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PUBLIC WORSHIP *of* GOD

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## PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*As you enter the Sanctuary, please prepare your heart for worship  
and silence your mobile devices.*

At times our enemies of the world, the flesh, and the devil seem too powerful for us. Persecution, moral compromise, and doctrinal compromise prove menacing and destructive.

When it looks like our enemies are winning, we remember that Jesus promises that nothing will destroy His church. As the King, He restrains all of His enemies and will eventually conquer them and establish His kingdom. For this, we delight to worship our eternal King.

Question 26 of the *Westminster Shorter Catechism* reminds us of what King Jesus does: *He subdues us to himself, rules and defends us, and restrains and conquers all of His and our enemies.*

As a result of worship today, may the Spirit empower you to:

- Fully surrender the throne of your heart to your King.
- Name your rival kings and pseudo saviors and confess your idols.
- Pray and expect big things from your good and mighty King.

John Newton reminds us of how we should pray to our God:  
*Thou art coming to a King, large petitions with thee bring;  
For His grace and power are such, none can ever ask too much.*

Let us gaze and glory and give ourselves again to our great King!

## OUR ETERNAL KING RULES

ORGAN PRELUDE: “Chaconne” . . . . . Louis Couperin  
*Samuel Metzger, organ*

SOLO MEDITATION: “Laudate Dominum” . . . . . W.A. Mozart

<i>Laudate Dominum omnes gentes</i>	Praise the Lord, all nations;
<i>Laudate eum, omnes populi</i>	Praise Him, all people.
<i>Quoniam confirmata est</i>	For He has bestowed
<i>Super nos misericordia eius,</i>	His mercy upon us,
<i>Et veritas Domini manet in aeternum.</i>	And the truth of the Lord endures forever.

*Sophie Blatt, soloist*

CHORAL INTROIT: “Rise Up, O Men of God” . . . . . arr. Tracey Ann Biddle

Rise up, O men of God! Have done with lesser things.  
Give heart and mind and soul and strength to serve the King of kings.

Rise up, O men of God! The kingdom tarries long.  
Bring in the day of brotherhood and end the night of wrong.

Rise up, O men of God! The church for you doth wait,  
Her strength unequal to her task; rise up, and make her great!

Lift high the cross of Christ! Tread where his feet have trod.  
As brothers of the Son of Man, rise up, O men of God!

*Men’s Chorus*

CALL TO WORSHIP . . . . . T. Barton Kimbro

♠ HYMN OF PRAISE: No. 580 “Lead On, O King Eternal” . . . . . LANCASHIRE

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,**

“Let us burst their bonds apart and cast away their cords from us.”  
He who sits in the heavens laughs; the Lord holds them in derision.

**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.”

**I will tell of the decree:  
The Lord said to me, “You are my Son;  
today I have begotten you.**

Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage,  
and the ends of the earth your possession.  
You shall break them with a rod of iron  
and dash them in pieces like a potter’s vessel.”

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

Serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice with trembling.

**Kiss the Son,  
lest he be angry, and you perish in the way,  
for his wrath is quickly kindled.  
Blessed are all who take refuge in him.**

✦CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE . . . . . FESTAL SONG

**Commit your hearts to seek the paths which Christ has trod,  
And quickened by the Spirit’s pow’r, rise up, O saints of God!**

✦PRAYER OF ADORATION

## OUR ETERNAL KING SUBDUES

### CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O holy and gracious Father,  
You made us for Yourself.  
Yet our restless hearts create idols  
that lead to fear, bondage and despair.  
Forgive us...  
for worshipping created things instead of You, our Creator,  
for receiving Your good gifts with thankless hearts,  
for following our own impressions instead of Your instructions,  
and for making self-fulfillment our goal instead of humble service.  
O heavenly King, defend us, Your weak and needy people,  
against all spiritual enemies for our good and Your glory, Amen.**

### INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

### ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON

✦HYMN OF SUPPLICATION: No. 585 “Take My Life, and Let It Be”. . . . . HENDON  
*stanzas 1, 2 & 5*

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS.....Gerry A. Peak

CHORAL OFFERTORY: "Be Strong in the Lord" ..... Tom Fettke

Be strong in the Lord, and be of good courage;  
Your mighty Defender is always the same.  
Mount up with wings, as the eagle ascending;  
Vict'ry is sure when you call on His name.

Be strong, be strong, be strong in the Lord;  
And be of good courage, for He is your guide.  
Be strong, be strong, be strong in the Lord;  
And be of good courage, for He is your guide.  
Be strong, be strong, be strong in the Lord;  
And rejoice for the vict'ry is yours.

So put on the armour the Lord has provided;  
And place your defense in His unfailing care.  
Trust Him, for He will be with you in battle,  
Lighting your path to avoid every snare.

Be strong in the Lord, and be of good courage;  
Your mighty commander will vanquish the foe.  
Fear not the battle, for the victory is always His;  
He will protect you where ever you go.

*Sophie Blatt and Terri Theil*

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE ..... HENDON

**Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold.  
Take my intellect, and use ev'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose,  
Ev'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.**

**Take my love; my Lord, I pour at Thy feet its treasure-store.  
Take my self, and I will be ever, only, all for Thee.  
Ever, only, all for Thee.**

✦ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

✦ GREETINGS

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN

## OUR ETERNAL KING DEFENDS

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND 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.**

EPISTLE LESSON ..... II Timothy 2:1-13  
*(page 995 in pew Bible)*

All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field;

**The grass withers, the flower fades,  
but the Word of our God will stand forever. Amen.** *(Isaiah 40:6b, 8)*

SERMON *Does Your Suffering Have a Purpose?* D. Todd Erickson

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

♠HYMN OF COMMITMENT: "O Church Arise" ..... Keith Getty



1. O Church, a - rise and put your ar - mor on; Hear the  
 2. Our call to war, to love the cap - tive soul, But to  
 3. Come, see the cross where love and mer - cy meet, As the  
 4. So Spi - rit, come, put strength in ev - 'ry stride, Give



call of Christ our cap - tain; For now the weak can say that  
 rage a - gainst the cap - tor; And with the sword that makes the  
 Son of God is strick - en; Then see His foes lie crushed be -  
 grace for ev - 'ry hur - dle, That we may run with faith to



they are strong In the strength that God has gi - ven. With  
 wound - ed whole We will fight with faith and val - or. When  
 neath His feet, For the Con - quer - er has ris - en! And  
 win the prize Of a ser - vant good and faith - ful. As



shield of faith and belt of truth We'll stand a - gainst the  
 faced with trials on ev - 'ry side, We know the out - come  
 as the stone is rolled a - way, And Christ e - mer - ges  
 saints of old still line the way, Re - tell - ing tri - umphs



de - vil's lies; An ar - my bold, whose bat - tle -  
 is se - cure, And Christ will have the prize for  
 from the grave, This vic - t'ry march con - tin - ues  
 of His grace, We hear their calls and hun - ger



cry is "Love!" Reach - ing out to those in dark - ness.  
 which He died - An in - her - it - ance of na - tions.  
 till the day Ev - 'ry eye and heart shall see Him.  
 for the day When, with Christ, we stand in glo - ry.

♠BENEDICTION

♠CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: "Fanfare" ..... Richard Purvis

♠Indicates congregation standing

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## Getting Connected

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