God shall be on him"	21:2, 22, 25 "the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God ... the Lord God Almighty is its temple, and the Lamb ... and its gates shall not be shut"	3:9 "I will make them come (false Jews of Satan's synagogue) and know that I have loved you"	20:9 "They (Satan and those he deceives) went up ... and surrounded the beloved city ... and fire came down from heaven and God and devoured them"
Laodicea	3:21 "I will give him to sit with Me on My throne, and ... on His throne"	22:3 "and the throne of God and the Lamb shall be in it (New Jerusalem)"	3:17–18 "you say, 'I am rich ... and have need of nothing' ... you do not know that you are ... naked ... Buy from Me refined gold ... and white garments"	17:4, 16, 18:7 "the woman (Babylon) was arrayed in scarlet and adorned with gold ... (yet) these will ... make her naked ... in her heart she says, 'I sit as a queen ... I will not see sorrow' "



## 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."

*Psalms 96:8-9*

PLEASE BRING  
FORWARD YOUR  
TITHES AND  
OFFERINGS DURING  
THIS SONG

### Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

HYFRYDOL (8 7. 8 7. D.)  
Rowland Hugh Pritchard, 1855

Charles Wesley, 1744

1. Come, Thou long - ex - pect - ed Je - sus, Born to set Thy peo - ple free;  
2. Born Thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, Born a child and yet a King,

From our fears and sins re - lease us; Let us find our rest in Thee.  
Born to reign in us for - ev - er, Now Thy gra - cious king - dom bring.

Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, Hope of all the earth Thou art,  
By Thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it Rule in all our hearts a - lone;

Dear De - sire of ev - 'ry na - tion, Joy of ev - 'ry long - ing heart.  
By Thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it, Raise us to Thy glo - rious throne.

## 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

- ☞ I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hades; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy, catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

*The Apostles' Creed*

CONGREGATION  
RESPONDS

## EUCHARIST DISTRIBUTION SONG

### Comfort, Comfort Ye My People

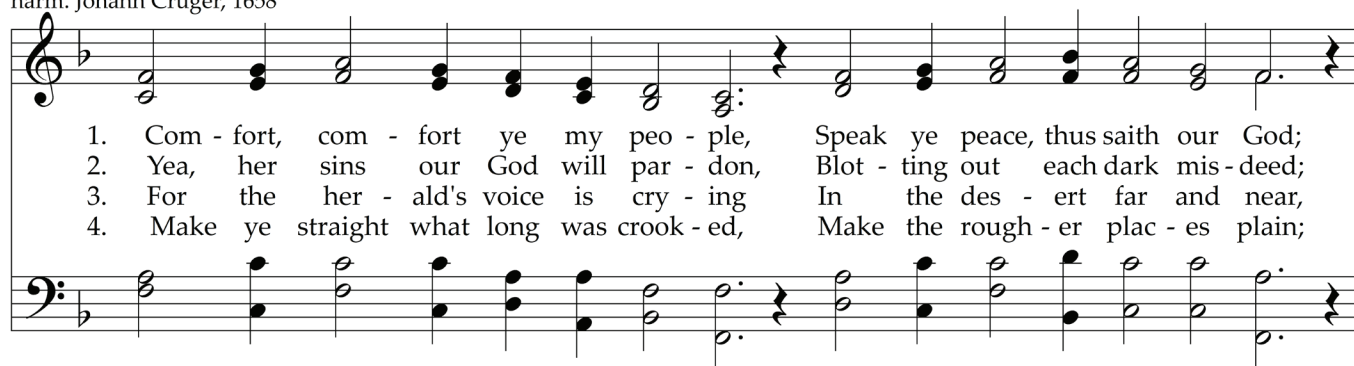
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*Genevan Psalter, 1551*

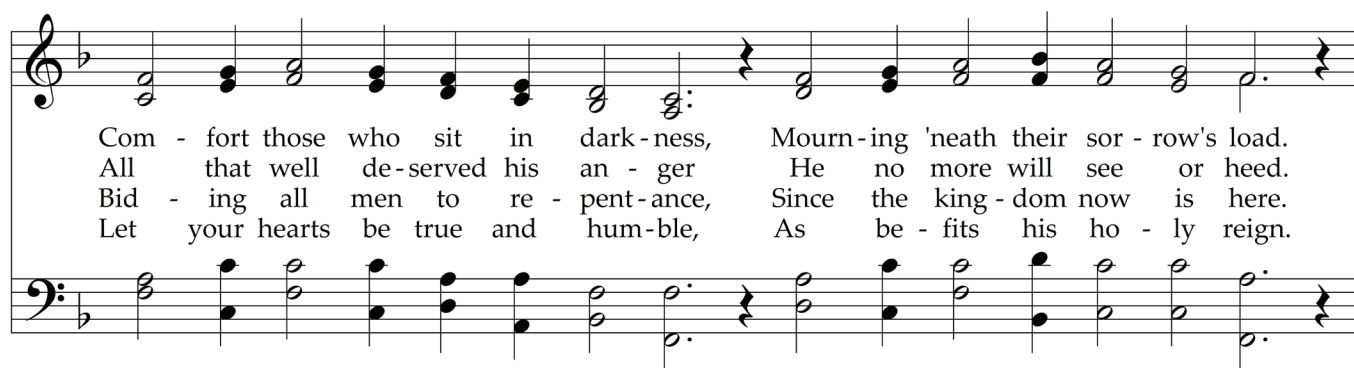
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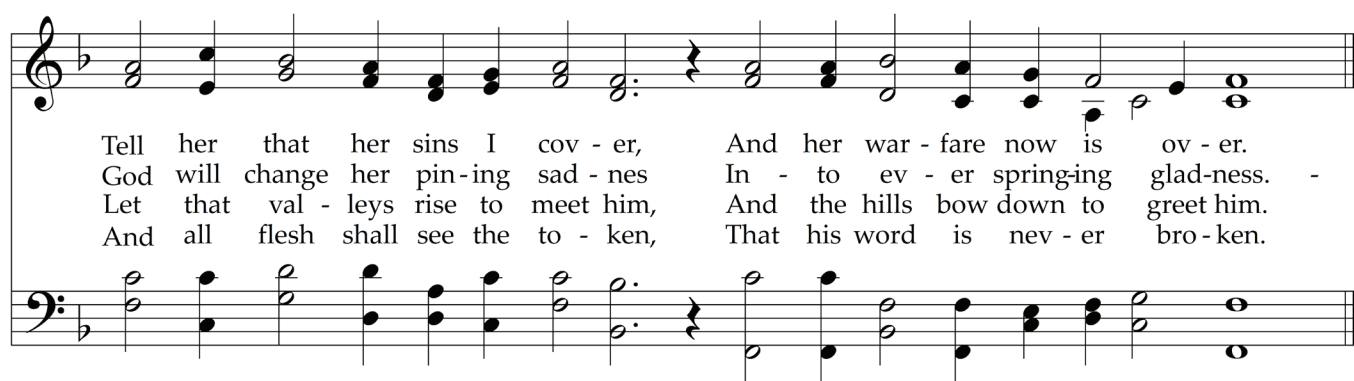
1. Com - fort, com - fort ye my peo - ple, Speak ye peace, thus saith our God;  
2. Yea, her sins our God will par - don, Blot - ting out each dark mis - deed;  
3. For the her - ald's voice is cry - ing In the des - ert far and near,  
4. Make ye straight what long was crook - ed, Make the rough - er plac - es plain;



Com - fort those who sit in dark - ness, Mourn - ing 'neath their sor - row's load.  
All that well de - served his an - ger He no more will see or heed.  
Bid - ing all men to re - pent - ance, Since the king - dom now is here.  
Let your hearts be true and hum - ble, As be - fits his ho - ly reign.



Speak ye to Jer - u - sa - lem Of the peace that waits for them;  
She hath suf - fred many a day Now her griefs have passed a - way;  
O that warn - ing cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a - way;  
For the glo - ry of the Lord Now o'er earth is shed a - broad;



Tell her that her sins I cov - er, And her war - fare now is ov - er.  
God will change her pin - ing sad - nes In - to ev - er springing glad - ness.  
Let that val - leys rise to meet him, And the hills bow down to greet him.  
And all flesh shall see the to - ken, That his word is nev - er bro - ken.

Pastor: As often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death, until he comes.

☛ ALL: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ is reigning, and Christ will come again. Amen.

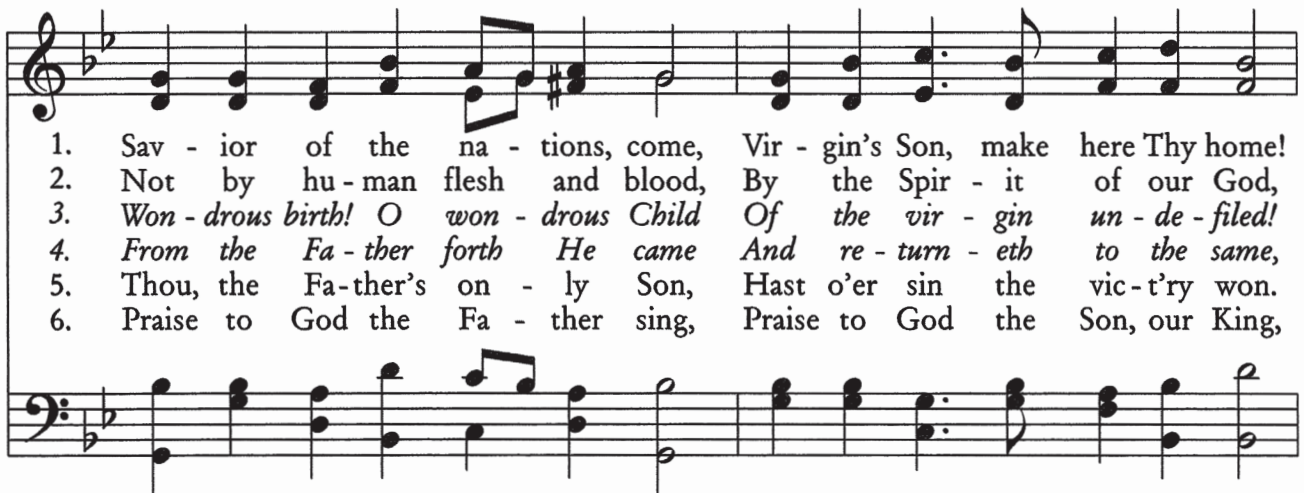
### FINAL SCRIPTURE READING

CONGREGATION  
STANDS

### Savior of the Nations, Come

NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND (7 7. 7 7)  
Johann Walter, *Geystliche gesange Buchleyn*, 1524

St. Ambrose, 397  
German version, Martin Luther, 1524  
tr. William M. Reynolds, 1860; alt.



1. Sav - ior of the na - tions, come, Vir - gin's Son, make here Thy home!  
2. Not by hu - man flesh and blood, By the Spir - it of our God,  
3. Won - drous birth! O won - drous Child Of the vir - gin un - de - filed!  
4. From the Fa - ther forth He came And re - turn - eth to the same,  
5. Thou, the Fa - ther's on - ly Son, Hast o'er sin the vic - t'ry won.  
6. Praise to God the Fa - ther sing, Praise to God the Son, our King,



Mar - vel now, O heav'n and earth, That the Lord chose such a birth.  
Was the Word of God made flesh— Wom - an's Off - spring, pure and fresh.  
Tho' by all the world dis - owned, Still to be in heav'n en - throned.  
Cap - tive lead - ing death and hell— High the song of tri - umph swell!  
Bound - less shall Thy king - dom be; When shall we its glo - ries see?  
Praise to God the Spir - it be Ev - er and e - ter - nal - ly.



## 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

Based on Psalm Tone 5  
arr. Valerie Lortz

Luke 2:29-32

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

The first system of musical notation for 'Nunc Dimittis' is written in treble and bass staves. The key signature has two sharps (F# and C#), and the time signature is common time (C). The melody is in the treble staff, and the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

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

The second system of musical notation continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

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

The third system of musical notation continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

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

The fourth system of musical notation continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

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

The fifth system of musical notation concludes the piece. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.