## EMYSTERY WOMAN: JESUS, THE COSM

BO COGBILL REVELATION 17–18

### Welcome

### TO REFORMATION COVENANT CHURCH

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.

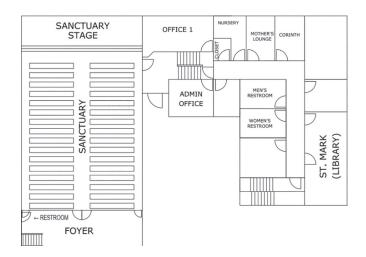
**Nursery.** We love having children involved in the whole service. Please don't worry if someone with you is wiggly – we are glad to have you all worshipping with us! During the sermon, the nursery room is available for children three and under. There is a Nursing Mother's room located adjacent to our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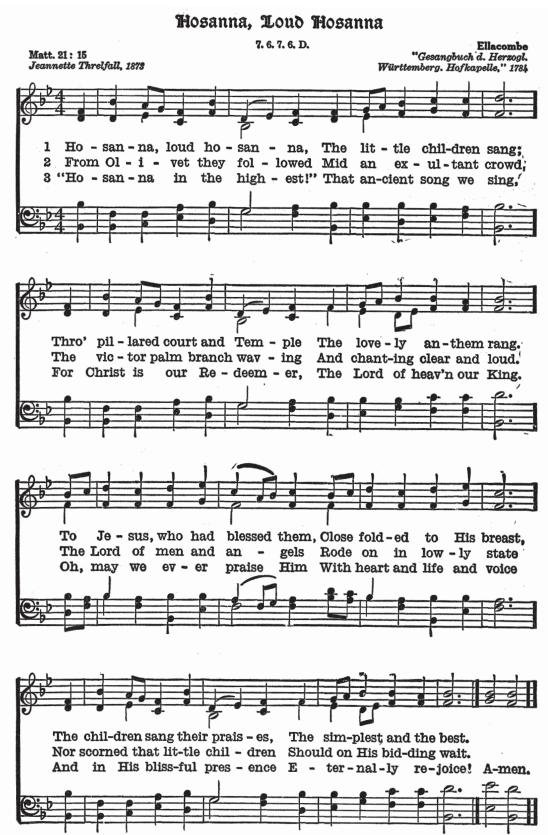
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### CALLS US BEFORE HIS PRESENCE



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

Matthew 28:19

Ruth 2:4

CONGREGATION RESPONDS

PASTOR GREETS

Congregation: Amen!

The LORD be with you!

And also with you!

I will bless the LORD at all times;

His praise shall continually be in my mouth.

My soul shall make its boast in the LORD;

The humble shall hear of it, and be glad.

Oh, magnify the LORD with me,

• And let us exalt His name together!

Psalm 29:4, 11



### CLEANSES US IN CHRIST

purification offering, gift of glory

"And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins, in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience, among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others."

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

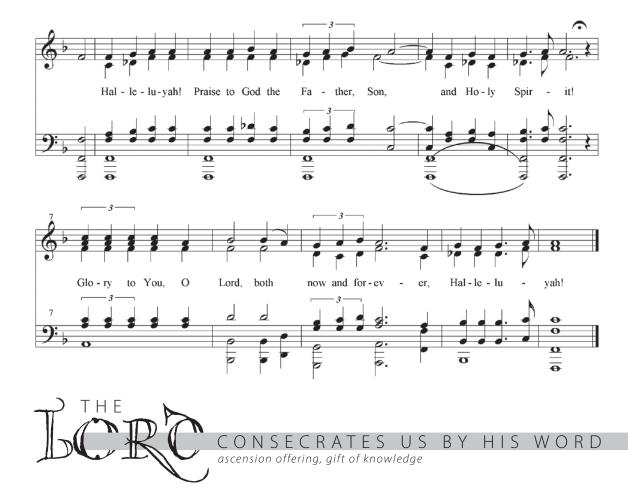
I confess to Almighty God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and before all the company of heaven, that I have sinned, in thought, word and deed, through my fault, my own fault, my own most grievous fault; wherefore, I pray Almighty God to have mercy upon me, to forgive all my sins, and to make 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

"But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus."

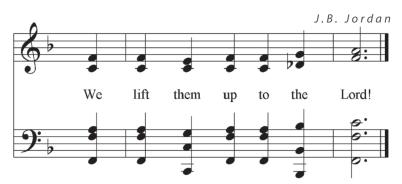
Ephesians 2:4–6

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



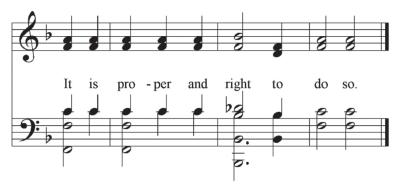
### SURSUM CORDA—lift up your heart





PASTOR LEADS LIFTING UP OF YOUR HANDS

Let us give thanks to the LORD, our God!



Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who for our sins was lifted high upon the cross, PASTOR SPEAKS that he might draw the whole world to himself; and who, by his suffering and death, became the source of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him.



### Rejoice, the Lord Is King



### PSALM 45

To the choirmaster: according to Lilies. A Maskil of the Sons of Korah; a love song.

PASTOR STARTS
CONGREGATION
RESPONDS

My heart overflows with a pleasing theme;

- I address my verses to the king; my tongue is like the pen of a ready scribe.
- <sup>2</sup> You are the most handsome of the sons of men;
- ¶ grace is poured upon your lips; therefore God has blessed you forever.
- <sup>3</sup> Gird your sword on your thigh, O mighty one,
- in your splendor and majesty!
- <sup>4</sup> In your majesty ride out victoriously
- for the cause of truth and meekness and righteousness;

let your right hand teach you awesome deeds!

- <sup>5</sup> Your arrows are sharp
- in the heart of the king's enemies; the peoples fall under you.
- <sup>6</sup> Your throne, O God, is forever and ever.
- The scepter of your kingdom is a scepter of uprightness;
- <sup>7</sup> you have loved righteousness and hated wickedness.

Therefore God, your God, has anointed you

- with the oil of gladness beyond your companions;
- <sup>8</sup> your robes are all fragrant with myrrh and aloes and cassia.

From ivory palaces stringed instruments make you glad;

- 9 daughters of kings are among your ladies of honor;
- at your right hand stands the queen in gold of Ophir.
- <sup>10</sup> Hear, O daughter, and consider, and incline your ear:
- forget your people and your father's house,
- <sup>11</sup> and the king will desire your beauty.

Since he is your lord, bow to him.

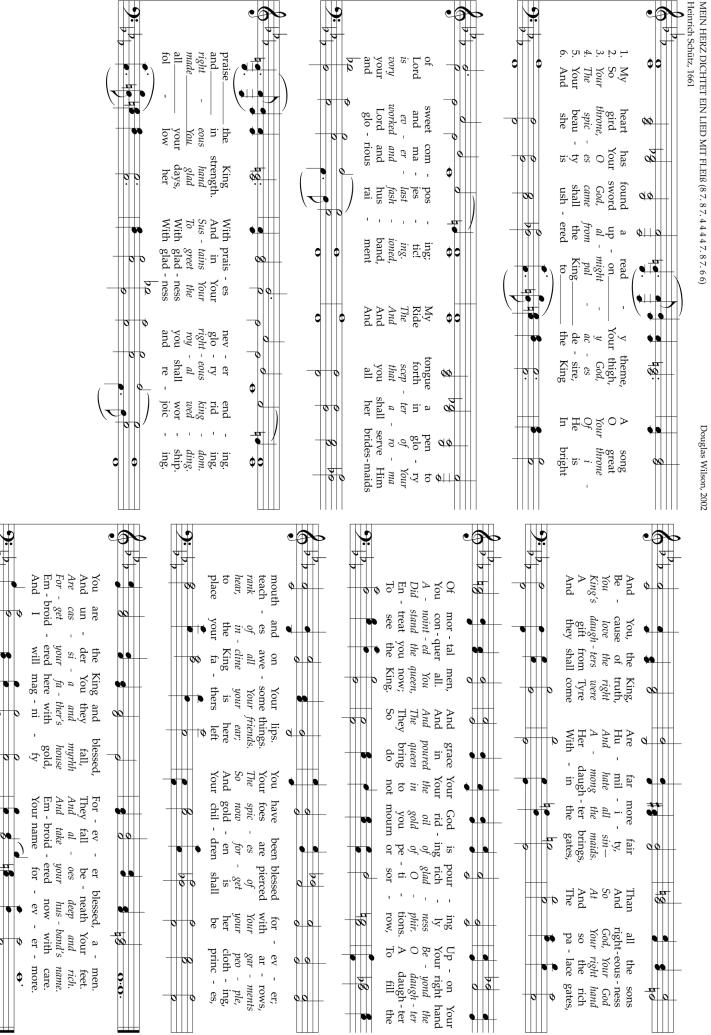
¶ 12 The people of Tyre will seek your favor with gifts,

the richest of the people.

- <sup>13</sup> All glorious is the princess in her chamber, with robes interwoven with gold.
- <sup>14</sup> In many-colored robes she is led to the king, with her virgin companions following behind her.
- <sup>15</sup> With joy and gladness they are led along
- s as they enter the palace of the king.
- <sup>16</sup> In place of your fathers shall be your sons;
- you will make them princes in all the earth.
- <sup>17</sup> I will cause your name to be remembered in all generations;
- therefore nations will praise you forever and ever.

# My Heart Has Found a Ready Theme

Psalm 45



### **EZEKIEL 16:8-16**

"When I passed by you again and saw you, behold, you were at the age for love, and I spread the corner of my garment over you and covered your nakedness; I made my vow to you and entered into a covenant with you, declares the Lord God, and you became mine. <sup>9</sup> Then I bathed you with water and washed off your blood from you and anointed you with oil. <sup>10</sup> I clothed you also with embroidered cloth and shod you with fine leather. I wrapped you in fine linen and covered you with silk. <sup>11</sup> And I adorned you with ornaments and put bracelets on your wrists and a chain on your neck. <sup>12</sup> And I put a ring on your nose and earrings in your ears and a beautiful crown on your head.

<sup>13</sup> Thus you were adorned with gold and silver, and your clothing was of fine linen and silk and embroidered cloth. You ate fine flour and honey and oil. You grew exceedingly beautiful and advanced to royalty. <sup>14</sup> And your renown went forth among the nations because of your beauty, for it was perfect through the splendor that I had bestowed on you, declares the Lord God.

<sup>15</sup> "But you trusted in your beauty and played the whore because of your renown and lavished your whorings on any passerby; your beauty became his. <sup>16</sup> You took some of your garments and made for yourself colorful shrines, and on them played the whore. The like has never been, nor ever shall be.

### **REVELATION 17:1-6**

Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls came and said to me, "Come, I will show you the judgment of the great prostitute who is seated on many waters, 2 with whom the kings of the earth have committed sexual immorality, and with the wine of whose sexual immorality the dwellers on earth have become drunk." 3 And he carried me away in the Spirit into a wilderness, and I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast that was full of blasphemous names, and it had seven heads and ten horns. <sup>4</sup> The woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet, and adorned with gold and jewels and pearls, holding in her hand a golden cup full of abominations and the impurities of her sexual immorality. 5 And on her forehead a name was written: "MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF PROSTITUTES AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE LAND." 6 And I saw the woman, drunk with the blood of the saints, the blood of the martyrs of Jesus.

## THE MYSTERY WOMAN: JESUS, THE KING OF THE HOLY CITY AND COSMOS

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### **Revelation: The Prophetic Epistle of Jesus**

### Revelation 1:1-5

[1] <u>The revelation of Jesus Christ</u>, which God gave him to show to his servants the <u>things that must soon take place</u>. He made it known by sending his angel to his servant John, [2] who bore witness to the word of God and to the testimony of Jesus Christ, even to all that he saw. [3] Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of <u>this prophecy</u>, and blessed are those who hear, and who keep what is written in it, for <u>the time is near</u>.

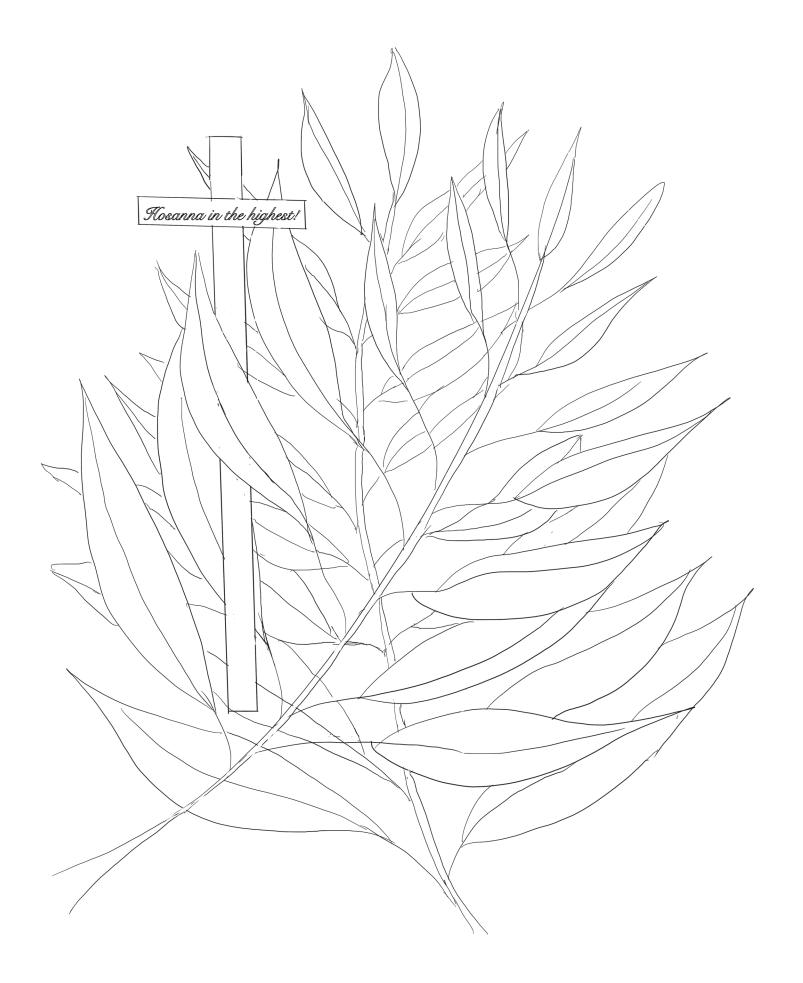
[4] John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, [5] and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth.





		Revelation 17:1	Revelation 21:9
		[1] Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls came and said to me, "Come, I will show you the judgment of the great prostitute who is seated on many waters,	[9] Then came one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues and spoke to me, saying, "Come, I will show you the Bride, the wife of the Lamb."
	High Priest	<u>Harlot Babylon</u> Old Jerusalem	<u>Bridal City</u> New Jerusalem
Head	HOLY TO YHWH (Exodus 28:36, 38)	Babylon the Great Mother of Prostitutes and the Land's Abominations (Revelation 17:5)	And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great, high mountain, and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God, (Revelation 21.10)
Garments	Exodus 28:4–5  [4] These are the garments that they shall make: a breastpiece, an ephod, a robe, a coat of checker work, a turban, and a sash. They shall make <u>hofy garments</u> for Aaron your brother and his sons to serve me as priests. [5] They shall receive <u>gold</u> , blue and <u>purple</u> and <u>scarlet</u> yarns, and <u>fine twined linen</u> .  Exodus 28:8–9  [8] And the skillfully woven band on it shall be made like it and be of one piece with it, of <u>gold</u> , blue and <u>purple</u> and <u>scarlet</u> yarns, and <u>fine twined linen</u> . [9] You shall take two onyx stones, and <u>engrave on them the names</u> of the sons of Israel,	Revelation 17:4  [4] The woman was arrayed in <i>purple</i> and <i>scarlet</i> , and adorned with <i>gold</i> and <i>jewels</i> and pearls, holding in her hand a golden cup full of abominations and the impurities of her sexual immorality.  Revelation 18:16  [16] "Alas, alas, for <i>the great city</i> that was clothed in <i>fine linen</i> , in <i>purple</i> and <i>scarlet</i> , adorned with <i>gold</i> , with <i>jewels</i> , and with pearls!	Revelation 21:11–12, 18–22  [11] having the glory of God, its radiance like a most rare jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal. [12] It had a great, high wall, with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and on the gates the names of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel were inscribed—[18] The wall was built of jasper, while the city was pure gold, like clear glass. [19] The foundations of the wall of the city were adorned with every kind of jewel. The first was jasper, the second sapphire, the third agate, the fourth emerald, [20] the fifth onyx, the sixth carnelian, the seventh chrysolite, the eighth beryl, the ninth topaz, the tenth chrysoprase, the eleventh jacinth, the twelfth amethyst. [21] And the twelve gates were twelve pearls, each of the gates made of a single pearl, and the street of the city was pure gold, like transparent glass.  [22] And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb.

	Babylon is Jerusalem	
Distinct from the Beast	17:3; 17:7; 13:11-18; 17:16-17	
City of the "land"	17:18, 18:10,16,18,19,21	
Connected w/wilderness	17:3 w/11:6, 8; 12:12	
Great City	11:8 (compare w/Luke 9:31; 13:33-34; 18:31; 24:18-20); 14:8; 16:19; 17:18; 18:21; Jer. 22:8; Lam. 1:1	
Woe Pronounced over them	18:10, 16, 19, 21 w/11:14	
Exists when Rome has 10 provinces, 5 dead emperors, 1 now, 1 to come	17:7, 10, 12-14, 16-17	
Command to "flee" the City from God	18:4 w/Matt. 24:15-20; Mark 13:14-18; Luke 21:20-24	
Prophets witness against her	18:20 w/11:3	
Punished for martyring prophets and saints	6:9-11; 18:20,24; 18:24; 16:5-6 w/Matt. 23:31-36; Luke 11:49-50; Luke 23:28-31; 1 Thess. 2:14-16; John 19:6,15; Acts 2:22-23,36; 3:13-15; 5:30; 7:52	
Priestly Colors	17:4-5 w/ Exodus 25:2, 4; 26:1, 31, 36; 27:16; 28:1-2, 4-12, 15, 17-23, 33, 36-38	
Given Pagan Name	11:8; 14:8; 16:19; 17:5	
Symbolic/Mysterious Name	17:9 w/11:8	
Get Authority from the Beast	17:3, 7 w/11:7-8, 13:11-18	
Doomed to Burn w/Fire	17:16; 18:8 w/11:2, 5, 13-14, 18	
Land is judged by plagues	18:4, 9, 11 w/11:6, 10, 18	
God avenges dead because of them	18:20 w/11:18	
After Judgment, Christ is Praised	17:14 w/11:15; 19:16	



### 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

### All Glory, Laud, and Honor



### 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



### 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 one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible;

CONGREGATION RESPONDS

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, Begotten of his Father before all worlds; God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God; Begotten, not made; Being of one substance with the Father; By whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, And was made man; And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried; And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, And ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father; And he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord, and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; Who spake by the Prophets.

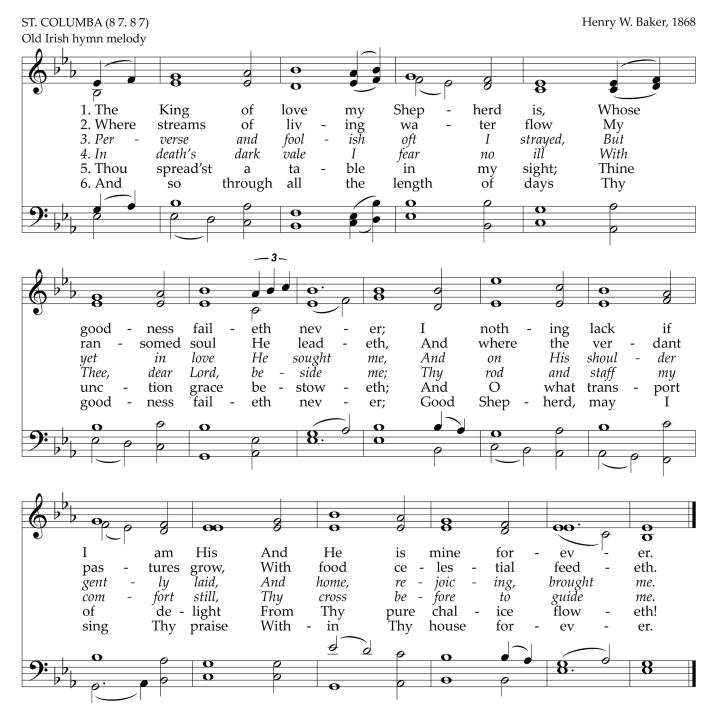
And I believe one holy catholic and apostolic Church; I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; And I look for the resurrection of the dead, And the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Nicene Creed

### **EUCHARIST DISTRIBUTION SONG**

### The King of Love My Shepherd Is

Psalm 23



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

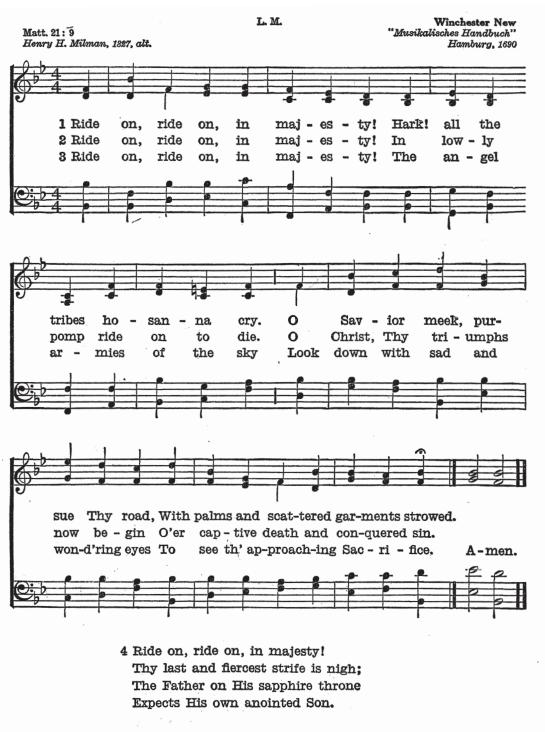
ALL: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ is reigning, and Christ will come again. Amen.



### COMMISSIONS US AND SENDS US OUT

### FINAL SCRIPTURE READING

CONGREGATION STANDS



5 Ride on, ride on, in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die.
Bow Thy meek head to mortal pain,
Then take, O Christ, Thy power and reign.

### 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



### Men!



Please join us May 5 & 6 in Vancouver, WA for a weekend event to equip you to be a better husband, father, and head of household (even if you're not one yet!).

This Fri-Sat. intensive will be led by Rory Groves, Nathan Spearing, and Pastor C.R. Wiley.

Cost: \$25 + Eventbrite fee; includes snacks, drinks, hors d'oeuvres, and Sat. lunch.

After we finish on Saturday, there will be a dinner cookout for additional fellowship.

Rory Groves	Nathan Spearing
The Family Economy: God's Design for the Biblical Household	A Theology of Violence Making the Battle
Father's Day: Vision and Provision	

Scan the QR code for conference details and registration.



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