



CHRIST THE KING  
— PRESBYTERIAN —

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“A Mighty Fortress is Our God”

*by Martin Luther*

A mighty fortress is our God,  
A bulwark never failing;  
Our helper He, amid the flood  
Of mortal ills prevailing.

For still our ancient foe  
Doth seek to work us woe;  
His craft and power are great,  
And armed with cruel hate,  
On earth is not his equal.

And though this world, with devils filled,  
Should threaten to undo us,  
We will not fear, for God hath willed  
His truth to triumph through us.

The prince of darkness grim,  
We tremble not for him;  
His rage we can endure,  
For lo! his doom is sure;  
One little word shall fell him.

That Word above all earthly powers  
No thanks to them abideth;  
The Spirit and the gifts are ours  
Through Him who with us sideth.

Let goods and kindred go,  
This mortal life also;  
The body they may kill:  
God's truth abideth still;  
His kingdom is forever!



## CALL TO WORSHIP - from Psalm 2

**Leader:** *Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD and against his Anointed, saying,*

**People:** “Let us burst their bonds apart and cast away their cords from us.”

**Leader:** *He who sits in the heavens laughs; the Lord holds them in derision.*

**People:** Then he will speak to them in his wrath, and terrify them in his fury, saying, “As for me, I have set my King on Zion, my holy hill.”

**Leader:** *Now therefore, O kings, be wise; be warned, O rulers of the earth.*

**People:** Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling.

**Leader:** *Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and you  
perish in the way, for his wrath is quickly kindle*

**All:** Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

“For All The Saints ”

*by William Walsham How*

For all the saints  
Who from their labors rest  
Who Thee by faith  
Before the world confessed  
Thy name O Jesus  
Be forever blest  
Alleluia

Thou wast their Rock  
Their Fortress and their Might  
Thou Lord their Captain  
In the well fought fight  
Thou in the darkness drear  
Their one true Light  
Alleluia

O may Thy soldiers  
Faithful true and bold  
Fight as the saints  
Who nobly fought of old  
And win with them  
The victor's crown of gold  
Alleluia



The golden evening  
Brightens in the west  
Soon soon to faithful  
Warriors cometh rest  
Sweet is the calm  
Of paradise the blest  
Alleluia

But lo there breaks  
A yet more glorious day  
The saints triumphant  
Rise in bright array  
The King of Glory  
Passes on His way  
Alleluia

# “Only a Holy God”

*by Michael Farren, Jonny Robinson,  
Dustin Smith, Rich Thompson*

Who else commands all the hosts of heaven  
Who else could make every king bow down  
Who else can whisper and darkness trembles  
Only a Holy God

What other beauty demands such praises

What other splendor outshines the sun

What other majesty rules with justice

Only a Holy God

Come and behold Him  
The One and the Only  
Cry out, sing holy  
Forever a Holy God  
Come and worship the Holy God

What other glory consumes like fire  
What other power can raise the dead  
What other name remains undefeated  
Only a Holy God

Come and behold Him  
The One and the Only  
Cry out, sing holy  
Forever a Holy God  
Come and worship the Holy God



Who else could rescue me from my failing

Who else would offer His only Son

Who else invites me to call Him Father

Only a Holy God

Only my Holy God!

Come and behold Him  
The One and the Only  
Cry out, sing holy  
Forever a Holy God  
Come and worship the Holy God

# PRAYER OF ADORATION

# FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Daniel 4:28-37

**Reader:** *This is the Word of the Lord!*

**People:** Thanks be to God!

# CONFESSION OF SIN

**Leader:** *God blesses the poor in spirit, for the kingdom of heaven is theirs.*

**All:** But we have been proud in spirit, inflated with confidence in ourselves. We have forgotten how needy we are.

**Leader:** *God blesses those who are lowly, for the whole earth will be their inheritance.*

**All:** But we have valued status over gentleness, we have cherished being affirmed rather than being humble.

**Leader:** *God blesses those who are hungry and thirsty for righteousness, for they will be satisfied.*

**All:** But we have hungered after the pleasures, prestige, and possessions of this world.



**Leader:** *God blesses those who work for peace,  
for they will be called the children of God.*

**All:** But we are often at war with one another.  
We demand to be catered to. We savor our  
bitterness and we nurse our grudges.

Lord, have mercy upon us in the name of the  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

**Minister:** *Our help is in the name of the Lord,*

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

**Minister:** *O Lord, open our lips,*

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

# DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise Him all creatures here below.

Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Amen.

“God Be Merciful To Me”

*by Alex Nifong, Elvina M. Hall,  
and John Thomas Grape*

God be merciful to me  
On Thy grace I rest my plea  
Plenteous in compassion Thou  
Blot out my transgressions now  
Wash me make me pure within  
Cleanse O cleanse me from my sin

My transgressions I confess  
Grief and guilt my soul oppress  
I have sinned against Thy grace  
And provoked Thee to Thy face  
I confess Thy judgment just  
Speechless I Thy mercy trust

I am evil born of sin  
Thou desirest truth within  
Thou alone my Savior art  
Teach Thy wisdom to my heart  
Make me pure Thy grace bestow  
Wash me whiter than the snow

Gracious God my heart renew  
Make my Spirit right and true  
Cast me not away from Thee  
Let Thy Spirit dwell in me  
Thy salvation's joy impart  
Steadfast make my willing heart



# GREETING

**Leader:** *Christ is risen!*

**People:** He is risen indeed!

**Leader:** *Let us share His peace with one another.*

*Children may leave for lesson (ages 4-6).*

# PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*As the leader directs, the congregation is invited to pray for those for whom they are burdened.*

*Pray aloud and by name or silently if you prefer.*

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

# SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Revelation 13:1–14:5

**Reader:** *This is the Word of the Lord!*

**People:** Thanks be to God!



“The Lamb Has Overcome”

*by Luke Morton*

The Lamb has overcome

The Lamb has overcome

The battle's done

And the victory is won

For the Lamb has overcome



No grave could hold him down

No grave could hold him down

Up from the ground

He is risen was the sound

No grave could hold him down

At God's right hand is he

At God's right hand is he

Our Perfect Plea

How he lives to intercede

At God's right hand is he

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain

Glory be unto his name

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain

Glory be unto his name

The table now is spread

The table now is spread

The wine and bread

Broken body and blood shed

The table now is spread

The day is drawing near  
The day is drawing near  
He shall appear  
And will wipe away each tear  
The day is drawing near

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain

Glory be unto his name

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain

Glory be unto his name

The Lamb has overcome  
The Lamb has overcome  
The battle's done  
And the victory is won  
For the Lamb has overcome

# CELEBRATING COMMUNION



**Minister:** *The peace of the Lord be always  
with you.*

**People:** And also with you!

**Minister:** *Lift up your hearts!*

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

*Wine is in the outer circles of cups; the inner circle contains grape juice. Gluten-free bread is in its own tray.*

*As the usher directs, please come forward one row at a time to pick up your cups.*

*Please hold your elements until all are served so that we may all partake together, as one body.*

# “Jesus Paid It All”

*by Alex Nifong, Elvina M. Hall,  
and John Thomas Grape*

And I hear the Savior say,  
Thy strength indeed is small  
Child of weakness watch and pray  
Find in me thine all in all.

Jesus paid it all  
All to Him I owe;  
Sin had left a crimson stain  
He washed it white as snow.

Lord now indeed I find  
Thy pow'r and Thine alone  
Can change the leper's spots  
And melt the heart of stone.

Jesus paid it all  
All to Him I owe;  
Sin had left a crimson stain  
He washed it white as snow.

And when before the throne,  
I stand in Him complete;  
Jesus died my soul to save  
My lips shall still repeat:



Jesus paid it all  
All to Him I owe;  
Sin had left a crimson stain  
He washed it white as snow.

# CELEBRATING COMMUNION

## THE SENDING - Romans 15:12-13

*“The root of Jesse will come, even he who arises to rule the Gentiles; in him will the Gentiles hope.” May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.*

“A Mighty Fortress is Our God”

*by Martin Luther*

Did we in our own strength confide,  
Our striving would be losing,  
Were not the right Man on our side,  
The Man of God's own choosing.

Dost ask who that may be?  
Christ Jesus, it is He;  
Lord Sabaoth His name,  
From age to age the same;  
And He must win the battle.



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