

# THE PRAYERS OF THE SAINTS

REVELATION 8: 1-5

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# 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.

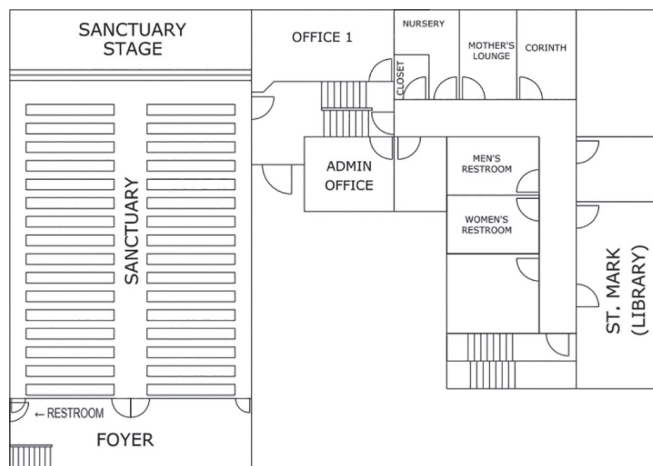
**Nursery.** We love having children involved in the whole service. Please don't worry if someone with you is wiggly – we are glad to have you all worshipping with us! During the sermon, the nursery room is available for children three and under. There is a Nursing Mother's room located adjacent to our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

## CALLS US BEFORE HIS PRESENCE

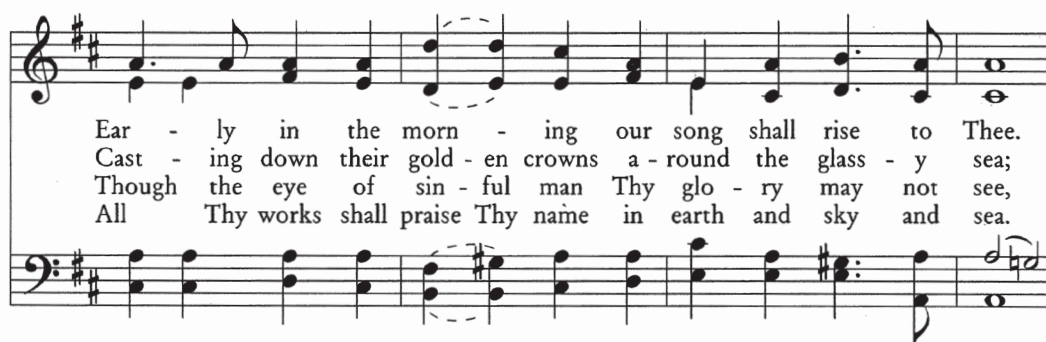
### Holy, Holy, Holy!

NICAEA (11 12. 12 10)  
John B. Dykes, 1861

Reginald Heber, 1826



1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!  
2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore Thee,  
3. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide Thee,  
4. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!



Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to Thee.  
Cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;  
Though the eye of sin - ful man Thy glo - ry may not see,  
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!  
Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore Thee,  
On - ly Thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side Thee  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!



God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!  
Which wert, and art, ev - er - more shalt be.  
Per - fect in pow'r, in love, and pur - i - ty.  
God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

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

☞ Congregation: Amen!

*Matthew 28:19*

The LORD be with you!

*Ruth 2:4*

☞ And also with you!

Arise, shine; for your light has come!

☞ And the glory of the LORD is risen upon you.

For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and deep darkness the people;

☞ But the LORD will arise over you, and His glory will be seen upon you.

The Gentiles shall come to your light,

☞ And kings to the brightness of your rising.

*Isaiah 60:1-3*

## THE LORD CLEANSSES US IN CHRIST

*purification offering, gift of glory*

“In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up, and the train of His robe filled the temple. Above it stood seraphim; each one had six wings: with two he covered his face, with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. And one cried to another and said: “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; The whole earth is full of His glory!” And the posts of the door were shaken by the voice of him who cried out, and the house was filled with smoke. So I said: “Woe is me, for I am undone! Because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; For my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts.” *Isaiah 6:1-5*

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 merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you and against one another in both our actions and our inactions. We recognize that in Jesus our light has come, yet often we choose to walk in the shadows and ignore the light. Gracious God, forgive our sins and remove from us the veil of darkness which shrouds our lives. Illumine us by your Word so we may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory. Amen.

JOINT CONFESSION

“Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a live coal which he had taken with the tongs from the altar. And he touched my mouth with it, and said: “Behold, this has touched your lips; your iniquity is taken away, and your sin purged.” *Isaiah 6:6-7*

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!



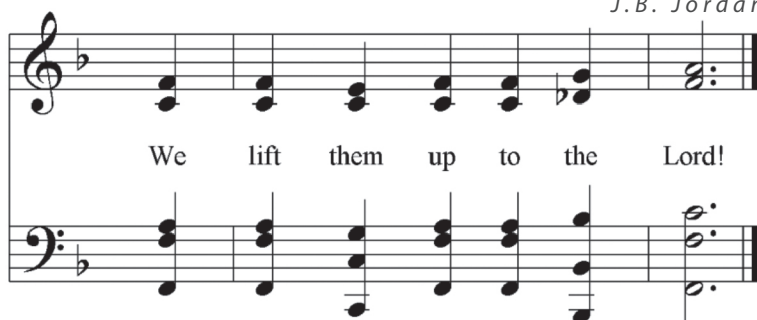
CONSECRATES US BY HIS WORD  
*ascension offering, gift of knowledge*

### **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. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your son Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Thy glorious Name; evermore worshipping Thee! PASTOR SPEAKS

## 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.

# Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

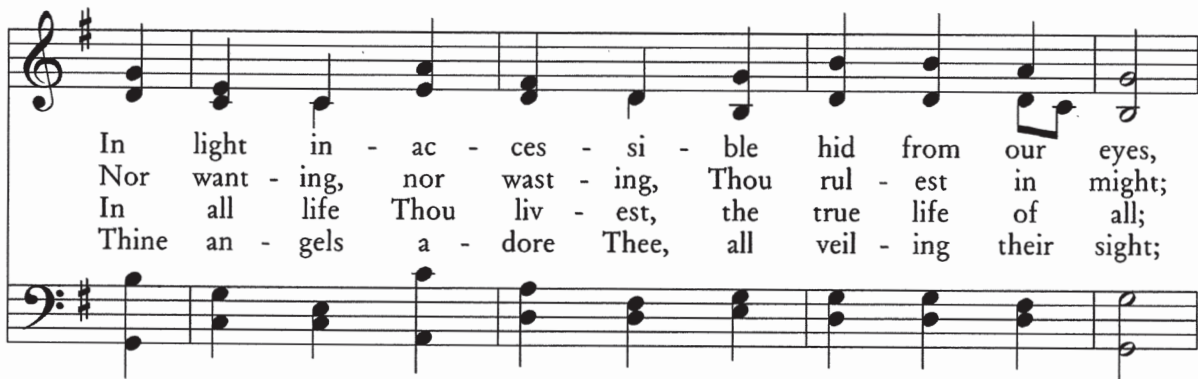
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from *Caniadau y Cyssegr*, John Roberts, 1839


Walter Chalmers Smith, 1867



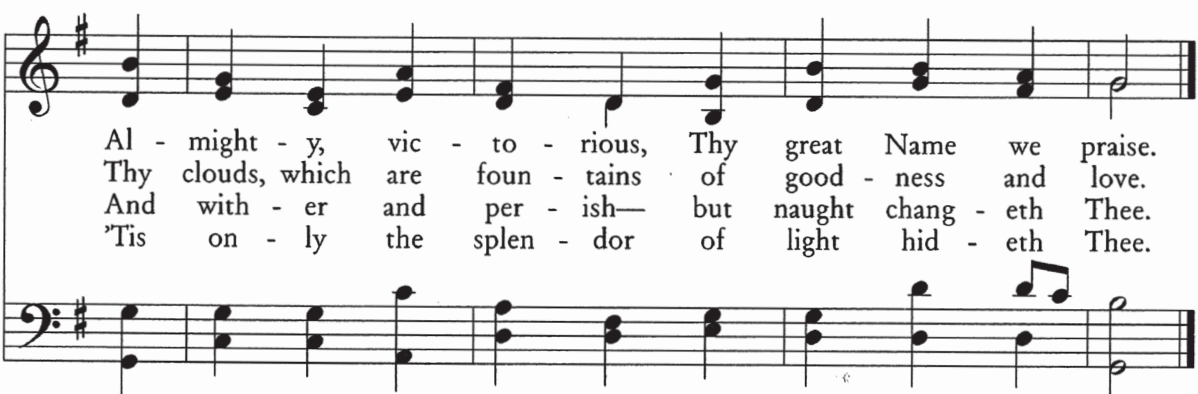
1. Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,  
 2. Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,  
 3. To all, life Thou giv - est, to both great and small;  
 4. Great Fa - ther of glo - ry, pure Fa - ther of light,



In light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,  
 Nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, Thou rul - est in might;  
 In all life Thou liv - est, the true life of all;  
 Thine an - gels a - dore Thee, all veil - ing their sight;



Most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,  
 Thy jus - tice, like moun - tains, high soar - ing a - bove  
 We blos - som and flour - ish as leaves on the tree,  
 All laud we would ren - der; O help us to see



Al - might - y, vic - to - rious, Thy great Name we praise.  
 Thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.  
 And with - er and per - ish— but naught chang - eth Thee.  
 'Tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth Thee.

## PSALM 13

How long, O LORD? Will you forget me forever?

☞ How long will you hide your face from me?

How long must I take counsel in my soul

☞ and have sorrow in my heart all the day?

How long shall my enemy be exalted over me?

☞ Consider and answer me, O LORD my God;

light up my eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death,

☞ lest my enemy say, "I have prevailed over him,"

lest my foes rejoice because I am shaken.

☞ But I have trusted in your steadfast love;

my heart shall rejoice in your salvation.

☞ I will sing to the LORD,

☞ All: because he has dealt bountifully with me.

PASTOR STARTS

CONGREGATION  
RESPONDS

# How Long, O LORD, Will You Forget?

From Psalm 13

HOW LONG, O LORD (8 8. 9 9. 8)

Timothy Dusenbury, 1999

Douglas Wilson, 2000

1. How long, O LORD, will You for - get?  
2. How long will all my foes ex - ult?  
3. Why should my foes my fort - ress scale?

I lift my prayer to You and yet  
Why must they taunt and still in - sult?  
Why do you let them still as - sail?

You do not hear my med - i - ta - tion;  
O LORD my God, my prayer con - sid - er,  
But I have trust - ed Your sal - va - tion,

You still re - fuse my sup - pli - ca - tion.  
Sus - tain my eyes, my cry con - sid - er,  
And I re - joice with ex - ul - ta - tion;

I live in sor - row and re - gret.  
Lest I come down to death's cold vault.  
I sing; God's boun - ty will pre - vail.

## GENESIS 18:16–33

*English Standard Version (ESV)*

Then the men set out from there, and they looked down toward Sodom. And Abraham went with them to set them on their way. <sup>17</sup> The LORD said, “Shall I hide from Abraham what I am about to do, <sup>18</sup> seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him? <sup>19</sup> For I have chosen him, that he may command his children and his household after him to keep the way of the LORD by doing righteousness and justice, so that the Lord may bring to Abraham what he has promised him.” <sup>20</sup> Then the LORD said, “Because the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is great and their sin is very grave, <sup>21</sup> I will go down to see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me. And if not, I will know.”

<sup>22</sup> So the men turned from there and went toward Sodom, but Abraham still stood before the LORD. <sup>23</sup> Then Abraham drew near and said, “Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? <sup>24</sup> Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city. Will you then sweep away the place and not spare it for the fifty righteous who are in it? <sup>25</sup> Far be it from you to do such a thing, to put the righteous to death with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?” <sup>26</sup> And the LORD said, “If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will spare the whole place for their sake.”

<sup>27</sup> Abraham answered and said, “Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the LORD, I who am but dust and ashes. <sup>28</sup> Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking. Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?” And he said, “I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there.” <sup>29</sup> Again he spoke to him and said, “Suppose forty are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of forty I will not do it.” <sup>30</sup> Then he said, “Oh let not the LORD be angry, and I will speak. Suppose thirty are found there.” He answered, “I will not do it, if I find thirty there.” <sup>31</sup> He said, “Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the LORD. Suppose twenty are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it.” <sup>32</sup> Then he said, “Oh let not the LORD be angry, and I will speak again but this once. Suppose ten are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of ten I will not destroy it.” <sup>33</sup> And the LORD went his way, when he had finished speaking to Abraham, and Abraham returned to his place.

## REVELATION 8:1–5

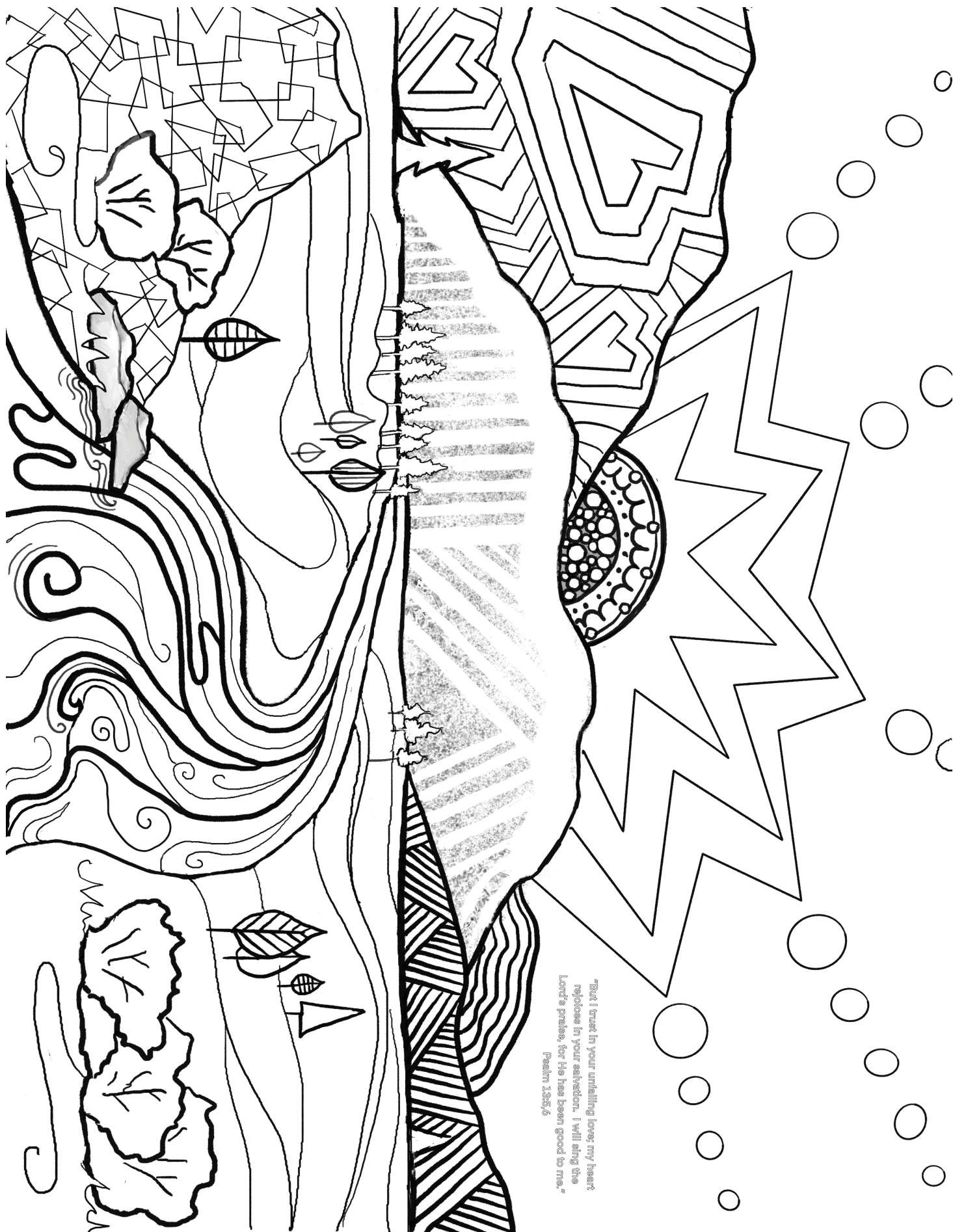
*English Standard Version (ESV)*

When the Lamb opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven for about half an hour. <sup>2</sup> Then I saw the seven angels who stand before God, and seven trumpets were given to them. <sup>3</sup> And another angel came and stood at the altar with a golden censer, and he was given much incense to offer with the prayers of all the saints on the golden altar before the throne, <sup>4</sup> and the smoke of the incense, with the prayers of the saints, rose before God from the hand of the angel. <sup>5</sup> Then the angel took the censer and filled it with fire from the altar and threw it on the earth, and there were peals of thunder, rumblings, flashes of lightning, and an earthquake.

# THE PRAYERS OF THE SAINTS

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"But I trust in your unfailing love; my heart  
rejoices in your salvation. I will sing the  
Lord's praise, for He has been good to me."  
Psalm 135:6

## 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

### Christ is Our Cornerstone

Gregory D. Wilbur, 2011

Unknown author, 6th or 7th century  
tr. John Chandles, 1837

1. Christ is our cor - ner - stone, On Him a - lone we build:  
2. O then with hymns of praise These hal - lowed courts shall ring,  
3. Here may we gain from Heav'n The grace which we im - plore,

With His true saints a - lone The courts of  
Our voic - es that we will raise The courts of  
And may that grace, once giv'n, The Be Three in us

Heav'n are filled: On His great love  
one to sing, And thus pro - - claim  
ev - er - more; Un - til that day

Our hopes we place Of pre - sent grace and joys a - bove.  
In joy - ful song Of Both loud and long, that glo - rious name.  
When all the blest To end - less rest are called a - way.

## 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

## EUCCHARIST DISTRIBUTION SONG

### How Sweet and Aweful Is the Place

ST. COLUMBA (C.M.)  
Old Irish hymn melody

Isaac Watts, *Hymns and Sacred Songs*, 1707

The musical score is written for a two-part setting (Soprano and Bass) in 3/2 time, featuring a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is characterized by a mix of eighth and sixteenth notes, with some rests. The lyrics are arranged in three systems, each corresponding to a line of music. The first system includes a list of six numbered verses. The second system includes a triplet of eighth notes. The third system includes a final line of lyrics.

1. How sweet and awe - ful is the place  
2. While all our hearts and all our songs  
3. "Why was I made to hear Thy voice,  
4. 'Twas the same love that spread the feast  
5. Pit - y long the na - tions, O our God!  
6. We long to see Thy church - es full,

With Christ with - in the doors, While ev - er - last - ing  
Join to ad - mire the feast, Each of us cry, with  
And en - ter while there's room, When thou - sands make a  
That sweet - ly drew us in; Else we had still re -  
Con - strain the earth to come; Send Thy vic - to - rious  
That all the cho - sen race May with one voice, and

love dis - plays The choic - est of her stores!  
thank - ful tongues, "Lord, why was I a guest?  
wretch - ed choice, And rath - er starve than come?"  
fused to taste, And per - ished in our sin.  
Word a - broad, And bring the stran - gers home.  
heart and soul, Sing Thy re - deem - ing grace.

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

SINE NOMINE (10 10, 10 4)  
Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

### For All the Saints

William Walsham How, 1864

Unison

1. For all the saints who from their la-bors rest, Who  
 2. Thou wast their Rock, their For-tress, and their Might;  
 3. O *may Thy sol-diers, faith-ful, true, and bold,* The  
 7. But lo! there breaks a yet more glo-rious day; Through  
 8. From earth's wide bounds, from o-cean's far-thest coasts,

Thy  
 Thee— by faith be-fore the world con-fessed, Thy  
 Thou, Lord, their Cap-tain in the well-fought fight; And  
 Fight as the saints who no-bly fought of old; The  
 saints— of tri-um-phant rise in bright ar-ray; host,  
 gates— of pearl streams in the count-less

(small notes st. 2 & 8)

Name, O Je-sus, be-for-ev-er blessed.  
 Thou, in the dark-ness drest, their one true Light.  
 King of glo-ry pass-es on His way, Ghost:  
 Sing-ing to Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly

Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia!

Harmony

4. O blest com-mun-ion! fel-low-ship di-vine! We fee-bly strug-gle,  
 5. And when the strife is fierce, the war-fare long, Steals on the ear the  
 6. The gold-en eve-ning bright-ens in the west; Soon, soon to faith-ful

(small notes st. 6)

they in glo-ry shine; Yet all are one in Thee, for all are  
 dis-tant in-umph song, And hearts are brave a-gain, and arms are  
 war-riors comes their rest: Sweet is the calm of Par-a-dise the

Thine.  
 strong, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia!  
 blessed.

## 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*

### Gloria Patri

GLORIA PATRI (Irreg.)  
Charles Meineke, 1844

2nd century

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the

The first line of musical notation for the Gloria Patri. It consists of a treble and bass staff in G major (one sharp). The melody is in an irregular meter. The lyrics are: "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

The second line of musical notation. The melody continues from the first line. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly Ghost; As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er".

shall be, world with - out end. A - men, a - men.

The third line of musical notation, ending with a double bar line. The melody concludes with a final chord. The lyrics are: "shall be, world with - out end. A - men, a - men."

REFORMATION COVENANT CHURCH PRESENTS

# Women Encouraged

REFORMATION COVENANT CHURCH  
OREGON CITY, OR

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FRIDAY 5 PM - 9 PM &  
SATURDAY 9 AM - 4 PM

**TICKETS:** \$45

**JOIN US FOR A TIME OF TEACHING & REFRESHMENT**

AS WE ENCOURAGE WOMEN TO GROW CLOSER TO  
CHRIST JESUS, FINDING THEIR IDENTITY IN HIM AND  
BEING SHAPED BY HIS WORD.

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