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# Welcome

## Call to Worship

*from Ezekiel 34:15-16*

*Leader* God our Master has declared it:  
I myself will tend my sheep  
and I will give them rest.

*All* **He will search for the lost  
and bring back the strays.**

*Leader* He will bind up the injured  
and strengthen the weak.

*All* **But the ravenous abuser he will destroy.  
He will make them feed upon justice.**

# Opening Hymn

*“The Lord is King”*

*All*

**The Lord is King! Lift up your voice,  
O earth and all ye heav’ns, rejoice!  
From world to world, the joy shall ring,  
“The Lord omnipotent is King!”**

**Sing his praise, sing his praise,  
Lord of lords, Ancient of Days;  
Sing his praise, sing his praise,  
All your days, all your days.**

**The Lord is King! Who then shall dare  
Resist his will, distrust his care,  
Or murmur at his wise decrees,  
Or doubt his royal promises?**

**Sing his praise, sing his praise,  
Lord of lords, Ancient of Days;  
Sing his praise, sing his praise,  
All your days, all your days.**

**The Lord is King! Bow down you must;  
The Judge of all the earth is just;  
Holy and true are all his ways;  
Let every creature sing his praise.**

**Sing his praise, sing his praise,  
Lord of lords, Ancient of Days;  
Sing his praise, sing his praise,  
All your days, all your days.**

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Lord of lords, Ancient of Days;  
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*words Josiah Conder, 1824; music Nathan Partain, 2003*

# Prayer of Adoration

## Prayer of Confession

*drawn from 1 Peter 1-2; Matthew 5:11-12; Mark 8:34-35*

*Leader*      Apart from you, Lord, our way of life seems full and right,  
                 but really, it's only empty, cut off from true light and life.

*All*            **We're like sheep going astray,  
                 who don't even know that we don't know our own way.**

*Leader*      Jesus calls us to deny ourselves, take up our cross, and follow him.

*All*            **We want to follow you, Jesus, into glory,  
                 but we don't want to follow you to the cross.  
We say yes to our wants and comforts  
                 and try to save our lives.**

*Leader*      Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you,  
                 and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of Jesus.  
Rejoice and be glad,  
                 because great is your reward in heaven.

*All*            **When people mistreat us,  
                 we fantasize about how we could get them back:  
                 the perfect put-down, the cold shoulder, the insult for insult.  
We don't trust you, Lord, to judge justly,  
                 to really understand and put things right,  
                 so we look to defend ourselves.**

*Leader*      Unless you call us, God, we remain in darkness.

*All*            **Restore us to yourself, Shepherd and Guardian of our souls.**

# Assurance of Pardon in the Gospel

*drawn from 1 Peter 1-3*

*Leader*

Jesus is special and dear to God.  
The Father chose him before the creation of the world  
to be the cornerstone of the new world.

*All*

**Christ was revealed when he suffered for us,  
bearing our sins in his body on the cross, to bring us to God.**

*Leader*

Put to death in the body, he was made alive in the Spirit.

*All*

**He ascended into heaven where he reigns at his Father's right hand,  
over every power, authority, ideology, structure, and sphere.**

*Leader*

You are special and dear to God.  
God has chosen and redeemed you to make you his special possession  
that you would trust him and follow in Jesus's steps.

*All*

**Let us walk, then, in both joy and hardship,  
until Jesus is revealed in glory.**

*Leader*

Once you were not a people,

*All*

**but now we are God's people!**

*Leader*

Once you had not received mercy,

*All*

**but now we have received mercy!**

# Song in the Gospel

*“All Those who Sow Weeping (Psalm 126)”*

*All*

**Our mouths they were filled, filled with laughter.  
Our tongues they were loosed, loosed with joy.  
Restore us, O Lord.  
Restore us, O Lord.**

**Although we are weeping,  
Lord, help us keep sowing,  
The seeds of Your Kingdom,  
For the day you will reap them.  
Your sheaves we will carry,  
Lord, please do not tarry.  
All those who sow weeping will go out with songs of joy.**

**The nations will say, “He has done great things!”  
The nations will sing songs of joy.  
Restore us, O Lord.  
Restore us, O Lord.**

**Although we are weeping,  
Lord, help us keep sowing,  
The seeds of Your Kingdom,  
For the day you will reap them.  
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*Isaac Wardell, 2012*

# Song in the Gospel

*"The Lord is My Joy"*

*All* **The Lord is my joy, the Lord is my joy,  
When all that I have is lost, I find  
The Lord is my joy.**

**The Lord is my strength, the Lord is my strength,  
When I am too weak to go on, I find  
The Lord is my strength.**

**My all in all is he, my healing King,  
My Master tends to me, for him, my soul shall sing.**

**The Lord is my rock, the Lord is my rock,  
When all I have faith in fails, I find  
The Lord is my rock.**

**The Lord is my delight, the Lord is my delight,  
Above all the joys of life, I find  
The Lord is my delight.**

**My all in all is he, my breath, my song.  
In him, I have everything; to him, my soul belongs.**

*Women* I wait, and wait upon you, to come for me in rescue.  
Give strength, my heart is failing, yet still, my lips will praise you.

*(Repeat)*

*Men* And with his wings he covers me, he keeps his watch while I'm asleep,  
I offer all my plans and dreams, I give my savior everything.  
And with his wings he covers me, he keeps his watch while I'm asleep,  
I offer all my plans and dreams.

*All* **You who gave your only son, I dare not doubt your steadfast love.  
Come, I beg you take my life, if I am yours then all is right.**

**You who gave your only son, I dare not doubt your steadfast love.  
Come, I beg you take my life, if I am yours then all is right.**

**My all in all is he, my dearest friend.  
I put my trust in him; on him, my soul depends.**

*Nathan Partain, 2008*

## Prayer of Dependence

# Offering of Gifts and Service

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## Introduction to the Word

Charles Anderson

### Scripture

*1 Peter 2:13-25*

*Reader*

<sup>13</sup> Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every human authority: whether to the emperor, as the supreme authority, <sup>14</sup> or to governors, who are sent by him to punish those who do wrong and to commend those who do right. <sup>15</sup> For it is God's will that by doing good you should silence the ignorant talk of foolish people. <sup>16</sup> Live as free people, but do not use your freedom as a cover-up for evil; live as God's slaves. <sup>17</sup> Show proper respect to everyone, love the family of believers, fear God, honor the emperor.

<sup>18</sup> Slaves, in reverent fear of God submit yourselves to your masters, not only to those who are good and considerate, but also to those who are harsh. <sup>19</sup> For it is commendable if someone bears up under the pain of unjust suffering because they are conscious of God. <sup>20</sup> But how is it to your credit if you receive a beating for doing wrong and endure it? But if you suffer for doing good and you endure it, this is commendable before God.

<sup>21</sup> For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps.

<sup>22</sup> "He committed no sin,  
and no deceit was found in his mouth."

<sup>23</sup> When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly. <sup>24</sup> "He himself bore our sins" in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; "by his wounds you have been healed." <sup>25</sup> For "you were like sheep going astray," but now you have turned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

*Reader*  
*People*

This is the word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**





## Valediction

*from Heidelberg Catechism Question 1*

Sinners, saved by Jesus,  
what is your only comfort in life or in death?

**That I am not my own,  
but belong with body and soul,  
both in life and in death,  
to my faithful Saviour Jesus Christ.**

*Leader*

He has fully paid for all your sins  
with his precious blood,  
and has set you free  
from all the power of the devil.

*All*

**He also preserves me in such a way  
that without the will of my heavenly Father  
not a hair can fall from my head;  
indeed, all things must work together  
for my salvation.**

*Leader*

By his Holy Spirit he also assures you of eternal life,

*All*

**And makes me whole-heartedly  
willing and ready  
from now on to live for him**

*Leader*

*All*

## Departing Hymn

*“The Day of the Lord (Psalm 37)”*

*All*

**It's not long till the boastful are silenced and shamed.  
It's not long till the wealth of the wicked's reclaimed.  
And the ones who have waited with eyes on the Lord  
Will shine like the sun forevermore!  
It's not long till the day of the Lord!**

**Just be still and be faithful and dwell in the land.  
Put your trust in the Savior and cling to his hand.  
When your heart burns with anger for all that is wrong,  
Do not let the dark steal your song.  
It's not long till the day of the Lord!**

**It's not long till the day of the Lord,  
it's not long till the day of the Lord!  
Everything that is broken will soon be restored.  
It's not long till the day of the Lord!**

**Do not fear for the wicked with weapons of war,  
For the Lord is the shelter and strength of the poor.  
And our God comes with laughter, let Him be your joy.  
The power of the sword, he'll destroy.  
It's not long till the day of the Lord!**

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*Wendell Kimbrough, 2017*

# Song of Celebration

*"Faint Were We"*

*All*

**Faint were we and fears possessed us, bruised were we from many falls;  
Hope was gone and shame distressed us, but his love would pardon all.  
We were lost when Jesus found us, found the sheep that went astray;  
Raised us up, broke and bound us, taught our hearts to know his way.**

**We will sing, bathed in his riches;  
We will sing, of the love he spoke in blood.  
We will sing, we are held by his promise;  
We are carried by the faithfulness of our God.**

**Days of darkness still may meet us, sorrow's path we'll often tread;  
But his presence still is with us, by his guiding hand we're led.  
He will keep us till the river rolls its waters at our feet;  
Then he'll bear us safely over, there his beauty we will meet.**

**We will sing, bathed in his riches;  
We will sing, of the love he spoke in blood.  
We will sing, we are held by his promise;  
We are carried by the faithfulness of our God.**

**Faint were we and fears possessed us, bruised were we from many falls;  
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We will sing, we are held by his promise;  
We are carried by the faithfulness of our God.  
We are carried by the faithfulness of our God.  
We are carried by the faithfulness of our God.**

*words Francis H. Rowley, 1886; chorus and music Nathan Partain, 2002; UBP CCLI #105650*

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