



9:00 service + March 26, 2017 + 4th Sunday in Lent

Order of Worship

Liturgist is Andrew Dickson

Prelude

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

W. Bradbury

STANDING (IF ABLE)

God calls us to worship

from John 1:29; Isaiah 53:4; Psalm 103:4

Liturgist: Our help is in the name of the Lord, the Suffering Servant,

All: *the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,*

Liturgist: who has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows,
who redeems our life from the pit
and crowns us with steadfast love and mercy.

All: *Blessed be the name of the Lord!*

We praise God

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation
Hymnal #276

Text: Latin hymn 6th-7th cent.
tr. John Mason Neale 1851
Tune: Henry Smart 1866

We pray for God to help us worship

Pastor: Christ is risen!

All: *He is risen indeed!*

He died for us that we might live for him.

We greet one another with the peace of Christ

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God calls us to confess our sin

from Isaiah 30:15, 18

Liturgist: For thus said the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel, "In repentance and rest you shall be saved; in quietness and in trust shall be your strength." The Lord waits to be gracious to you, and therefore he exalts himself to show mercy to you. For the Lord is a God of justice; blessed are all who wait for him.

We confess our sin

All (sing): Trisagion (below); sing 3 times

Liturgist: Sovereign Lord, you are faithful to deliver all who call on you.

All: *But we have sought security
in our own strategies and strength
and in powers that oppose your kingdom
but cannot save or satisfy.*

Liturgist: You have made us citizens of your heavenly kingdom,
and you rightly deserve our greatest trust.

All: *But we often turn away from you
and seek comfort in addictions that enslave us
because we do not trust you.
So we surrender to the sinful ways of our culture.
Its images capture our imaginations,
its messages fill our minds,
and its customs guide our choices.
Lord, have mercy on us.*

(silent prayers of confession)

Liturgist: Father, forgive us for surrendering so easily to seductive idols and illusions that cannot save. By your Spirit, lead us to wait upon you and cry out to you so that we will find strength to stand in our weariness, faith to trust your goodness in our confusion, and grace to help in our time of need.

All (sing): Trisagion (below); sing 1 time

Trisagion

Text: Traditional Greek prayer

Tune: Fernando Ortega 2011

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Ho - - ly God, Ho - ly Migh - ty One,
Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy, have mer - cy on us.

STANDING (IF ABLE)

God declares our forgiveness

from Psalm 103:8, 10-12

Liturgist: The Lord is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.
For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;
as far as the east is from the west,
so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

For all who have turned from sin in sorrow and look to God for mercy, this is God's gift.
In Jesus Christ, God loves you, God forgives you, God accepts you,
and God rejoices over you as beloved daughters and sons.

All: ***Hallelujah, Amen!***

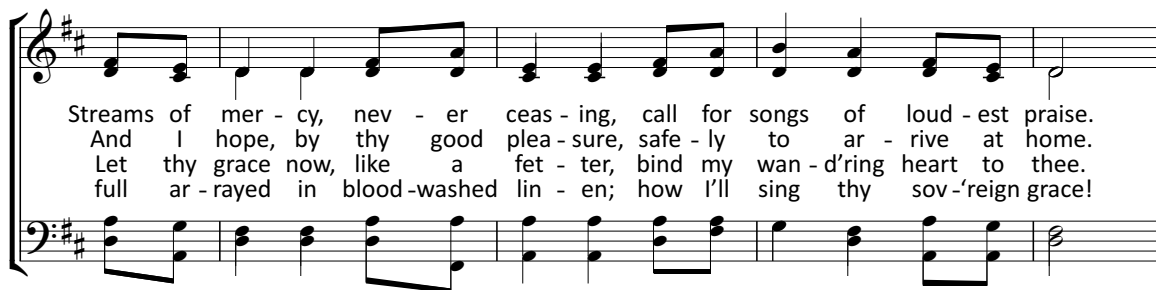
We praise God

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

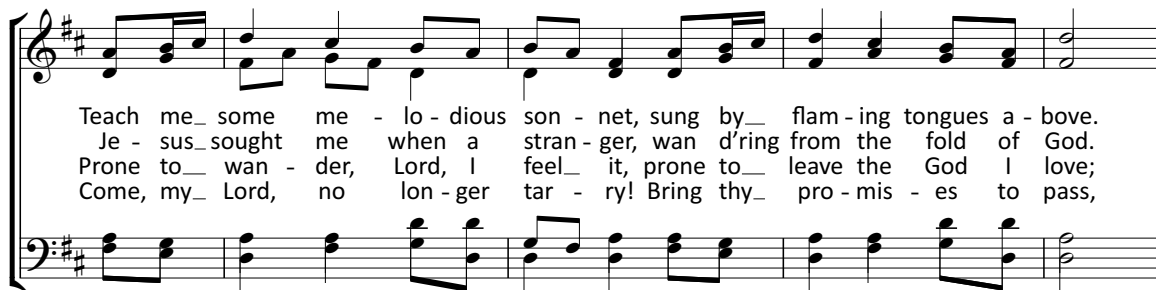
Text: Robert Robinson 1758
Tune: *Repository of Sacred Music* 1813



1. Come, thou fount of ev - ery bless - ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace.
2. Here I raise my E - ben - e - zer; hith - er by thy help I'm come.
3. O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to be!
4. On that day when freed from sin - ning, I shall see thy love - ly face,



Streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
And I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
Let thy grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan - d'ring heart to thee.
full ar - rayed in blood - washed lin - en; how I'll sing thy sov - 'reign grace!



Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove.
Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger, wan d'ring from the fold of God.
Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
Come, my Lord, no lon - ger tar - ry! Bring thy pro - mis - es to pass,



Praise the mount - I'm fixed u - pon it - mount of God's un - chang - ing love.
He, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.
for I know thy pow'r will lead me 'til I'm raised with thee at last.

O Deep Riches

Chancel Choir

Text: Romans 11:33

Music: Robert Kyr

O deep riches,
O deep wisdom and knowledge,
O deep riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God.

How unfathomable his judgment
and how untraceable his pathway!
Who can know the mind of God,
and who can offer him counsel?
Who will ever give to the Lord and ask him to repay?

And from him and through him and to him are all things!
All glory to him now, all glory to him forever!
Amen.

God instructs us in scripture reading

Isaiah 28-30
(pew Bible pp. 588-592)

God instructs us in preaching

“Trusting God”
Rev. Dr. Clay Smith

We offer ourselves in gifts and song

Prior to singing, we will take a moment of silence to reflect and pray.

He Has Come to Reign

Text and tune: Sherdonna Denholm 2010



1. For the Lord our God He is strong to save, from the depths of sin,
2. In the dark-est night, on the low - est hill, though I feel Him not,
3. When ___ tri - als come and ___ weigh you down, you can catch a glimpse,
4. The ___ true and liv - ing ___ God we serve; His ___ truth will stand,



from the deep-est grave. Ev - er faith - ful is His a - bound ing Word:
He is ___ faith - ful still. He is com - ing in all His right eous ness;
you can hear the sound of the an - gels sing - ing ___ heav - en's song,
the ___ on - ly Word. He has come to reign, God's on - ly Son,



"Fear ___ not my child, I've o - ver - come the world.
I will wait for Him ___ in this lone - li - ness. **(chorus)**
say - ing "Child, hold on, ___ it ___ won't be long." **(chorus)**
Je - sus Christ, our King, ___ He has o - ver - come. **(chorus)**



Chorus: He has come to reign in our bro-ken hearts; we will doubt and fear no more.
He has come to reign in our bro-ken hearts; all we lost He will re-store.

STANDING (IF ABLE)

We pray for the church and the world

Liturgical: (prayers for the church and the world)

All: *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.*

We praise God

God Our Maker, Whose First Summons

Text: Carl P. Daw 2007
Tune: John Hughes 1907

1. God our Mak - er, whose first sum - mons formed the realms of day and
2. God the Spir - it, breathe up - on us, with new life our souls ex -
3. God in - car - nate, suff' - ring ser - vant, shar - ing in our hu - man
4. Tri - une God, en - fold - ing Mys - tery great - er than our creeds re -

night, still you speak a - mid our cha - os, call - ing us to
cite. Let your flame break out a - mong us, help us claim your
plight, teach - ing, heal - ing, feed - ing, seek - ing, ev - er rea - dy
cite, join our lives in faith and ser - vice, let our words and

truth and right. When our doubts and fears con-found us, give us
ur - gent might. With your guard - ing, guid - ing pre - sence, give us
to in - vite, by your patt - ern of com - pass - ion, give us
deeds u - nite. To a world that longs to know you, give us

faith to bear your light, give us faith to bear your light.
hope to bear your light, give us hope to bear your light.
love to bear your light, give us love to bear your light.
grace to bear your light, give us grace to bear your light.

God blesses us and sends us out

Pastor: And all God's people said...

All: *Hallelujah! Amen.*

This Is My Father's World

Text: Maltbie B. Babcock 1901
Tune: Traditional English melody

The musical score is written on three staves in a 4/4 time signature with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: "This is my Father's world, O let me ne'er for - get that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ru - ler yet. This is my Father's world: the bat - tle is not done. Je - sus who died shall be sat - is - fied, And earth and heav'n be one."

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Postlude

Fuga in D Major

J. Pachelbel

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