

**Carmel Presbyterian Church
Seventh Sunday of Easter
Ascension of the Lord Sunday
Memorial Day Weekend
May 29, 2022
10:00 AM**



Order of Worship

** Please stand, as able.
Congregation voices **Bold** responses.*

WE GATHER TOGETHER

We gather as a community of faith to meet God in new ways, and we reflect on the hope and promise of God's gift to us through Jesus Christ.

Welcome and Greetings –

Prelude

Melita
("Eternal Father, Strong to Save")

Richard Lloyd

*** Call to Worship (Spoken responsively) –**

Why do you look upward?

Our Lord has been taken away into heaven.

Look around you. What do you see?

There are so many places where the love of God is needed.

Look beyond you. Where will you go?

Christ calls to go into the world, bringing God's healing love to all. Amen.

*** Hymn 562**

"Eternal Father, Strong to Save"

Melita

Call to Confession –

Prayer of Confession (In unison; adapted from Luke 24) –

O Lord, we have not lived our lives as kingdom people. We place our crowns on hopelessness, fear, and selfishness. We are ruled by our schedules and our need for control. We make kings of the things we acquire and queens of our immediate desires. We forget that your kingdom draws near to us on earth, as it is in heaven. Forgive us, we pray. Come, Lord, and open in us the gates of your kingdom...

(A moment of silence for personal reflection & confession...)

Amen. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon (Read responsively; adapted from Luke 24) –

Hear the good news: The God of our Lord Jesus Christ blesses us and calls us kingdom people.

In the name of the reigning Christ, we are forgiven. Glory to God! Amen.

*** Gloria Patri – Hymn 567**

“Glory to the Father”

John Weaver

*** Passing of the Peace (Spoken responsively; adapted from 1 Cor. 12:13) –**

We gather in this place, on this day that is holy to God.

We celebrate in the strength of God,

We fix our sights on the grace of Christ,

And we breathe deeply of the Spirit, who makes us one.

Let us prepare to gather others, by sharing Christ’s peace with one another. Peace be with you!

The Peace of Christ be with you!

(Greet one another sharing God’s peace now and throughout the week.)

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

We hear the stories of our faith in scripture, song, prayer, and sermon.

Children’s Message –

(Following the Children’s Message, children third-grade and below are invited to depart for Children’s Worship downstairs in Carmel Hall.)

Unison Prayer for Illumination (In unison) –

Risen Lord Jesus, you have raised our human nature to the throne of heaven: send your Spirit to speak to us now through your holy word. In your name, we pray. Amen.

First Reading —

The first lectionary reading is Acts, chapter 16, verses 16-34; pp. 128). Paul and Silas are arrested, but an earthquake destroys the prison. Listen now for the Word of God to you!

One day, when we were on the way to the place for prayer, we met a slave woman. She had a spirit that enabled her to predict the future. She made a lot of money for her owners through fortune-telling. She began following Paul and us, shouting, “These people are servants of the Most High God! They are proclaiming a way of salvation to you!” She did this for many days.

This annoyed Paul so much that he finally turned and said to the spirit, “In the name of Jesus Christ, I command you to leave her!” It left her at that very moment.

Her owners realized that their hope for making money was gone. They grabbed Paul and Silas and dragged them before the officials in the city center. When her owners approached the legal authorities, they said, “These people are causing an uproar in our city.

They are Jews who promote customs that we Romans can’t accept or practice.” The crowd joined in the attacks against Paul and Silas, so the authorities ordered that they be stripped of their clothes and beaten with a rod. When Paul and Silas had been severely beaten, the authorities threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to secure them with great care. When he received these instructions, he threw them into the innermost cell and secured their feet in stocks.

Around midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them. All at once there was such a violent earthquake that it shook the prison's foundations. The doors flew open and everyone's chains came loose. When the jailer awoke and saw the open doors of the prison, he thought the prisoners had escaped, so he drew his sword and was about to kill himself. But Paul shouted loudly, "Don't harm yourself! We're all here!"

The jailer called for some lights, rushed in, and fell trembling before Paul and Silas. He led them outside and asked, "Honorable masters, what must I do to be rescued?"

They replied, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your entire household." They spoke the Lord's word to him and everyone else in his house. Right then, in the middle of the night, the jailer welcomed them and washed their wounds. He and everyone in his household were immediately baptized. He brought them into his home and gave them a meal. He was overjoyed because he and everyone in his household had come to believe in God.

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

*** Hymn 213**

"God, Our Lord, A King Remaining"

Bryn Calfaría

This hymn is based on the lectionary Psalm of the day: Psalm 93; p. 519. The Lord Reigns in majesty, high above the mighty waters.

New Testament Reading –

Our second reading from the lectionary is Revelation, chapter 22, verses 12-14, 16-17, 20-21; pp. 245-246. The Lord says: See, I am coming soon. Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. Listen now for the Word of God to you!

"Look! I'm coming soon. My reward is with me, to repay all people as their actions deserve. I am the alpha and the omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end. Favored are those who wash their robes so that they may have the right of access to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates.

"I, Jesus, have sent my angel to bear witness to all of you about these things for the churches. I'm the root and descendant of David, the bright morning star. The Spirit and the bride say, 'Come!' Let the one who hears say, 'Come!' And let the one who is thirsty come! Let the one who wishes receive life-giving water as a gift."

The one who bears witness to these things says, "Yes, I'm coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

New Testament Gospel Reading –

The gospel reading from the lectionary for Ascension Day is Luke, chapter 24, verses 44-53; p. 85. Jesus interprets the scriptures; then he is carried up into heaven. Listen now for the Word of God to you!

Jesus said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the Law from Moses, the Prophets, and the Psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures. He said to them, "This is what is written: the Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and a change of heart and life for the forgiveness of sins must be preached in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

Look, I'm sending to you what my Father promised, but you are to stay in the city until you have been furnished with heavenly power."

He led them out as far as Bethany, where he lifted his hands and blessed them. As he blessed them, he left them and was taken up to heaven. They worshipped him and returned to Jerusalem overwhelmed with joy. And they were continuously in the temple praising God.

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

Sermon

"Called to Look Around"

Pastor Peter

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Inspired by the promise of God's Word, let us give our thanks and praise – so we may continue God's work as we move into God's week.

*** Hymn 148**

"At the Name of Jesus"

King's Weston

Joys and Concerns

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession and The Lord's Prayer (using 'debts' & debtors")

Invitation to the Offering –

(Our hearts are open, and our ministries are continuing seven days a week. Your contribution or pledge payment sustains our presence as the church to the community—both local and global. Please place your offering in the collection plate at the back of the sanctuary, give it online, or mail your offering envelope to the church office.)

Offertory

**"Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"
(Prayer of St. Francis) arr. Martin Neary
Sanctuary Choir; Peter Heckman, soloist**

Sebastian Temple

*Make me a channel of your peace:
where there is hatred let me bring your love,
where there is injury, your pardon, Lord,
and where there's doubt, true faith in you.*

Refrain:

*O Master, grant that I may never seek
so much to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved, as to love with all my soul.*

*Make me a channel of your peace:
where there's despair in life let me bring hope,
where there is darkness, only light,
and where there's sadness, ever joy. (Refrain.)*

*Make me a channel of your peace:
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
in giving of ourselves that we receive,
and in dying that we're born to eternal life. (Refrain.)*

*Make me a channel of your peace:
where there is hatred let me bring your love,
where there is injury, your pardon, Lord,
and where there's doubt, true faith in you.*

CARMEL'S NOMINATING COMMITTEE SEEKS CHURCH OFFICERS – The Nominating Committee will meet soon to fill upcoming vacancies on Session, the Board of Deacons, Shepherds, Audit Committee members, and non-church officer-members of the Nominating Committee. If you would like to serve or recommend a member to serve, please fill out the form and drop it in the offering plate or email the Church Office.

PASTORS WEDNESDAY ZOOM ADULT DISCUSSION GROUP: THE MATTHEW 25 VISION – Pastor Peter's **Wednesday Night Zoom Discussion Group** meets Wednesday evenings through June 8th, from 7:30-9:00 pm. This study explores the **Good News of Jesus** and how to faithfully express what it means to be Christ's disciples in this time and place. Pastor Peter and the **Christian Education Committee** had several requests to discuss the **Matthew 25 Vision**, which grew out of the work of the 2016 and 2018 PC(USA) General Assemblies. Philadelphia Presbytery's own Doylestown and Bethel Presbyterian congregations will be featured in a video. The three foci of the study will be building congregational vitality, dismantling structural racism, and eradicating systemic poverty. Pastor Peter will provide background and theological reflection for the **Matthew 25 Vision**. Each week a communication will be sent with the Zoom link or phone connection!

PDA EMERGENCY RELIEF FOR THOSE FLEEING VIOLENCE IN UKRAINE – Support the Presbyterian Church (USA)'s **emergency relief for those fleeing violence in Ukraine**. The Russian invasion of Ukraine produced the largest refugee crisis in Europe this century. Ukrainians face urgent needs for medical care and basic needs like food, water, and fuel. **Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA)** has a specially designated account to supplement the **One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS)** offering to enable a significant response to humanitarian efforts to assist international refugees and internally displaced persons (IDPs). Please drop a check marked **"Ukraine22"** on the offering plate or make your direct donation via www.pcusa.org/ukraine22.

SUPPORT THE LOCAL "CHRIST IS CALLING" PROJECT FOR UKRAINE – Session approved the **"Christ Is Calling"** local hands-on-mission opportunity for which Carmel may participate. We have found a new source to continue our Carmel donation project for Ukraine. The **Ukrainian Sisters of St. Basil at Manor College** in Abington Township expect to be collecting and shipping necessary supplies for Ukraine for some time to come. They desire many of the same items of our original list, plus a few highlighted additions. You can leave your donations in the designated bins in Carmel's lobby for delivery to the Sisters, whom coordinator Mary Ellen Thomas contacted. Contact coordinators Mary Ellen and Janet Simon for more information.

Ukraine Humanitarian Aid Collection:

Items in high demand are:

- **Army Essentials:** CAT tourniquet, gauze, sleeping bags, blankets, dark thermals, gloves, socks, knee pads, elbow pads, power banks, flashlights, SD cards, yoga mats, and water bottles.
- **Baby Essentials:** Baby wipes, dry baby food, baby food in pouches, baby medicine, baby bottles, and diapers.
- **Medical Supplies:** Crutches, walkers, wheelchairs, OTC meds, first aid kits, bandages
- **Dry Food:** Protein bars, granola bars, canned chicken or fish, pasta, Ramen noodles, fruit rolls.
- **Personal Hygiene Items:** Soap, toothpaste, and toothbrushes.

Thanks for answering Christ's Call to assist Ukrainians during this very difficult time when needs are great.

INTERESTED IN MEMBERSHIP AT CPC—CONTACT PASTOR PETER – Have you thought about making Carmel your church home? Interested in learning more about what membership at BPC involves? We are planning to schedule our next adult membership class and would love to be in conversation with you about how you can take the next step toward membership. We do not have a date set but would appreciate you letting us know your interest by emailing office@presbycarmel.org or contacting Pastor Peter.

CARMEL IS HAPPY TO PROVIDE FOR THE YOUNG MEMBERS of our congregation by offering **Nursery Care and Children's Worship** (third grade and below) during the Sunday 10:00 am worship service. They are being led by two of our committed and dedicated volunteers, Marleen Heintz for **Nursery Care** and Melissa MacFarland for **Children's Worship**. At this time, we request that if you desire nursery care for your child during Sunday worship, **please call the Church Office by Friday noon**, so that the nursery is staffed. **Children's Worship** will meet in Carmel Hall for larger spacing and does not require reserving ahead. Children from Grades K-3 leave the Sanctuary after the **Children's Message**. We welcome our young families, either in person or in virtual worship. Any questions may be addressed to Janet Simon, Christian Education Committee chair; Marleen, or Melissa.

CARMEL CONFIRMATION GROUP CONTINUES THROUGH CONFIRMATION SUNDAY -- The **Confirmation Group** meets Sundays at 9:00 am in the Chapel. **Confirmation Sunday** will be on the **Day of Pentecost**, Sunday, June 5, 2022. We will welcome our newest members of Carmel that day!

WONDER "WHAT'S GOING ON?" CHECK OUT CARMEL'S WEBSITE! Explore the wealth of information at www.presbycarmel.org. Easily find links for the current Livestream worship, past services, the daily lectionary, or to send a prayer request or make a financial donation—and not to miss the latest on the Carmel Calendar. Clicking on the upper circular church photo will always bring you back to the Home Page.

JOIN US EACH SUNDAY IN WORSHIP; CELEBRATE COMMUNION ON THE FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH! **Live Streaming Worship** continues on YouTube, via Zoom on the phone, and Zoom for virtual fellowship following worship for those unable to attend in-person worship due to health comfort levels or travel situations.

SIGN-UP TO HELP WITH WORSHIP – EACH SUNDAY WE HAVE several spots you can assist: liturgist, ushers, greeters, and host for coffee hour. We are not all we can be without you sharing your gifts as a volunteer! Speak with a pastor or sign up online here:
<https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/904094ca8a62aa6f49-worship>

WELCOME TO SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP LIVE STREAMING ON SUNDAYS AT 10:00 AM

YouTube (Carmel Presbyterian Church Glenside) at

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC2KnjuJryWjVkrJljiDvsRw>

Those without Internet access may phone in via the Zoom phone link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8428511409> and Meeting ID: 842 851 1409

"Virtual Fellowship Time" may be accessed on Zoom only after the service ends.

WORSHIPING IN THE TIME OF COVID-19 – Masking in the building is now required in accordance with the Center for Disease Control and Prevention's revised guidelines. Per Session, masking requirements will automatically fluctuate accordingly as Montgomery County moves between the various CDC levels of low, medium, and high, with masks required when at the high level. Members will be notified as levels change and updated signs will be placed on the church's front door.

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Abigail Vander Hart Palmisano, Organist and Director of Music

Lynne Schutt, Liturgist

Sanctuary Choir

Lisa Lent, Usher/Greeter

Beth Cherry and Margie White, Shepherds

Walt Newman, Chancel Preparation and Emergency Procedure (CPEP) Member

Tom Bohlander, Jay Raulinaitis, and Kerri Strike-Stahller, Live-Streaming Operators

Linda MacFarland, Coffee Fellowship Host: Carmel Hall (11:00 AM)

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Eternal Father, Strong to Save

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MELITA 8.8.8.8.8

William Whiting, 1860; alt.

John Bacchus Dykes, 1861

1. E - ter - nal Fa - ther, strong to save, Whose arm has bound the
 2. O Sav - ior, whose al - might - y word The wind and waves sub -
 3. O Ho - ly Spir - it, who did brood Up - on the cha - os
 4. O Trin - i - ty of love and power, All trav - elers guard in

rest - less wave, Who bade the might - y o - cean deep Its
 mis - sive heard, Who walked up - on the foam - ing deep, And
 wild and rude, And bade its an - gry tu - mult cease, And
 dan - ger's hour; From rock and tem - pest, fire and foe, Pro -

own ap - point - ed lim - its keep: O hear us when we
 calm a - mid its rage did sleep: O hear us when we
 gave, for fierce con - fu - sion, peace: O hear us when we
 tect them where - so - e'er they go; Thus ev - er - more shall

cry to Thee For those in per - il on the sea.
 cry to Thee For those in per - il on the sea.
 cry to Thee For those in per - il on the sea.
 rise to Thee Glad praise from air and land and sea.

Glory to the Father

Gloria Patri

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John Weaver, 1978

*
Glo-ry to the Fa-ther, and to the

f
Ped.

Detailed description: This system contains the first line of music. It features a vocal line on a single treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on two staves (treble and bass clefs). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 3/2. The vocal line begins with a rest, followed by the lyrics 'Glo-ry to the Fa-ther, and to the'. The piano accompaniment starts with a forte dynamic (*f*) and includes a pedaling instruction ('Ped.').

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Son, and to the Ho-ly Spir-it: as it was in the be - gin-ning, is

Detailed description: This system contains the second line of music. It features a vocal line on a single treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on two staves. The vocal line continues with the lyrics 'Son, and to the Ho-ly Spir-it: as it was in the be - gin-ning, is'. The piano accompaniment continues with chords and moving lines in both hands.

now, and will be for ev - er. A - men. A - men. A - men.

Detailed description: This system contains the third line of music. It features a vocal line on a single treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on two staves. The vocal line concludes with the lyrics 'now, and will be for ev - er. A - men. A - men. A - men.'. The piano accompaniment concludes with sustained chords in both hands.

**May be sung as a canon.*

$\text{♩} = 58-63$

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PSALM 93

213 God, Our Lord, a King Remaining

BRYN CALFARIA 8.7.8.7.444.7.7

John Keble, 1839; alt. 1988

William Owen, 1852

1: God, our Lord, a King re-main - ing, Robed in maj - es -
 2. In its ev - er - last - ing sta - tion Earth is poised, to
 3. With all tones of wa - ters blend - ing, Glo - rious is the
 4. Lord, the words Your lips are tell - ing Are the per - fect

ty and light: You have robed Your - self, and reign - ing,
 swerve no more; You have laid Your throne's foun - da - tion
 break - ing deep; Glo - rious, beau - teous, with - out end - ing,
 and the true. In Your high e - ter - nal dwell - ing,

Clothed Your - self with power and might. Al - le - lu - ia!
 From all time where thought can soar. Al - le - lu - ia!
 God, who reigns on heaven's high steep. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Ho - li - ness shall live with You. Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! God our King in depth and
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, You are for - ev - er -
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Songs of o - cean nev - er
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, Your word is ev - er

height! God our King in depth and height.
more! Lord, You are for - ev - er - more!
sleep. Songs of o - cean nev - er sleep.
true. Lord, Your word is ev - er true.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature has one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written between the two staves. The melody is primarily in the treble staff, with some accompaniment in the bass staff. The lyrics are: height! God our King in depth and height. more! Lord, You are for - ev - er - more! sleep. Songs of o - cean nev - er sleep. true. Lord, Your word is ev - er true.

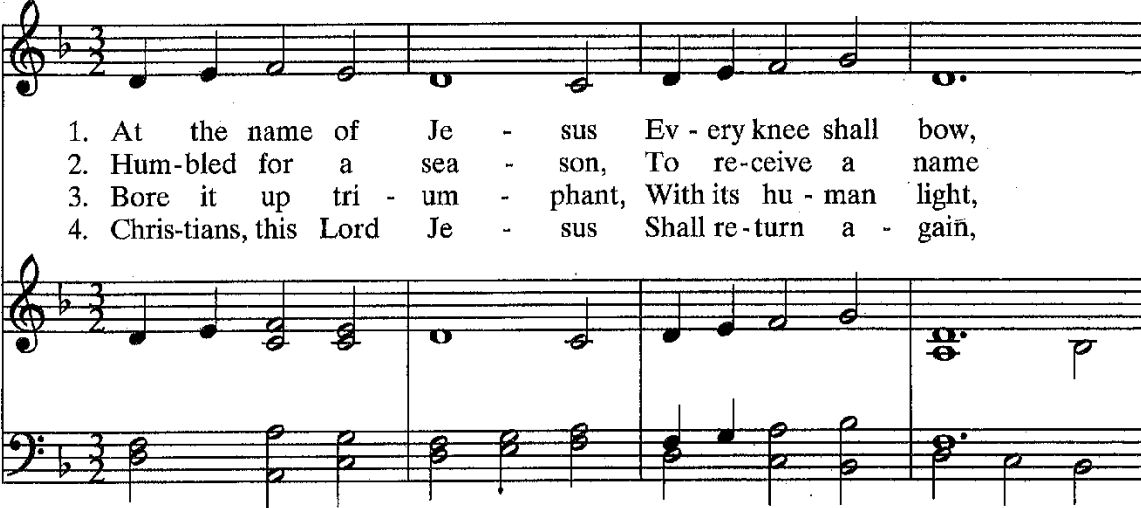
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At the Name of Jesus

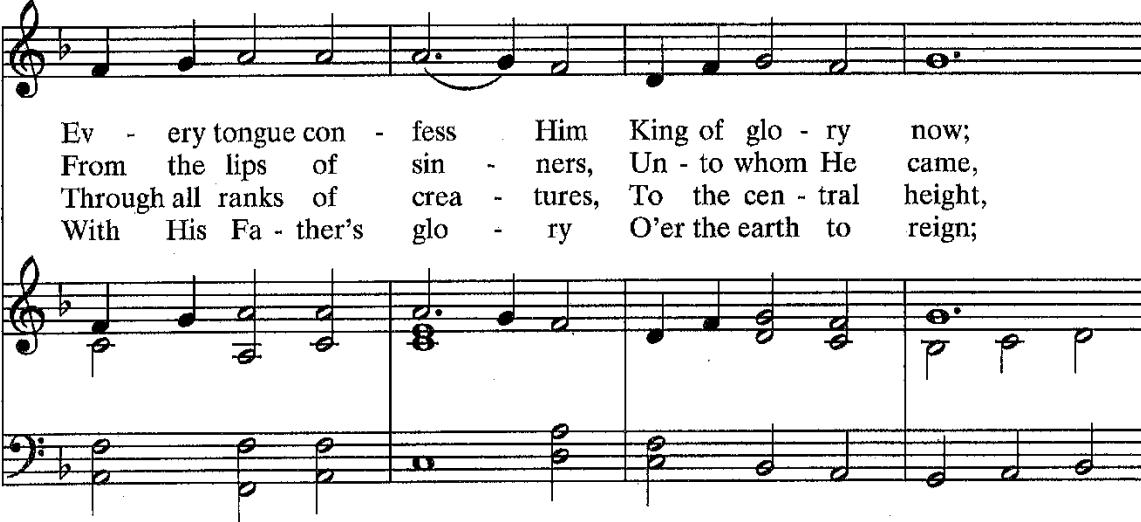
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Caroline Maria Noel, 1890; alt. 1931

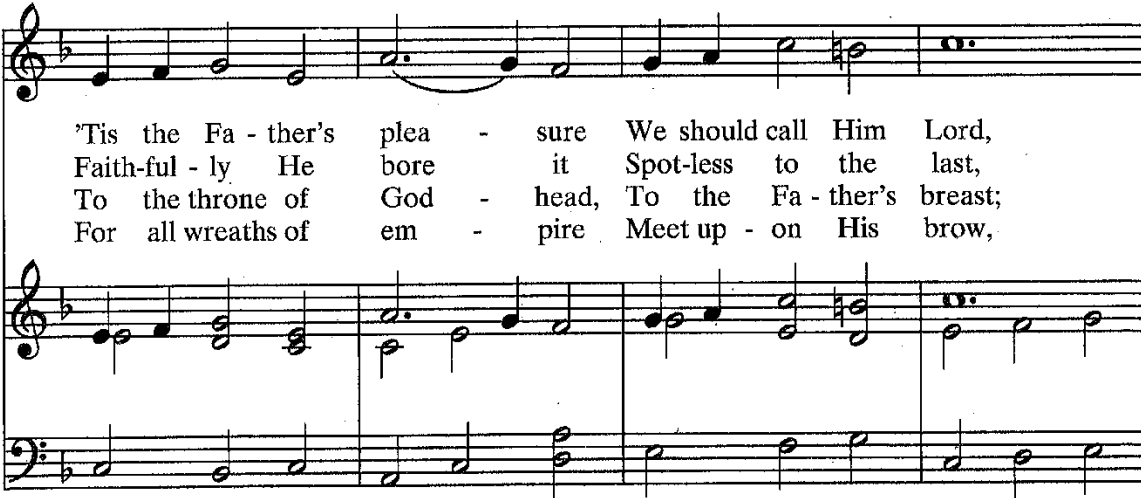
Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1925



1. At the name of Je - sus Ev - ery knee shall bow,
 2. Hum-bled for a sea - son, To re-ceive a name
 3. Bore it up tri - um - phant, With its hu - man light,
 4. Chris-tians, this Lord Je - sus Shall re-turn a - gain,



Ev - ery tongue con - fess Him King of glo - ry now;
 From the lips of sin - ners, Un - to whom He came,
 Through all ranks of crea - tures, To the cen - tral height,
 With His Fa - ther's glo - ry O'er the earth to reign;



'Tis the Fa - ther's plea - sure We should call Him Lord,
 Faith-ful - ly He bore it Spot-less to the last,
 To the throne of God - head, To the Fa - ther's breast;
 For all wreaths of em - pire Meet up - on His brow,

CHRIST THE KING / ASCENSION

Who from the be - gin - ning Was the might - y Word.
Brought it back vic - to - rious, When from death He passed;
Filled it with the glo - ry Of that per - fect rest.
And our hearts con - fess Him King of glo - ry now.

The musical score consists of two systems. The first system features a vocal line on a single treble clef staff with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics are written below the staff. The second system features a piano accompaniment on a grand staff (treble and bass clefs). The piano part includes chords and single notes in both hands, providing harmonic support for the vocal line.

SERVICE MUSIC

592 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Doxology

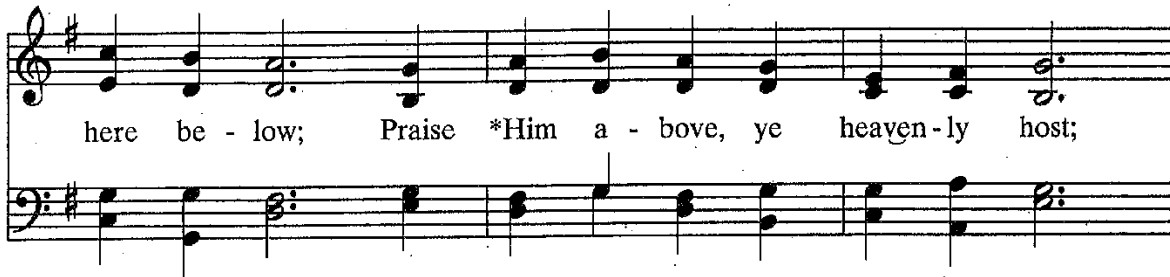
OLD HUNDREDTH LM

Thomas Ken, 1695, 1709

Genevan Psalter, 1551



Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise *Him, all creatures



here below; Praise *Him above, ye heavenly host;



Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

* Or "God."

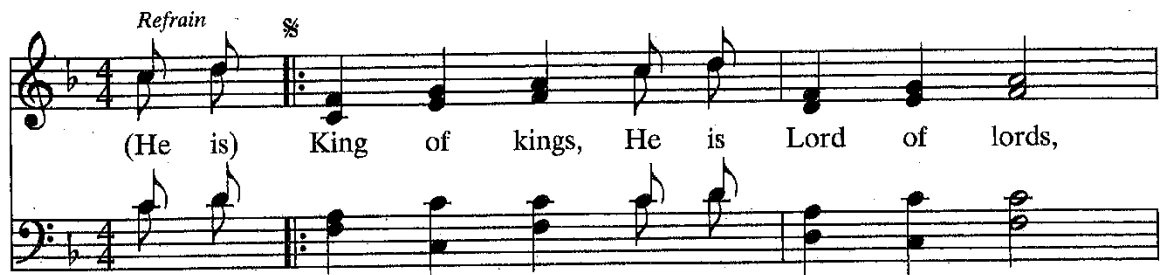
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He Is King of Kings

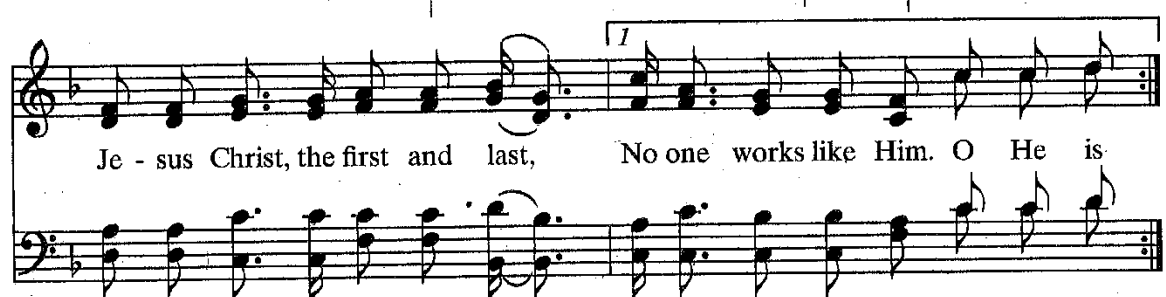
HE IS KING 8.5.8.5 with refrain

African-American spiritual
 Arr. Joseph T. Jones (1902-1983)
 Adapt. Melva W. Costen, 1989

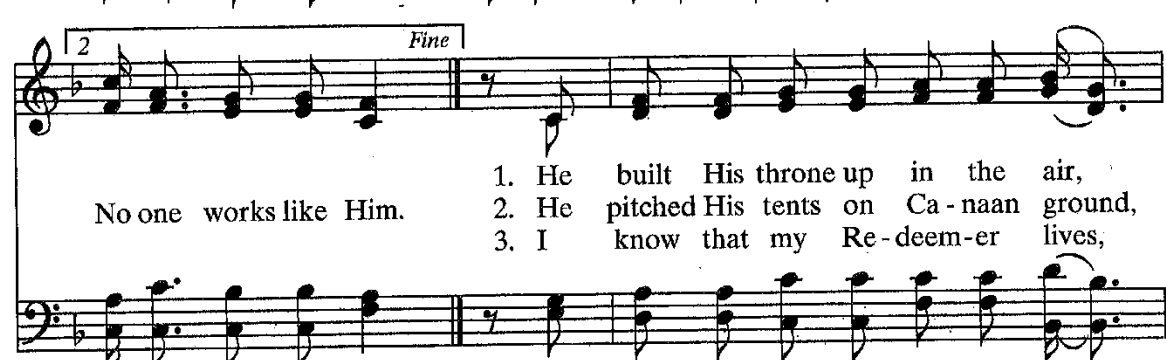
African-American spiritual

Refrain 

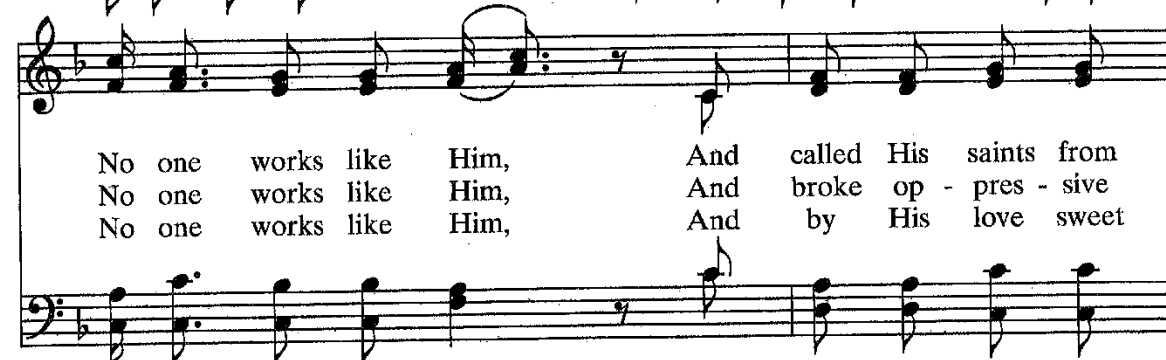
(He is) King of kings, He is Lord of lords,



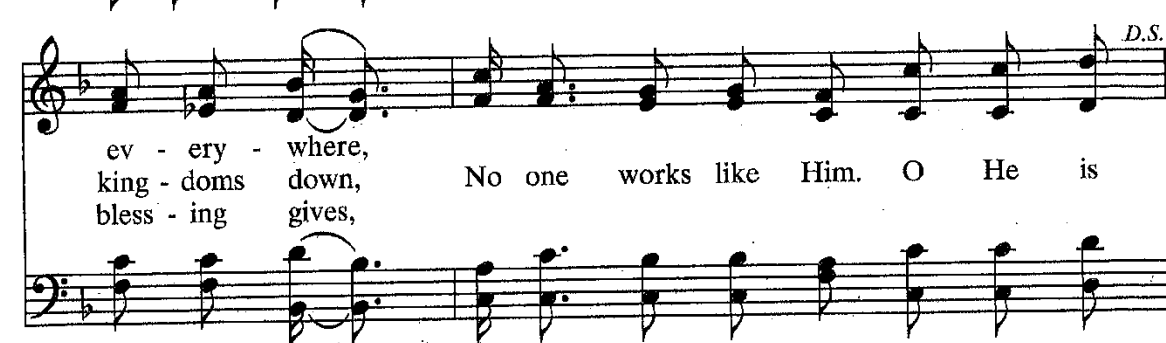
Je - sus Christ, the first and last, No one works like Him. O He is

Fine 

No one works like Him.
 1. He built His throne up in the air,
 2. He pitched His tents on Ca - naan ground,
 3. I know that my Re - deem - er lives,



No one works like Him, And called His saints from
 No one works like Him, And broke op - pres - sive
 No one works like Him, And by His love sweet



ev - ery - where,
 king - doms down, No one works like Him. O He is
 bless - ing gives,
D.S.