



TO BE HIS LIGHT THAT TRANSFORMS LIVES

Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
November 21, 2021

Thought of Preparation

*"A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing. Our helper
he amidst the flood of mortal ills prevailing."*

- Martin Luther inspired by Psalm 46

Welcome

Prelude

*"We Gather Together" (Arr. By John Innes)
Dobin Park - Piano, Michael Sullivan - Organ*

Tower Bell

Call to Worship (Responsive)

Psalm 93

The LORD is king, he is robed in majesty; the LORD is robed, he is girded with strength. He has established the world; it shall never be moved;

Your throne is established from of old; you are from everlasting.

The floods have lifted up, O LORD, the floods have lifted up their voice; the floods lift up their roaring.

More majestic than the thunders of mighty waters, more majestic than the waves of the sea, majestic on high is the LORD!

Your decrees are very sure; holiness befits your house, O LORD, forevermore.

Prayer of Adoration & Confession

Ancient of Days, who was and is and is to come, turn our hearts and minds to the present and coming Christ; that we may see in him the Ruler that he is and may pledge allegiance to the Kingdom that he founded with his blood. God of mercy, we confess that we do not always maintain a clear allegiance to our Christ or to the kingdom that he established, and that we do not live in expectation of his

triumphal return. Forgive us, we pray, and redirect our attention and our affection to that ruler of all rulers, before whom every knee will one day bow. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Believe the good news of God's abounding love in Jesus Christ and of God's graciousness in forgiving our sins. Our sins are forgiven by God's mercy. Go and live as those who are saved by grace through faith in Jesus Christ.

We believe! Thanks be to God!

Gloria Patri

(Creatorex)

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son
and to the Holy Ghost
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.**

Scripture Lesson

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 (NRSV)

⁹ As I watched,
thrones were set in place,
and an Ancient One^[a] took his throne,
his clothing was white as snow,
and the hair of his head like pure wool;
his throne was fiery flames,
and its wheels were burning fire.

¹⁰ A stream of fire issued
and flowed out from his presence.

A thousand thousands served him,
and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him.

The court sat in judgment,
and the books were opened.

¹³ As I watched in the night visions,
I saw one like a human being^[a]
coming with the clouds of heaven.
And he came to the Ancient One^[b]
and was presented before him.

¹⁴ To him was given dominion
and glory and kingship,
that all peoples, nations, and languages
should serve him.
His dominion is an everlasting dominion
that shall not pass away,
and his kingship is one
that shall never be destroyed.

Anthem

“My Tribute” (Crouch/arr. Tom Fettke)

*How can I say thanks for the things you have done for me?
Things so undeserved, yet you give to prove your love for me.
The voices of a million angels could not express my gratitude;
All that I am and ever hope to be, I owe it all to Thee.*

*To God be the glory for the things He has done.
With His blood He has saved me, with His power He has raised me,
To God be the glory for the things He has done.*

*Just let me live my life, let it be pleasing, Lord, to Thee;
And should I gain any praise, let it go to Calvary.*

Scripture Lesson

Revelation 1:4b-8

⁴ John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵ and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed^[a] us from our sins by his blood, ⁶ and made^[b] us to be a kingdom, priests serving^[c] his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

⁷ Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

⁸ “I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty

Gathering Together in Prayer Silent Prayer—Pastoral Prayer

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the Kingdom, and the Power, and the Glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Offertory Invitation

Share what you have with others, meeting their need with your surplus.
It is a question of equality, not hardship, and expected by our Creator.

Offertory

“We Walk By Faith”

(Williams/Sanborn)

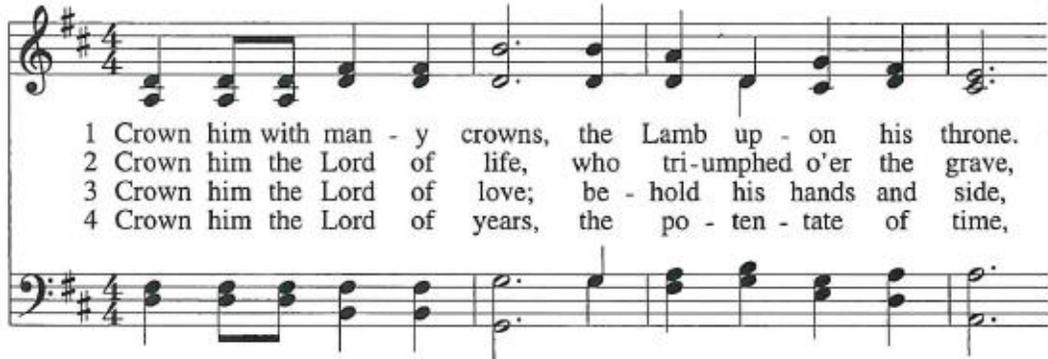
We walk by faith and not by sight. We trust in God and not in might.
For in our darkness He is light. We walk by faith and not by sight.
Sometimes trials come our way. We don't know what to do or say.
But we know God will make a way if we trust, trust and obey.
We walk by faith and not by sight. We trust in God and not in might.
For in our darkness He is light. We walk by faith and not by sight.
We trust in God and in His Son. What God has promised will be done.
And as each journey is begun His Holy Spirit makes us one.
We walk by faith and not by sight. We trust in God and not in might.
For in our darkness He is light. We walk by faith and not by sight.
We may not fully understand, but we are guided by His hand.
And as we follow faith's command, God leads us to the promised land.
We walk by faith and not by sight. We trust in God and not in might.
For in our darkness He is light. We walk by faith and not by sight.

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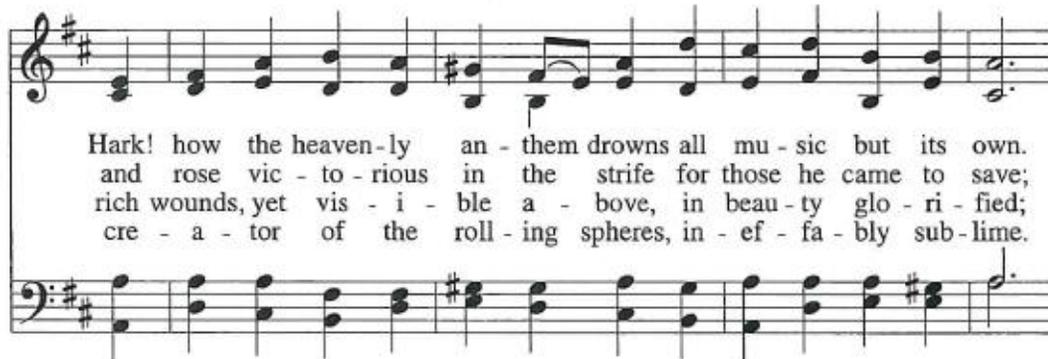
John 18:33-37 (NRSV)

³³ Then Pilate entered the headquarters^[a] again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” ³⁴ Jesus answered, “Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?” ³⁵ Pilate replied, “I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?” ³⁶ Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.” ³⁷ Pilate asked him, “So you are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this

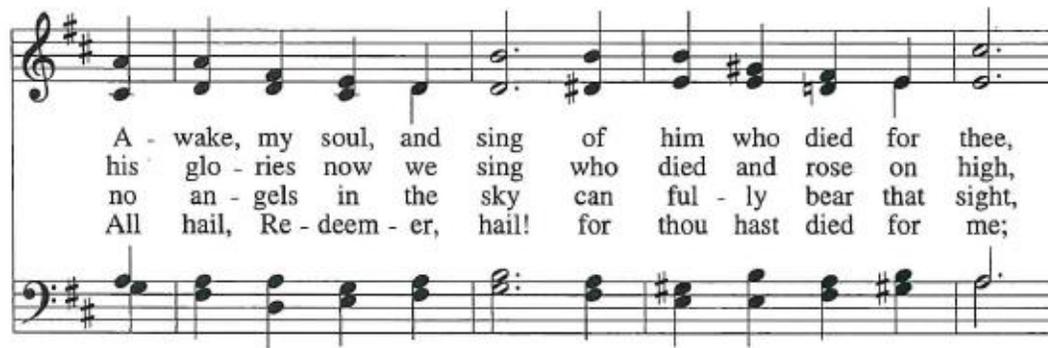
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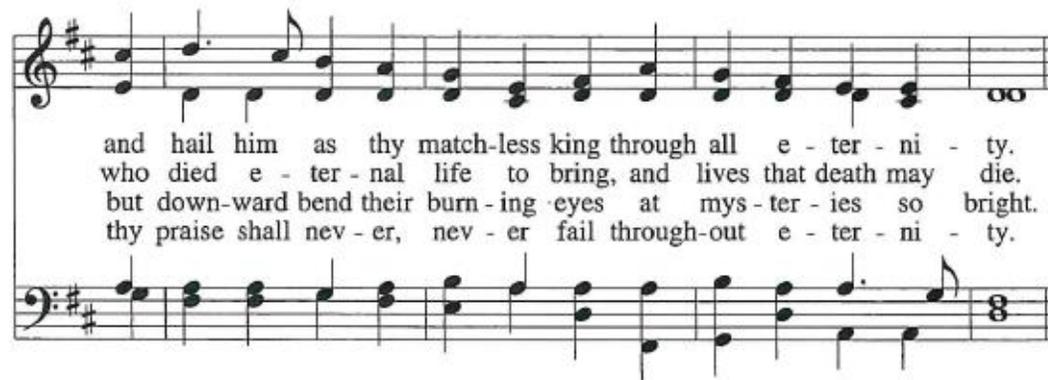
1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne.
 2 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave,
 3 Crown him the Lord of love; be - hold his hands and side,
 4 Crown him the Lord of years, the po - ten - tate of time,



Hark! how the heaven - ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own.
 and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save;
 rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied;
 cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fa - bly sub - lime.



A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
 his glo - ries now we sing who died and rose on high,
 no an - gels in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,
 All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! for thou hast died for me;



and hail him as thy match - less king through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 who died e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
 but down - ward bend their burn - ing eyes at mys - ter - ies so bright.
 thy praise shall nev - er, nev - er fail through - out e - ter - ni - ty.