



ST. MARK  
REFORMED CHURCH

*Morning Worship*  
*12 July 2020*  
*Sixth Sunday of Trinity*

## **GREETINGS TO OUR VISITORS!**

If you are visiting St. Mark today, we welcome you to our worship service and Christian community. We are delighted the Lord has brought you to worship with us and look forward to meeting you. If you are baptized in the name of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit, you are welcome to partake of the Lord's Supper.

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### **ABOUT US:**

St. Mark Reformed Church is a member church of the Communion of Reformed Evangelical Churches (CREC). Our congregation is centered on classical Christian worship that is robust, reverent, and joyful. We offer solid biblical preaching and teaching from a Reformed perspective. We are a family-friendly, welcoming congregation, desiring unity with all fellow believers. We believe and seek to embody the good news of the gospel—that salvation from sin is found in Christ alone, to be received by faith alone. We long to be a community that practices love, service, and mercy toward our community and the world.

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## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

#### COLLECT OF THE DAY

Blessed Lord, since You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen. **(Stand at the conclusion of the Prelude)**

## *The Lord Calls Us*

Pastor: Christ is risen!

**People: He is risen indeed!**

Pastor: Christ is ascended!

**People: That He might fill all things. Hallelujah!**

Pastor: The Spirit has been given!

**People: The promised Gift of gifts!**

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Psalm 113

Pastor: Amen!

**People: Amen!**

Hymn of Procession

*Round the Lord in Glory Seated*

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1. Round the Lord in glo - ry seat - ed, cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim  
 2. Heav'n is still with glo - ry ring - ing, earth takes up the an - gels' cry,  
 3. With his ser - aph train be - fore him, with his ho - ly church be - low,  
 4. Thus your glo - rious name con - fess - ing, we a - dopt your an - gels' cry,

filled his tem - ple, and re - peat - ed each to each th'al - ter - nate hymn:  
 "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly," sing - ing, "Lord of Hosts, the Lord Most High."  
 thus u - nite we to a - dore him, bid we thus our an - them flow:  
 "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly," bless - ing you, the Lord of Hosts Most High.

REFRAIN

"Lord, your glo - ry fills the heav - en, earth is with its ful - ness stored;

un - to you be glo - ry giv - en, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!"

Compiled from Richard Mant, 1837  
 Alt. 1990, mod.

SANCTUS 8.7.8.7.D.  
 John Richards (Isalaw), 1843-1908

**Congregation: AMEN!**

Pastor: I rejoiced when they said unto me, "Let us go into the house of the Lord!"

**People: Our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem!**

(Psalm 122:1-2)

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord!

**People: The Maker of heaven and earth!**

(Psalm 124:8)

Pastor: Let us pray . . .

# The Lord Cleanses Us

THE PURIFICATION OFFERING

Pastor: Dearly beloved brethren, the Scriptures teach us that whoever covers his sins shall not prosper, but whoever confesses and forsakes them shall find mercy.

## Hymn of Confession

*Holy God, Holy and Mighty*

*Trisagion*

Alexander Archangelsky, 1846-1924

Ho - - - ly God, ho - ly and might - y,  
ho - ly im - mor - tal One, have mer - cy up - on us.

Pastor: The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him. Let us humbly kneel and confess our sins together . . .

We confess to You, **Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit**; that we have grievously sinned in thought, word, and deed. Make us truly contrite. Fill us with holy fear; and give us grace to amend our lives according to Your word. **Almighty and merciful Father**, restore our souls in **Jesus Christ**, that we may be merciful and kind, even as You are. Let your forgiveness make us willing to forgive all wrong which we have suffered, and to ask forgiveness for every wrong which we have done. Give us the spirit of our Lord **Jesus Christ** who dwelt among men in great humility, and was meek and lowly of heart. Let the same mind be in us which was also in Him. Let our love and charity be abundant as our joy, that our hearts may be tender to all need, and our hands give freely for His sake. And grant that, being rooted and grounded in the mystery of the **Son of God** being made flesh for us, we may receive power to overcome the world and gain life eternal through the same **Jesus Christ** our Lord. Amen.

Pastor: Arise and hear the good news of God's forgiveness!

## DECLARATION OF ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Brothers and sisters in the Lord **Jesus Christ**: Know surely, your sins are forgiven! Believe the gospel and rejoice in the hope of eternal life. Amen!

**People: Amen!**

# The Lord Consecrates Us

THE ASCENSION OFFERING

Hymn of Ascent

*Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim*

1. Ye ser - vants of God, your Mas - ter pro - claim,  
2. God rul - eth on high, al - might - y to save;  
3. Sal - va - tion to God, who sits on the throne!  
4. Then let us a - dore, and give him his right,

and pub - lish a - broad his won - der - ful name;  
and still he is nigh - his pres - ence we have.  
Let all cry a - loud and hon - or the Son.  
all glo - ry and pow'r, and wis - dom and might,

the name, all vic - to - rious, of Je - sus ex - tol;  
The great con - gre - ga - tion his tri - umph shall sing,  
The prais - es of Je - sus the an - gels pro - claim,  
all hon - or and bless - ing, with an - gels a - bove,

his king - dom is glo - rious and rules o - ver all.  
as - crib - ing sal - va - tion to Je - sus, our King.  
fall down on their fac - es and wor - ship the Lamb.  
and thanks nev - er ceas - ing for in - fi - nite love.

Charles Wesley, 1744; alt.

LYONS 10.10.11.11.  
Johann Michael Haydn, 1737-1806  
Arr. in William Gardiner's *Sacred Melodies*, 1815

Congregation: AMEN!

THE SURSUM CORDA

Pastor: Lift up your hearts!

**People: We lift them up to the Lord!**

Pastor: O Lord, open our lips!

**People: And our mouths will declare your praise!**

*The Doxology* (with hands upraised - 1 Timothy 2:8)

OLD HUNDREDTH (L.M.)

*Genevan Psalter*, 1551

Louis Bourgeois, 1510-1561

Thomas Ken, 1709

Praise God from Whom all bless - ings flow;

Praise Him, all crea - tures here be - low;

Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host;

Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

(The congregation may be seated)

Pastor: For the word of God is living and active,

**People: sharper than any two-edged sword,**

Pastor: piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and marrow,

**People: and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.**

(Hebrews 4:12)

THE LESSON:

Isaiah 55:10-13

Lector: The Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

THE PSALM:

65:1-10

WEBB, 76.76.D.

1. <sup>1</sup>Praise waits for Thee in Zi - on! To Thee vows paid shall be.  
 2. <sup>4</sup>How blessed the man Thou choos - est And bring - est near to Thee,  
 3. <sup>5</sup>O God of our sal - va - tion, Thou in Thy right - eous - ness

<sup>2</sup>O God, of prayer the hear - er, All flesh shall come to Thee.  
 That in Thy courts for - ev - er His dwell - ing place may be.  
 With awe - some deeds and won - ders Thine an - swer wilt ex - press,

<sup>3</sup>In - i - qui - ties are dai - ly Pre - vail - ing o - ver me,  
 We shall with - in Thy tem - ple Be whol - ly sat - is - fied  
 O Thou in Whom con - fid - ing All ends of earth a - gree,

But all of our trans - ges - sions Are cov - ered o'er by Thee.  
 And filled with all the good - ness Thy sa - cred courts pro - vide.  
 And peo - ple who are sail - ing Up - on the far - thest sea.

4. Thy might has built the mountains; Pow'r clothes Thee ev - er - more,  
 To calm the nations' clamor And still the ocean's roar.  
 Thine awesome signs and wonders Fill distant lands with fear.  
 Thou makest dawn and sunshine For joy to shout and cheer.

Congregation: AMEN!



THE EPISTLE

Romans 8:12-17

Lector: The Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

(Please stand)

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Pastor: The Gospel of Christ!

People: Praise be to Christ!

*Gloria Patri* (with hands upraised - 1 Timothy 2:8)

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, a - men.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

*Nicene Creed*

Pastor: Let us confess our faith together. Christian, in whom do you believe?

*Unison: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty,*

*Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.*

*And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the 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 Spirit 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 sits on the right hand of the Father;*

*and He shall come again, with glory, to judge the quick and the dead;*

*whose kingdom shall have no end.*

*And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life;*

*who proceeds from the Father and the Son;*

*who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified;*

*who spoke 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 congregation may be seated)

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Pastor: The Word of the Lord!

**People: Thanks be to God!**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON

“The Shaping of a Christian Community”

Mr. Brian McLain, Deacon

THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

# The Lord Collects Our Gifts

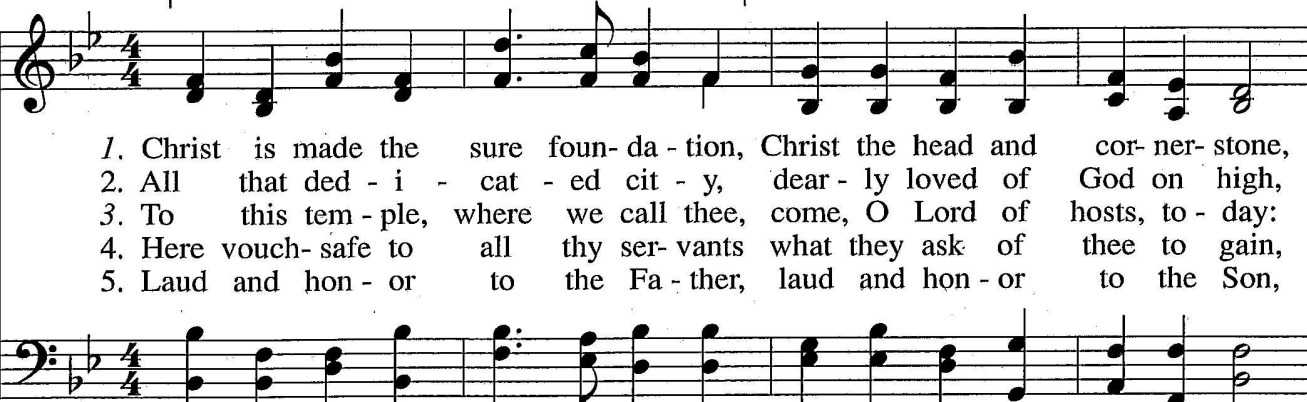
THE TRIBUTE OFFERING

COLLECTION OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

(Please stand.)

Offertory Hymn

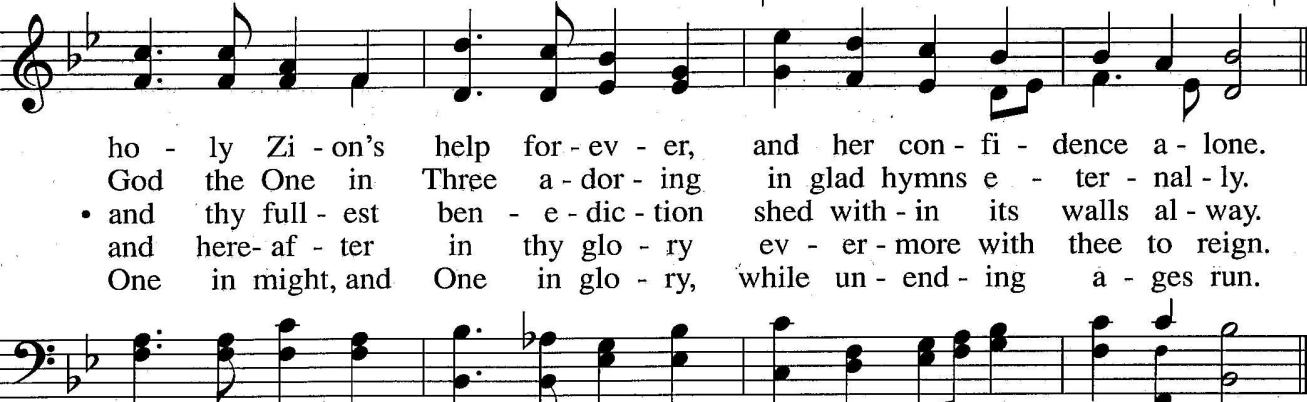
*Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation*



1. Christ is made the sure foun-da-tion, Christ the head and cor-ner-stone,  
2. All that ded-i-cat-ed cit-y, dear-ly loved of God on high,  
3. To this tem-ple, where we call thee, come, O Lord of hosts, to-day:  
4. Here vouch-safe to all thy ser-vants what they ask of thee to gain,  
5. Laud and hon-or to the Fa-ther, laud and hon-or to the Son,



cho-sen of the Lord and pre-cious, bind-ing all the church in one;  
in ex-ul-tant ju-bi-la-tion pours per-pet-ual mel-o-dy;  
• with thy wont-ed lov-ing-kind-ness hear thy peo-ple as they pray;  
what they gain from thee for-ev-er with the bless-ed to re-tain,  
laud and hon-or to the Spir-it, ev-er Three and ev-er One,



ho-ly Zi-on's help for-ev-er, and her con-fi-dence a-lone.  
God the One in Three a-dor-ing in glad hymns e-ter-nal-ly.  
• and thy full-est ben-e-dic-tion shed with-in its walls al-way.  
and here-af-ter in thy glo-ry ev-er-more with thee to reign.  
One in might, and One in glo-ry, while un-end-ing a-ges run.

Latin, 7th cent.  
Tr. by John Mason Neale, 1851  
Alt. in *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1861

REGENT SQUARE 8.7.8.7.8.7.  
Henry Smart, 1876

Congregation: AMEN!

Pastor: What gifts have you brought for your Lord?

People: We give only what the Lord has first given to us. We offer ourselves in Christ through confession, praise and thanksgiving; we give our prayers and alms for the sake of the world; and we participate in the Lord's Supper as a memorial of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen!

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Pastor: Father, receive now these gifts offered to you in and through the Lord Jesus Christ, as we return to you a portion of that which you have freely given us. Use these tithes and offerings to support the work of the church, to care for the poor and needy, to promote the spread of the gospel to the ends of the earth, and to build up your kingdom. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

People: Amen.

## The Lord Communes with Us

THE PEACE OFFERING

### Agnus Dei

JOHN MERBECKE, 1549

*In unison*

O Lamb of God, that ta-kest a-way the sins of the world,  
have mer-cy up-on us. O Lamb of God, that ta-kest a-way the  
sins of the world, have mer-cy up-on us. O Lamb of God,  
that ta-kest a-way the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

INTERCESSORY PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH AND THE WORLD

(Standing if able.)

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole Church, that our Lord God would defend her against all the assaults and temptations of the adversary and keep her perpetually on the true foundation, Jesus Christ:

**Save and defend your Church universal, purchased with the precious Blood of Christ. Give to her pastors and ministers according to your Spirit, and strengthen her through the Word and the sacraments. Make her perfect in love and in good works, and establish her in the faith once delivered to the saints. Sanctify and unite your people in all the world, that one holy Church may bear witness to you, the God and Father of all. Amen.**

Pastor: Let us pray for our missionaries:

**Send forth your light and your truth into all the earth, O Lord. Raise up, we pray, faithful servants to Christ to labor in the Gospel at home and in distant lands. Grant strength and perseverance to all of our missionaries. Grant that they may rejoice in a rich harvest of souls for your kingdom. Support them in times of trial and weakness, and make them steadfast, abounding in the work of the Lord. Bring the nations into your fold, pour out your Spirit on all flesh, and hasten the coming of the fullness of the kingdom of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Pastor: Let us pray for all those in authority that we may live quiet and peaceable lives in all godliness and honesty:

**O merciful Father in heaven, because you hold in your hand all the might of man and because you have ordained, for the punishment of evildoers and for the praise of those who do well, all the powers that exist in all the nations of the world, we humbly pray you graciously to regard your servants, especially the President and the Congress of the United States, the Governor of Tennessee, the Mayor of Nashville, and all those who make, administer, and judge our laws, that all who receive the sword as your ministers may bear it according to your Word; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Pastor: Let us pray for those who are in any way afflicted, oppressed, or troubled in body or soul:

**God of mercies, we pray that you would comfort with the grace of your Holy Spirit all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity, especially those whom we name in our hearts before you....**

Remember those who suffer persecution for the faith.

**Have mercy upon those to whom death draws near. Bring consolation to those in sorrow or mourning. And to all your people grant a message of your love, taking them into your tender care. Amen.**

Pastor: Finally, let us offer the prayer that our Lord has taught us.

*The Lord's Prayer*  
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Our Fa-ther, who art in hea-ven, hal-low-ed be Thy Name, Thy King - dom come,

Thy will be done on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our dai-ly bread,

and for - give us our debts, as we for - give our debt - ors,

and lead us not in-to temp-ta - tion, but de - liv - er us from e - vil.

For Thine is the king-dom, and the pow-er and the glo-ry For - ev-er! A-men.

PREFACE AND SANCTUS

Pastor: The love of God the Father, the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Holy things for holy people!

**People: The gifts of God for the people of God!**

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you!

**People: And also with you!**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

**People: It is good and right to do so!**

Pastor: It is very good and right that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you, O Holy Lord, Father Almighty, Everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we praise and magnify your glorious name, evermore praising you and singing:

*The Sanctus*

*fff* 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!

(The congregation may be seated).

[Note to Visitors: If you are baptized in the name of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit you are welcome to partake of the Lord's Supper.]

## THE LORD'S SUPPER

THE BREAD: Prayer of thanksgiving, breaking the bread, distribution, eating together.

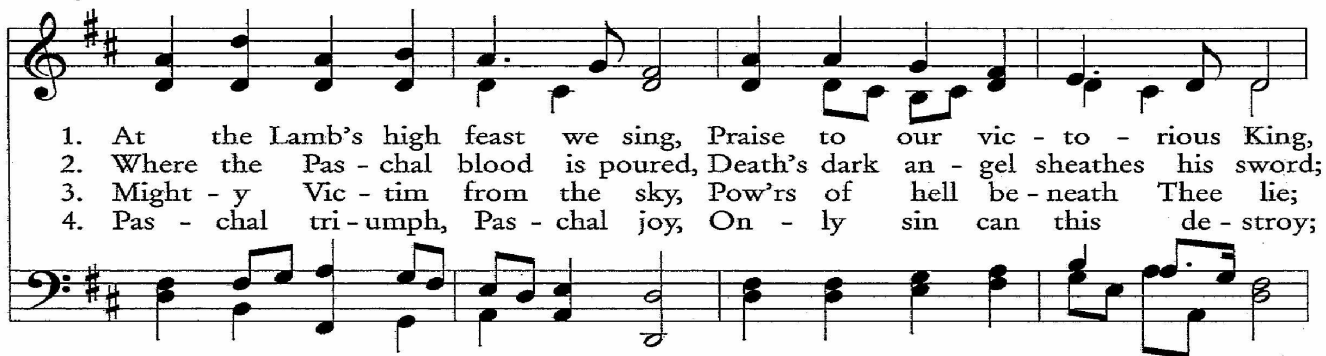
THE WINE: Prayer of thanksgiving, distribution, drink after you have taken your cup.

### Hymn of Distribution

*At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing*  
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\* We will sing vv. 1-2 during the distribution of the bread, and vv.3-4 during the distribution of the wine.

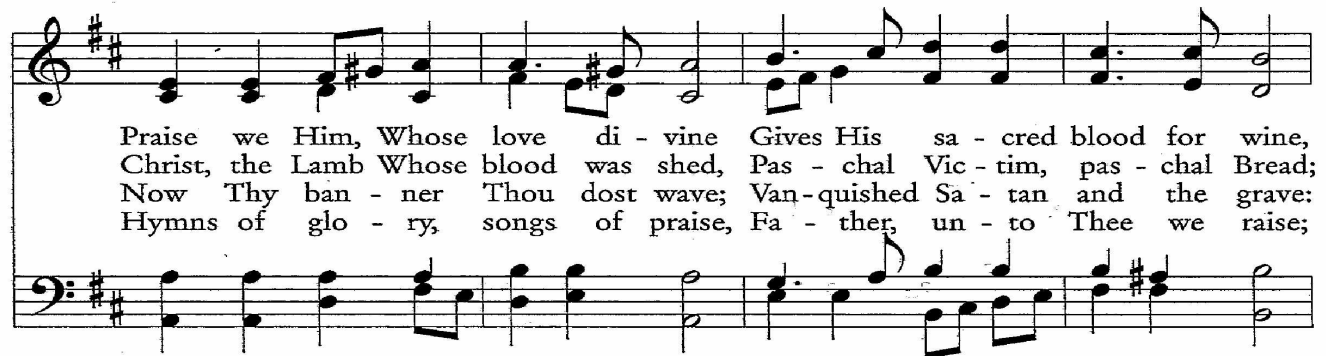




1. At the Lamb's high feast we sing, Praise to our vic - to - rious King,  
2. Where the Pas - chal blood is poured, Death's dark an - gel sheathes his sword;  
3. Might - y Vic - tim from the sky, Pow'rs of hell be - neath Thee lie;  
4. Pas - chal tri - umph, Pas - chal joy, On - ly sin can this de - stroy;



Who hath washed us in the tide Flow - ing from his pierc - ed side;  
Is - rael's hosts tri - um - phant go Through the wave that drowns the foe.  
Death is bro - ken in the fight, Thou hast brought us life and light;  
From sin's pow'r do Thou set free Souls re - born, O Lord, in Thee.



Praise we Him, Whose love di - vine Gives His sa - cred blood for wine,  
Christ, the Lamb Whose blood was shed, Pas - chal Vic - tim, pas - chal Bread;  
Now Thy ban - ner Thou dost wave; Van - quished Sa - tan and the grave;  
Hymns of glo - ry, songs of praise, Fa - ther, un - to Thee we raise;



Gives His bod - y for the feast, Christ the Vic - tim, Christ the Priest.  
With sin - cer - i - ty and love Eat we Man - na from a - bove.  
An - gels join His praise to tell, See o'er - thrown the prince of hell.  
Ris - en Lord, all praise to Thee, Ev - er with the Spir - it be.

**Congregation: AMEN!**

Pastor: The body and blood of the Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you all steadfast in the true faith and in unity unto life everlasting, in the name of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**People: Amen!** (Please stand)

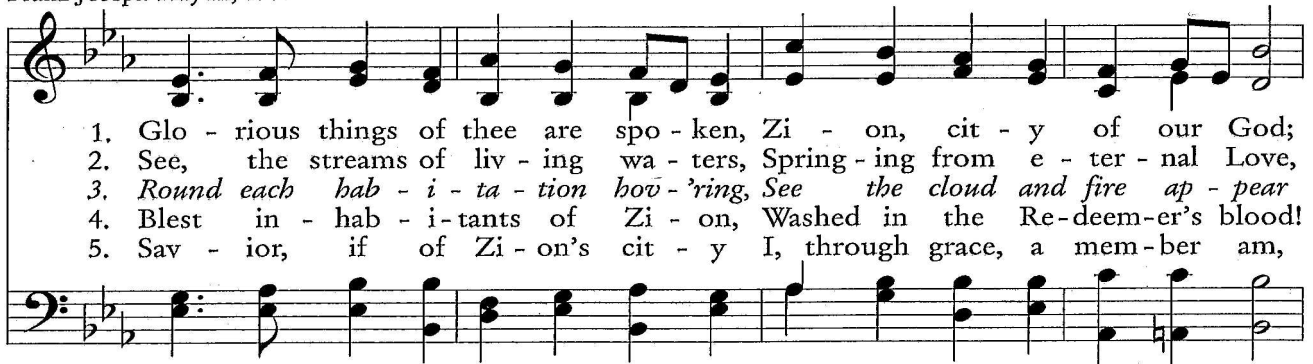
# The Lord Commissions Us

Hymn of Dismissal

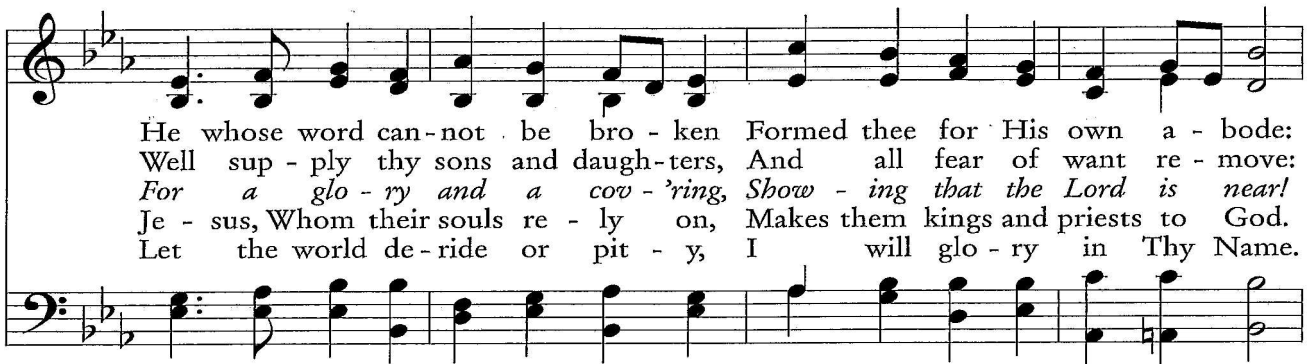
Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

AUSTRIAN HYMN (8 7. 8 7. D.)  
Franz Joseph Haydn, 1797

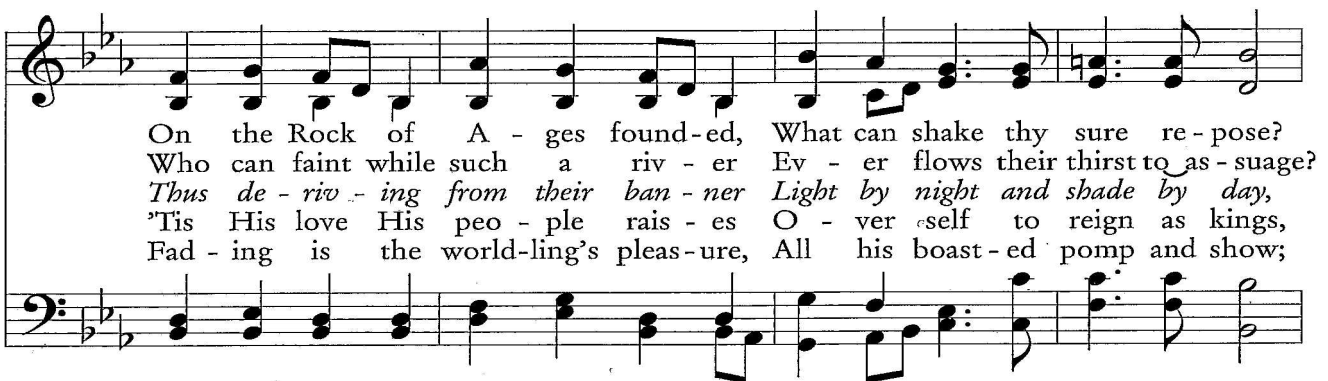
John Newton, 1779



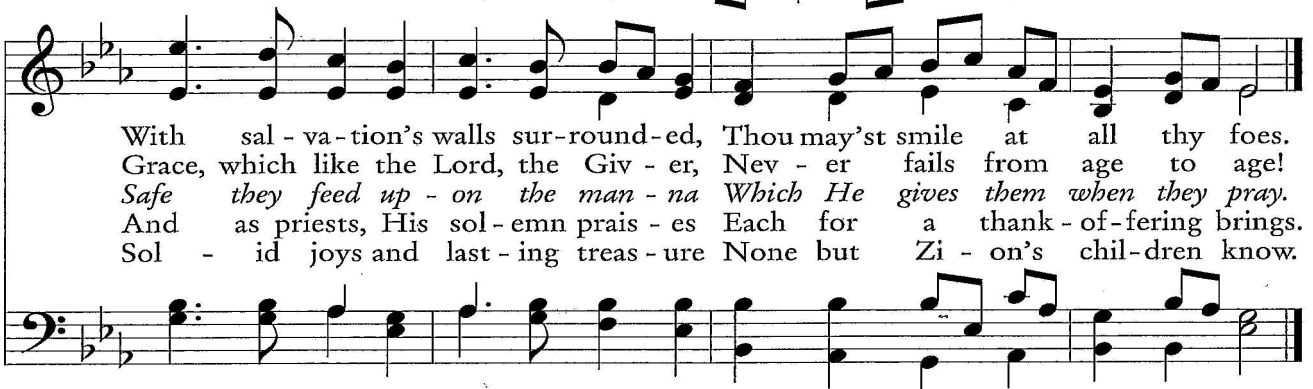
1. Glo - rious things of thee are spo - ken, Zi - on, cit - y of our God;  
2. See, the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, Spring - ing from e - ter - nal Love,  
3. *Round each hab - i - ta - tion hov - 'ring, See the cloud and fire ap - pear*  
4. Blest in - hab - i - tants of Zi - on, Washed in the Re - deem - er's blood!  
5. Sav - ior, if of Zi - on's cit - y I, through grace, a mem - ber am,



He whose word can - not be bro - ken Formed thee for His own a - bode:  
Well sup - ply thy sons and daugh - ters, And all fear of want re - move:  
*For a glo - ry and a cov - 'ring, Show - ing that the Lord is near!*  
Je - sus, Whom their souls re - ly on, Makes them kings and priests to God.  
Let the world de - ride or pit - y, I will glo - ry in Thy Name.



On the Rock of A - ges found - ed, What can shake thy sure re - pose?  
Who can faint while such a riv - er Ev - er flows their thirst to as - suage?  
*Thus de - riv - ing from their ban - ner Light by night and shade by day,*  
'Tis His love His peo - ple rais - es O - ver self to reign as kings,  
Fad - ing is the world - ling's pleas - ure, All his boast - ed pomp and show;



With sal - va - tion's walls sur - round - ed, Thou may'st smile at all thy foes.  
Grace, which like the Lord, the Giv - er, Nev - er fails from age to age!  
*Safe they feed up - on the man - na Which He gives them when they pray.*  
And as priests, His sol - emn prais - es Each for a thank - of - fering brings.  
Sol - id joys and last - ing treas - ure None but Zi - on's chil - dren know.

Congregation: AMEN!

Pastor: And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." - Matthew 28:18-20

Pastor: And now look up to receive the Lord's blessing ...

THE BENEDICTION

THREEFOLD AMEN

The musical notation consists of two staves, a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics 'A - men.' are written below the treble staff. The first two measures of the melody are identical, each containing the notes A4, B4, C5, and B4. The third measure contains the notes A4, B4, C5, and B4, with a longer note value for the final B4. The fourth measure contains the notes A4, B4, C5, and B4, with a longer note value for the final B4. The bass line consists of a series of chords: a D4-F#4 chord, a D4-F#4 chord, a D4-F#4 chord, and a D4-F#4 chord. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

POSTLUDE

