



# ST. MARK

## REFORMED CHURCH

*Morning Worship*  
*22 November 2020*  
*Christ the King*  
*Last Sunday of the Church Year*

## **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.

## **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

### COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; 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 47:1-8

Pastor: Amen!

**People: Amen!**

### Hymn of Procession

*O Worship the King*  
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LYONS (10 10. 11 11)  
 attr. Johann Michael Haydn (1737-1806)  
 arr. William Gardiner's *Sacred Melodies*, 1815

Robert Grant, 1833; alt.



1. O wor - ship the King all glo - rious a - bove, O  
 2. O tell of His might, O sing of His grace, Whose  
 3. *This* earth, with its store of won - ders un - told, Al -  
 4. *Thy* boun - ti - ful care, *what* tongue can re - cite? It  
 5. Frail chil - dren of dust, and fee - ble as frail, In  
 6. O meas - ure - less might! In - ef - fa - ble love! While



grate - ful - ly sing His power and His love; Our  
 robe is the light, whose can - o - py space. His  
 might - y, *Thy* power *hath* found - ed of old; *Hath*  
*breathes* in the air, it *shines* in the light; *It*  
 Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail; *Thy*  
 an - gels de - light to hymn Thee a - bove, *The*



Shield and De - fen - der, the An - cient of Days, Pa -  
 char - iots of wrath the deep thun - der - clouds form, And  
*stab - lished* it fast by a change - less de - cree, And  
*streams* from the hills, it de - scends to the plain, And  
 mer - cies how ten - der! how firm to the end! Our  
 hum - bler cre - a - tion, though fee - ble their lays, With



vil - ioned in splen - dor, and gird - ed with praise.  
 dark is His path on the wings of the storm.  
 round it *hath* cast, like a man - tle, the sea.  
 sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.  
 Mak - er, De - fend - er, Re - deem - er, and Friend.  
 true a - do - ra - tion shall all sing Thy praise.

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 . . . (kneeling, if able)

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!

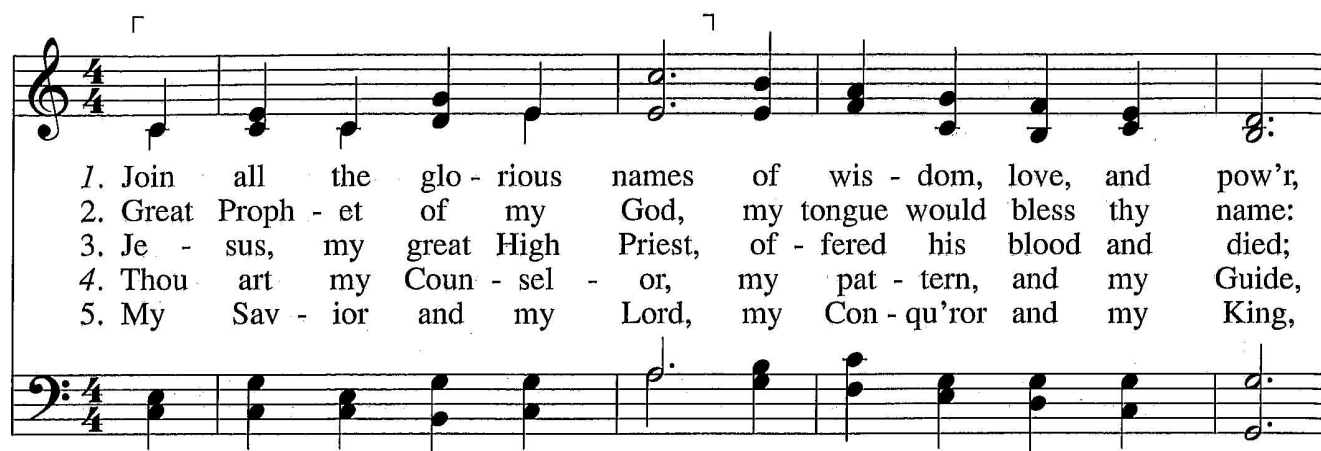
**People: Amen!**

# The Lord Consecrates Us

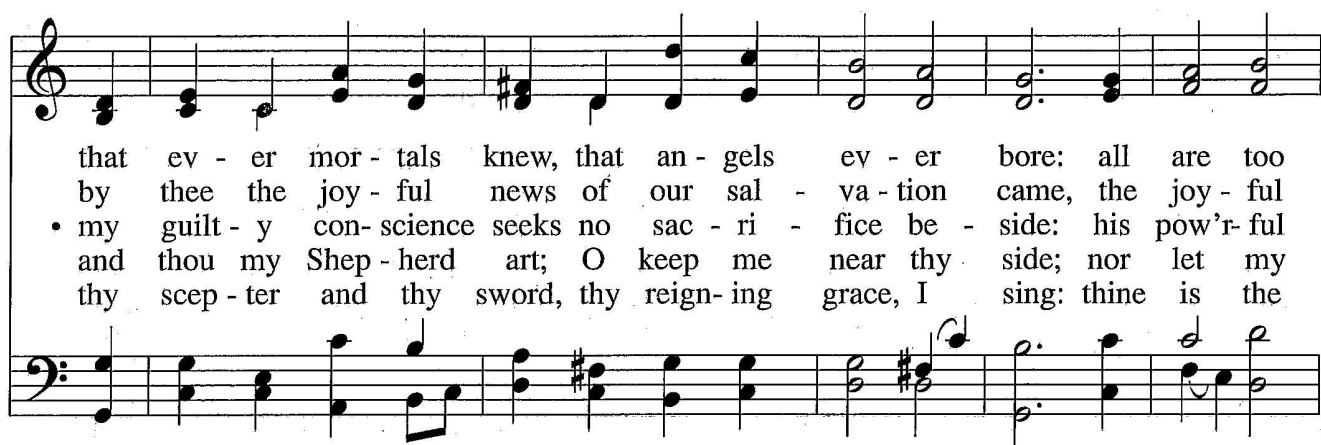
THE ASCENSION OFFERING

Hymn of Ascent

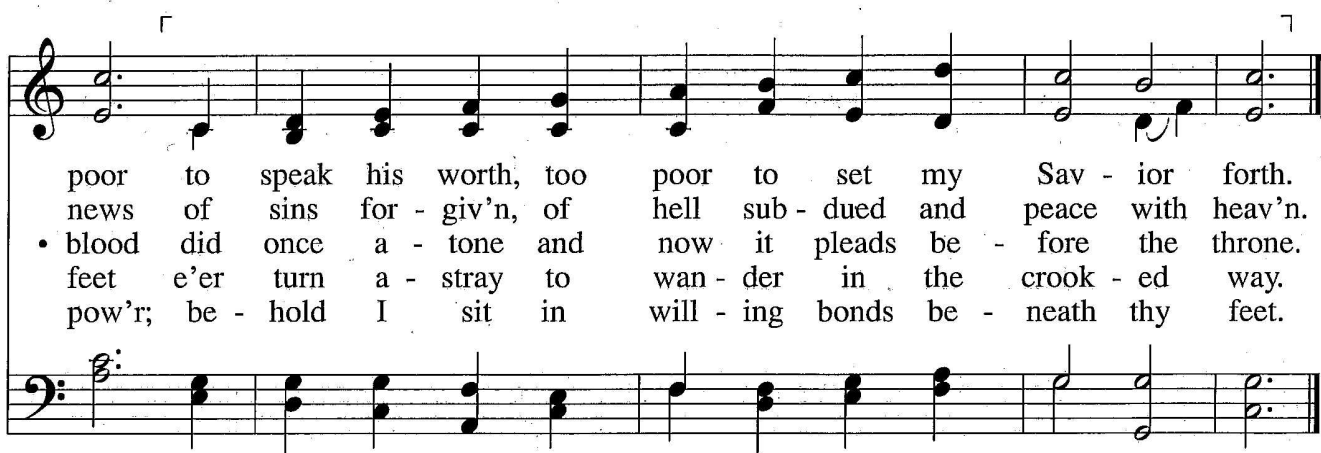
*Join All the Glorious Names*



1. Join all the glo - rious names of wis - dom, love, and pow'r,  
 2. Great Proph - et of my God, my tongue would bless thy name:  
 3. Je - sus, my great High Priest, of - fered his blood and died;  
 4. Thou art my Coun - sel - or, my pat - tern, and my Guide,  
 5. My Sav - ior and my Lord, my Con - qu'ror and my King,



that ev - er mor - tals knew, that an - gels ev - er bore: all are too  
 by thee the joy - ful news of our sal - va - tion came, the joy - ful  
 • my guilt - y con - science seeks no sac - ri - fice be - side: his pow'r - ful  
 and thou my Shep - herd art; O keep me near thy side; nor let my  
 thy scep - ter and thy sword, thy reign - ing grace, I sing: thine is the



poor to speak his worth, too poor to set my Sav - ior forth.  
 news of sins for - giv'n, of hell sub - dued and peace with heav'n.  
 • blood did once a - tone and now it pleads be - fore the throne.  
 feet e'er turn a - stray to wan - der in the crook - ed way.  
 pow'r; be - hold I sit in will - ing bonds be - neath thy feet.

Isaac Watts, 1707

DARWALL 6.6.6.6.8.8.  
 John Darwall, 1770

**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:

Lector: The Word of the Lord!

**People: Thanks be to God!**

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

THE PSALM:

*Psalm 95:1-7a*



- [1] Oh come, let us sing | to the LORD;  
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal- | vation!
- [2] Let us come into his presence with thanks- | giving;  
let us make a joyful noise to him with | songs of praise!
- [3] For the LORD is a | great God,  
and a great King a- | bove all gods.
- [4] In his hand are the depths | of the earth;  
the heights of the mountains are his | also.
- [5] The sea is his, for he | made it,  
and his hands formed the | dry land.
- [6] Oh come, let us worship and | bow down;  
let us kneel before the LORD, our | Maker!
- [7] For he is our God, and we are the people of his | pasture,  
and the sheep | of his hand.

**Congregation: AMEN!**

THE EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 15:20-28

Lector: The Word of the Lord!

**People: Thanks be to God!**

(Please stand)

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 25:31-46

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.

2nd cent.; tr.

GLORIA PATRI (GREATOREX)  
Henry W. Greatorex, 1851

## 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

1 Kings 19:1-18

Pastor: The Word of the Lord!

**People: Thanks be to God!**

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

## THE SERMON

“Elijah on the Couch”

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## THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

# The Lord Collects Our Gifts

THE TRIBUTE OFFERING

COLLECTION OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

(Please stand.)

Offertory Hymn

*O Jesus Christ Our Sovereign King*

Brian L. Penney, 2011

Thomas Ravenscroft, 1621

1.O Je - sus Christ our Sov' - reign King, of  
2.Send forth the Gos - pel's sav - ing pow'r, the  
3.O Fath - er, Son, and Hol - y Ghost, our

heav'n and earth be - low; Your glor - y  
Church Your Truth to show, By word and  
God Whom we a - dore, be glor - y,

and Your ma - jes - ty, Your grace on earth be - stow.  
deed, by love and grace, til all the na - tions know.  
hon - or, praise and love, now and for - ev - er more.

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.

Pastor: Our God and Father, most blessed and glorious, holy and gracious, you have called us to seek your face and place before you the petitions you command and the needs we know. We come to you in the name of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

**People: O Lord, hear our prayer.**

Pastor: For all the saints who have labored through the centuries to bear faithful witness to your name, whether in palaces and parishes, persecution and distress, before the watching world or in obscurity, and who now rest from these labors, we praise you.

**People: O Lord, we give you thanks.**

Pastor: For our own heritage of faith, hope, and love entrusted to us through the labors of your servants such as Martin Luther, Martin Bucer, John Calvin, John Knox, William Tyndale, Thomas Cranmer, and countless others young and old, men and women who sought for the purity and peace of your Church, we give you thanks.

**People: O Lord, we bless your name.**

Pastor: For the continued building and reforming of your Church here and in all the world, that your Gospel may quickly spread in all lands to all tongues, and that the unity of your Church might be more speedily accomplished, we pray.

**People: O Lord, hear our cry.**

Pastor: That those who seek to plant the gospel in far away lands would be blessed, protected, and prosperous in their work; that those who face persecution for their faithfulness to Christ would find strength, encouragement, and protection; and that you would fulfill your promise to bless every family and nation with the gifts of forgiveness and your Holy Spirit, as you foretold to our father Abraham.

**People: Hear us for the sake of your Son, O Lord.**

Pastor: That the elected leaders over us in this community and nation might be attended by your peace, and that those whom you have appointed might fulfill their office with wisdom and the fear of the Lord, we pray.

**People: O Lord, hear our prayer.**

Pastor: For all in this church, and all our loved ones, who suffer in body and soul, that they may know your sustaining and healing grace; that those in any and every form of bondage would know your liberty; and that those, not only here, but in all the world, would find true rest in Christ the Savior, we pray.

**People: O Lord, hear our supplication.**

Pastor: For all who are needy, unemployed and underemployed, bereaved, broken, or despondent, that they may receive your help in their time of need; for the peace of the whole world, that wars may cease, and those cherished and loved might be reunited with their families, we pray.

**People: O Lord, hear our prayer.**

Pastor: For Christian husbands and wives, that they may show forth the love and respect called for in your Word; for Christian parents, that they may train their children diligently in the faith; for Christian children, that they may grow in maturity and wisdom; for Christian singles, that they may serve you in their present station; and for all Christian people, whatever their particular vocation, that they may serve the Lord Jesus Christ and give him preeminence in all things, to the praise of your glorious grace.

**People: O Lord, hear our prayer.**

Pastor: And now hear us as we join our hearts and voices in the prayer your Son, our Savior, taught us:

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!**

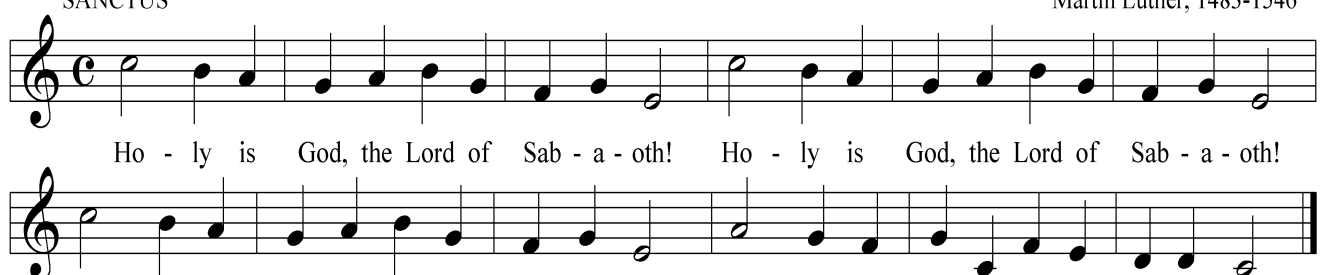
Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

**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*

SANCTUS Martin Luther, 1483-1546



Ho - ly is God, the Lord of Sab - a - oth! Ho - ly is God, the Lord of Sab - a - oth!

Ho - ly is God, the Lord of Sab - a - oth! Be - hold, his glo - ry fill - eth all the earth!

(The congregation may be seated).

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## 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

*Shepherd of Tender Youth*

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\* We will sing vv. 1-2 during the distribution of the bread, and vv. 3-5 during the distribution of the wine.



1. Shep - herd of ten - der youth, guid - ing in love and truth  
 2. You are our ho - ly Lord, the all - sub - du - ing Word,  
 3. You are the great High Priest, you have pre - pared the feast  
 4. For - ev - er be our Guide, our Shep - herd and our pride,  
 5. So now and till we die, sound we your prais - es high,

through wind - ing ways: Christ, our tri - um - phant King, we come your  
 heal - er of strife: you did your - self a - base, that from sin's  
 of heav'n - ly love: while in our mor - tal pain, none calls on  
 our staff and song: Je - sus, O Christ of God, by your pe -  
 and joy - ful sing: in - fants, and the glad throng who to your

name to sing; here we our chil - dren bring to shout your praise.  
 deep dis - grace you might now save our race, and give us life.  
 you in vain: help you do not dis - dain, help from a - bove.  
 ren - nial Word, lead us where you have trod; make our faith strong.  
 church be - long, u - nite to swell the song to Christ our King.

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 Ronald Alan Matthews, 1985

**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

At the Name of Jesus

Caroline M. Noel, 1870, alt.

King's Weston

Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1925



1. At the name of Je - sus ev - 'ry knee shall bow,  
 2. At his voice cre - a - tion sprang at once to sight,  
 3. Hum - bled for a sea - son to re - ceive a name  
 4. In your heart en - throne him; there let him sub - due  
 5. Broth - ers, this Lord Je - sus shall re - turn a - gain,

ev - 'ry tongue con - fess him King of glo - ry now.  
 all the an - gel fac - es, all the hosts of light,  
 from the lips of sin - ners un - to whom he came,  
 all that is not ho - ly, all that is not true;  
 with his Fa - ther's glo - ry, with his an - gel train;

'Tis the Fa - ther's plea - sure we should call him Lord,  
 thrones and dom - i - na - tions, stars up - on their way,  
 faith - ful - ly he bore it spot - less to the last,  
 crown him as your Cap - tain in temp - ta - tion's hour;  
 for all wreaths of em - pire meet up - on his brow,

who from the be - gin - ning was the might - y Word.  
 all the heav'n - ly or - ders in their great ar - ray.  
 brought it back vic - to - rious, when from death he passed.  
 let his will en - fold you in its light and pow'r.  
 and our hearts con - fess him King of glo - ry now.

Congregation: AMEN!

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

## THREEFOLD AMEN

A - men. A - men. A - - - men.

## 19

1 Kings 19:1-18  
"Elijah on the Couch"

How can we get on a path of proper interpretation?

1) Look at the \_\_\_\_\_.

- Verse 3: "Elijah \_\_\_\_\_."

- Elijah's posture is one of true \_\_\_\_\_.

2) Read the \_\_\_\_\_ signs.

- Beerhsheeba is roughly \_\_\_\_\_ miles from Jezreel.

- Horeb is some \_\_\_\_\_ miles south of Beersheeba.

3) Ponder some \_\_\_\_\_ ll \_\_\_\_\_

- Another name for Horeb? \_\_\_\_\_

- Verse 9 literally reads "\_\_\_\_\_."

4) Accept the \_\_\_\_\_ of angels.

- The Angel of Yahweh is \_\_\_\_\_.

- Elijah embarks on this journey with \_\_\_\_\_ authorization.

5) Question the \_\_\_\_\_

- Can't we consider that Yahweh's question is an \_\_\_\_\_ rather than a rebuke?

6) Ponder the prophet's \_\_\_\_\_.

- Verses 13-14 constitute a formal \_\_\_\_\_ for Israel's breach of their covenant.

- The prophet's role changes to that of covenant \_\_\_\_\_.

7) Connect the \_\_\_\_\_

What can we expect?

1) The Rejection of the \_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 1-3)

2) The Tenderness of the \_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 9, 13)

3) The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Faithful (vv. 10, 14)

4) The Progress of the \_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 9-14)

5) The Stubbornness of the \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 18)