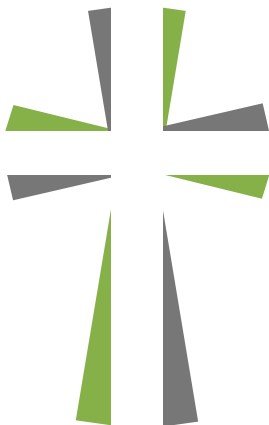


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SEPTEMBER 3, 2023

Honor God.
Welcome All.
Embody Christ's Reign.

A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA)

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

September 3, 2023

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort; to all who struggle and desire victory; to all who sin and need a Savior; to all who are strangers and want fellowship; to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness; and to all who will come, this church opens wide her doors and offers a welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude

*Call to Worship

Rev. Ryan Hudson

PASTOR: Our help is in the name of the LORD!

PEOPLE: **For he is the Maker of heaven and earth!**

PASTOR: We will give thanks to the LORD with our whole heart; we will recount all of your wonderful deeds. We will be glad and exult in you; we will sing praise to your name, O Most High.

PEOPLE: **The LORD sits enthroned forever; he has established his throne for justice, and he judges the world with righteousness; he judges the peoples with uprightness.**

PASTOR: The LORD is a stronghold for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble. And those who know your name put their trust in you, for you, O LORD, have not forsaken those who seek you.

ALL: **Sing praises to the LORD, who sits enthroned in Zion! Tell among the peoples his deeds!**

From Psalm 9

*Prayer of Adoration

*Hymn of Adoration

"A Mighty Fortress"

Confession of Sin

PASTOR: Let us now confess our sins together:

ALL: Holy Father, we confess that we have sinned against you by rejecting your ways and following our own ways. Instead of trusting you as God, we want to be our own gods. And so, we have not worshipped you rightly; we have failed to honor authority; we have hated others; we have lusted after that which is not ours; we have stolen, lied, and coveted.

Merciful Lord, we beg your forgiveness, not for our goodness or remorse, but for your mercy and the sacrifice of Jesus. And we ask that, by the power of your Holy Spirit, you would help us to see your law as beautiful and our sin as detestable. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

Silent Confession

*Song of Confession

"Kyrie"

*Assurance of Pardon and Comfort

PASTOR: The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever. 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.

Psalm 103:8-12

ALL: **Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, new creation! The old has passed away, behold, the new has come!**

2 Corinthians 5:17

***Extending God's Welcome of Peace**

PASTOR: The peace of Christ be with you!

PEOPLE: And also with you!

***Song of Renewal**

“His Mercy Is More”

COMMITTING TO GOD'S KINGDOM

***Confession of Faith**

PASTOR: Christian, in whom do we believe?

ALL: We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of his Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father;
by whom all things were made;
who for us and for our salvation
came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried;
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father;
and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead;
whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son;
who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified;
who spoke by the prophets;
and we believe in one holy catholic¹ and apostolic church;
we acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins;
and we look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Nicene Creed - 381 AD

¹The term “catholic” refers to the church universal, knowing no racial, economic, or geographic barriers.

Kingdom Reading

Kim & Banji Sokoya

Psalm 26

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God!

1 Thessalonians 3:1-13

LEADER: This is Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Intercession

Peter Robertson

Common Prayer

LEADER: Let us now join our voices together praying:

ALL: O God, whose Son Jesus is the Good Shepherd of your people: Grant that
when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and
so follow him wherever he leads. Amen.

Kingdom Giving & Meditation

“The Servant King”

***Doxology**

LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

"THE DOUBTING PROHPET"

Matthew 11:1-19

Series: The Gospel According to Matthew

Rev. Ryan Hudson

(See insert for Sermon Notes)

FEASTING AT GOD'S TABLE

Holy Communion (see insert)

Trinity Presbyterian Church welcomes all baptized Christians who are willing to forsake their sins and trust in Christ for salvation, and who are members in good standing of a congregation that proclaims the gospel, to receive Holy Communion with us. Baptized covenant children who have not made profession of faith before the elders should abstain from communion until they are received as communing members by the session. TPC serves wine and grape juice for communion. The **clear** cups contain wine and the **purple** cups contain grape juice. The communion bread in the **purple** cups is gluten free.

Song of Communion

"My Song Is Love Unknown"

GOING OUT WITH GOD'S BLESSING

*Song of Sending

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

*The Sending

PASTOR: Then Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it."

Matthew 16:24-25

PEOPLE: **With the Lord's help, we will do this!**

*Benediction

PASTOR: Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word.

2 Thessalonians 2:16-17

PEOPLE: **Amen!**

*Postlude

Musicians: Barbara Ehresman & Jonathan Oldham
Song Leaders: Kimberly Robertson & Laura Robertson

*The Congregation stands

This Week at TPC

Sunday, September 3	No Christian Education (CE)
Monday, September 4	Church Office Closed (Labor Day)
Tuesday, September 5	Men's Fellowship 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday, September 6	TYG The Gathering 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. ELC 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Upcoming Events

Churchwide Potluck

Join us for our next churchwide potluck on Sunday, September 10 at 12:00 pm. Potlucks are a great opportunity for fellowship with church family. Email admin@trinitymboro.com or watch for a link in e-news to RSVP and to sign up to bring a dish to share.

Welcome Back College Students!

We are so glad that you are here. Please plan to join us next week on RUF Sunday. Weston Duke (RUF Minister at MTSU) will be preaching on Luke 7 and we'll have a churchwide potluck at noon. We'd love for you to join us for lunch and fellowship.

School of Christian Theology class begins September 10, 4:00 - 5:15 p.m.

Beginning Sunday, September 10, from 4:00 - 5:15 p.m., we will be exploring the basics of Christian theology in a 22-week class that runs through the Spring. Topics will include the doctrines of God, humanity, sin, salvation through Christ, the Holy Spirit, the church, and last things. Learning theology is not simply to satisfy our curiosity—it is to grow in our love for God, worship of him, and joyful communion with him. If you are interested in joining us for this class (even if you can't make it to every one), please sign up at the Welcome Center in the narthex or email admin@trinitymboro.com.

Thursday Morning Women's Bible Study on 1 Timothy

On Thursday mornings, from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m., beginning September 14, we will dive into 1 Timothy. We will work through an excellent book: *Entrusted to be Invested* by Susan Hunt and Karen Hodge, concluding on November 9. Stephanie Cardel will lead the study and books will be provided by TPC. Please email Laurie at women@trinitymboro.com with questions. Please register on the sign-up sheets in the lobby or by using the link in e-news.

Thursday Evening Women's Bible Study on Jonah

On Thursday evenings, from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m., September 14-November 9, we will study the book of Jonah using the teaching of Paige Brown by livestream video. The first livestream will be emailed to you on September 7th. Please register this week so you can receive and view the first livestream before we meet on the 14th. We will meet in the Newmans' home at 1514 Shagbark Trail. Discussion of questions provided by Paige will be led by Laurie Newman. Email Laurie at women@trinitymboro.com with any questions. Please register on the sign-up sheets in the lobby or by using the link in e-news.

Trinity Choir Kickoff

On September 16th from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m., we will kick off our Advent preparations. Join us to learn about our semester plans, get started on music, and fellowship with a light breakfast. Regular rehearsals will be held on Sunday evenings at 6:00 p.m. Singers, please join us! Contact Kimberly Robertson at music@trinitymboro.com with any questions or to sign up.

Upcoming Preaching Schedule

Next Sunday we will break from our series on the Gospel According to Matthew. We will be hearing from Luke 7:36-50. Reading the sermon passage before coming to worship is a great way to prepare your heart and mind to receive God's word.

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Guests! We are especially glad that you have chosen to worship with us this morning. It is our hope that worship is an encouragement to you and that you will have opportunity to return soon. Please take time to fill out the Guest Info Slip on the insert and place it in the offering plate or in the box located in the foyer. If you have any questions about our church, feel free to email Pastor Mitchell at mitchell@trinitymboro.com

Located in the front foyer, our Welcome Center has resources available such as weekly sermon manuscripts, ministry brochures, sign-ups, and our most current church member directory. There are also Bibles for use on the side table including large print editions.

Hearing Assistive Devices are available at the sound booth.

Church Leadership

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TPC Family, please know that if you are in need of physical or financial help, let our deacons know by reaching out to them personally or by emailing the chair of the Diaconate, Charles McGaughy, at deacons@trinitymboro.com. And if you are in need of counsel or prayer, please let our elders know by reaching out personally or emailing Mitchell, who is the moderator of the Session, at mitchell@trinitymboro.com.

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SERMON NOTES

“THE DOUBTING PROPHET”

MATTHEW 11:1-19

I. THE DOUBT OF THE PROPHET

II. THE RESPONSE OF THE CHRIST

III. THE PROCLAMATION OF THE KINGDOM

MEMBER/GUEST INFO

Please fill in form and place in the offering plate or box in the foyer. Thank you!

Name _____

Address _____

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Email _____

- ☐ I would like more information about Trinity Presbyterian Church.
- ☐ *I want to receive the weekly E-news.

FEASTING AT GOD'S TABLE

The Great Thanksgiving

PASTOR: The Lord be with you.

PEOPLE: And with your spirit.

PASTOR: Lift up your hearts.

PEOPLE: We lift them up to the Lord.

PASTOR: Let us give thanks to our Lord God.

PEOPLE: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

PASTOR: It is indeed good, right and our delight that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we praise and magnify your glorious Name, evermore praising You and singing...

ALL: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest!

Prayer of Consecration

Words of Institution

Response of the People

PASTOR: Christ our Passover was sacrificed for us!

PEOPLE: Hallelujah!

PASTOR: Let us proclaim the mystery of the faith:

ALL: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Hallelujah!

PASTOR: And now Our Holy Master, that with boldness and without condemnation, we dare to call upon You, the Heavenly God, as our Father, and to say:

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 sins as we forgive those who sin 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. Amen.

PASTOR: The holy gifts of God for the holy people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith and with thanksgiving. Let us partake of the feast!

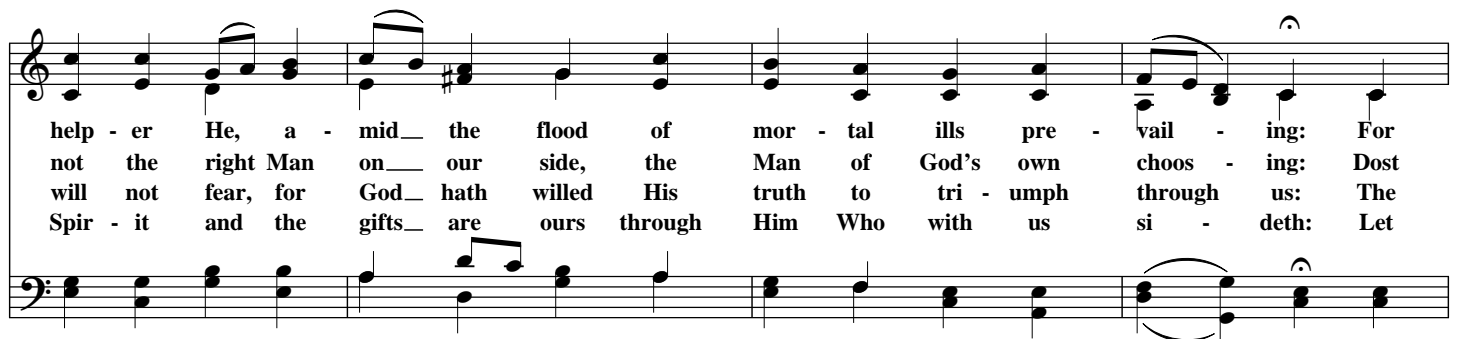
Prayer Request

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Words and Music by Martin Luther
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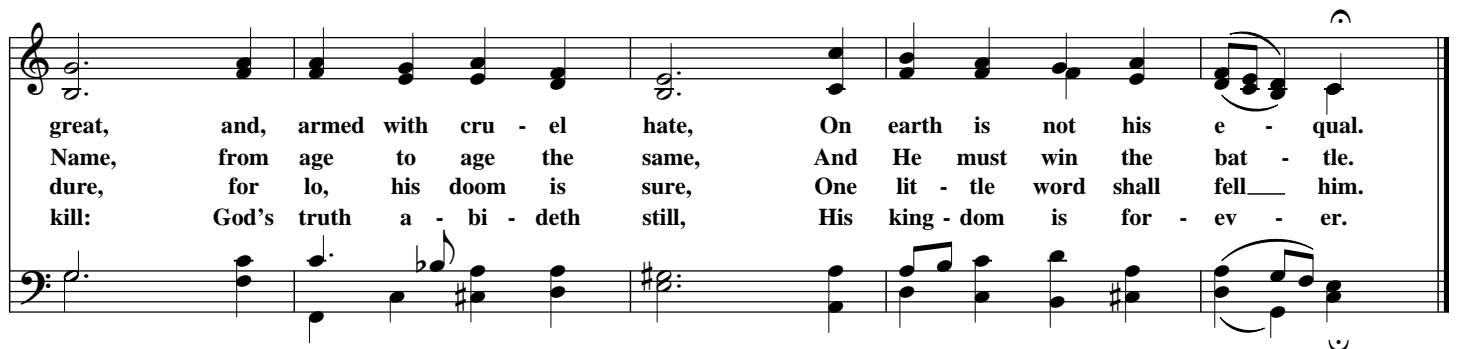
1. A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul - wark nev - er fail - ing; Our
2. Did we in our own strength con - fide, our stri - ving would be los - ing; Were
3. And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un - do us, We
4. That word a - bove all earth - ly pow'rs, no thanks to them, a - bi - deth; The



help - er He, a - mid the flood of mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing; For
not the right Man on our side, the Man of God's own choos - ing; Dost
will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to tri - umph through us: The
Spir - it and the gifts are ours through Him Who with us si - deth: Let



still our an - cient foe doth seek to work us woe; His craft and pow'r are
ask who that may be? Christ Je - sus, it is He; Lord Sa - ba - oth, His
Prince of Dark - ness grim, we trem - ble not for him; His rage we can en -
goods and kin - dred go, this mor - tal life al - so; The bod - y they may



great, and, armed with cru - el hate, On earth is not his e - qual.
Name, from age to age the same, And He must win the bat - tle.
dure, for lo, his doom is sure, One lit - tle word shall fell him.
kill: God's truth a - bi - deth still, His king - dom is for - ev - er.

KYRIE

Words by Anonymous

Music by Isaac Wardell

Em Em/F# Em/G Em Em/F# Em/G Em

Ky-ri-e - E - - le-i-son! - Ky-ri-e - E - - le-i-son -

G D7/F# Em Am Em Em/F# Em/G Em

⁷ - Chri - ste - - E - - le-i-son! - Ky-ri-e - E - - le-i-son!

Arrangement c. 2008 New Jerusalem Music

His Mercy is More

Words and Music by
Matt Boswell and Matt Papa

Slowly ♩. = 44

N.C. E A^{sus2} E B^{sus} C^{#m}

1. What love could re - mem - ber no wrongs we have done; Om - ni - scient, all kno - wing, He
2. What pa - tience would wait as we con - stant - ly roam; What Fa - ther, so ten - der, is
3. What rich - es of kind - ness He la - vished on us; His blood was the pay - ment, His

A^{add9} B^{sus} E^{add9} F^{#m7} E/G[#] A

counts not their sum. Thrown in - to a sea with - out bot - tom or shore; _____
call - ing us home. He wel - comes the weak - est, the vil - est, the poor; _____ } Our
life was the cost. We stood 'neath a debt we could ne - ver af - ford; _____

Refrain §

A E E E/G[#] A E

sins they are ma - ny, His mer - cy is more. Praise the Lord! _____

to CODA ◊

B^{sus} E/G[#] A E B A E B^{sus} B C^{#m}

His mer - cy is more. _____ Stron - ger than dark - ness, new ev' - ry morn; Our

1. [to verse]

A E B E A/E

sins they are ma - ny, His mer - cy is more. 2. What

2.

A E B Eadd9 Esus

sins they are ma - ny, His mer - cy is more.

[to verse] 3. D.S. [refrain] al Coda

Eadd9 Esus A E B E E/G#

3. What sins they are ma - ny, His mer - cy is more. Praise the

⊕ CODA

A E B E Esus E

sins they are ma - ny, His mer - cy is more. Praise the

A E/G# B^{sus} B A E/G# B^{add4} A E/G#

Lord! His mer-cy is more. Stron-ger than dark - ness,

This system of the musical score is for the first line of the hymn. It features a treble and bass staff in the key of E major (three sharps). The melody is written in the treble staff, and the accompaniment is in the bass staff. The lyrics are: 'Lord! His mer-cy is more. Stron-ger than dark - ness,'. The chords are: A, E/G#, B^{sus}, B, A, E/G#, B^{add4}, A, E/G#.

B C#m F#m⁷ **rit.** E B E

new ev' - ry morn; Our sins they are ma - ny, His mer - cy is more.

This system of the musical score is for the second line of the hymn. It features a treble and bass staff in the key of E major (three sharps). The melody is written in the treble staff, and the accompaniment is in the bass staff. The lyrics are: 'new ev' - ry morn; Our sins they are ma - ny, His mer - cy is more.' The chords are: B, C#m, F#m⁷, **rit.** E, B, E. The tempo marking 'rit.' is placed above the E chord.

The Servant King

Graham Kendrick

Worshipfully

Capo 3 Cm G/B Abmaj7 Bb/Ab Eb/G
Am E/G# Fmaj7 G/F C/E

1. From heav'n you came, help-less babe, en-tered our world, your

Ab/C Eb/Bb Bbsus4 Bb Cm G/B Abmaj7
F/A C/G Gsus4 G Am E/G# Fmaj7

glo - ry veiled; not to be served but to serve,

Bb/Ab Eb/G Ab/C Eb/Bb Bbsus4 Bb
G/F C/E F/A C/G Gsus4 G Chorus

and give your life that we might live. This is our

Eb Bb Cm Cm/Bb Ab Bb
C G Am Am/G F G

God, the Ser-vant King, he calls us now to fol - low

$E\flat$ C $B\flat$ G $E\flat$ C $E\flat/D\flat$ C/ $B\flat$ $A\flat/C$ F/A D B
 him, to bring our lives as a dai-ly of-fer - ing of wor-ship

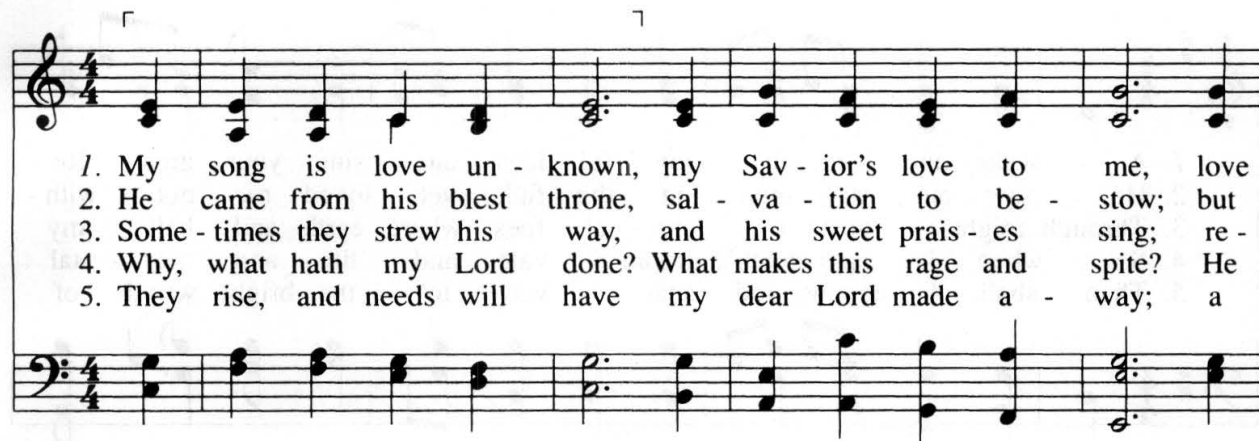
$E\flat$ C $B\flat$ G $E\flat$ C G^7 E^7 $E\flat$ C
 to the Ser- vant King. King.

To next verse *Last time*
 $E\flat$ C G^7 E^7 $E\flat$ C

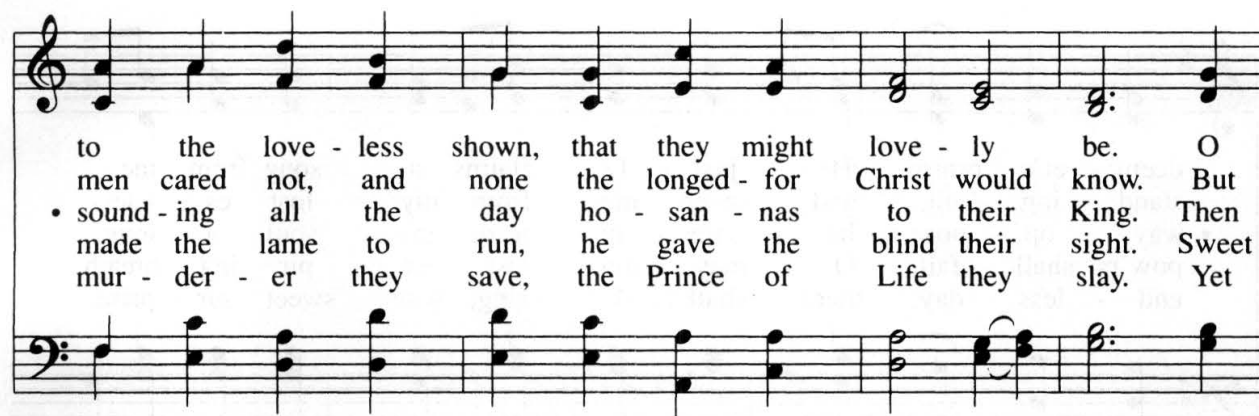
2. There in the garden of tears,
my heavy load he chose to bear;
his heart with sorrow was torn.
'Yet not my will but yours,' he said.
3. Come see his hands and his feet,
the scars that speak of sacrifice,
hands that flung stars into space,
to cruel nails surrendered.
4. So let us learn how to serve,
and in our lives enthrone him;
each other's needs to prefer,
for it is Christ we're serving.

My Song Is Love Unknown

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The Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. Gal. 2:20


1. My song is love un - known, my Sav - ior's love to me, love
 2. He came from his blest throne, sal - va - tion to be - stow; but
 3. Some - times they strew his way, and his sweet prais - es sing; re -
 4. Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and spite? He
 5. They rise, and needs will have my dear Lord made a - way; a



to the love - less shown, that they might love - ly be. O
 men cared not, and none the longed - for Christ would know. But
 • sound - ing all the day ho - san - nas to their King. Then
 made the lame to run, he gave the blind their sight. Sweet
 mur - der - er they save, the Prince of Life they slay. Yet



who am I, that for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh and die?
 oh, my Friend, my Friend in - deed, who at my need his life did spend!
 • "Cru - ci - fy!" is all their breath, and for his death they thirst and cry.
 in - ju - ries! Yet all his deeds their ha - tred feeds; they 'gainst him rise.
 will - ing he to suf - f'ring goes, that he his foes from thence might free.

6. In life, no house, no home
 my Lord on earth might have;
 in death, no friendly tomb
 but what a stranger gave.
 What may I say? Heav'n was his home,
 but mine the tomb wherein he lay.

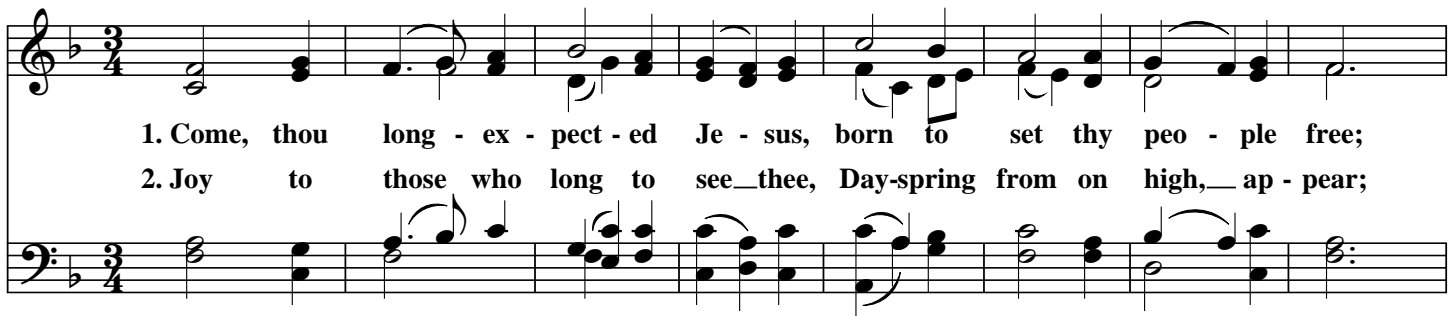
7. Here might I stay and sing,
 no story so divine;
 never was love, dear King,
 never was grief like thine.
 This is my Friend, in whose sweet praise
 I all my days could gladly spend.

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Words by Charles Wesley

Tune by Rowland Hugh Pritchard

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1. Come, thou long - ex - pect - ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;
2. Joy to those who long to see thee, Day-spring from on high, ap - pear;



9 from our fears and sins re - lease us let us find our rest in thee.
come, thou prom - ised Rod of Jes - se, of thy birth we long to hear!



17 Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art,
O'er the hills the an - gel's sing - ing news, glad tid - ings of a birth:



25 dear De - sire of ev - 'ry na - tion, joy of ev - 'ry long - ing heart.
"Go to him your prais - es bring - ing; Christ the Lord has come to earth."

3. Come to earth to taste our sadness, he whose glories knew no end;
by his life he brings us gladness, our Redeem-er, Shepherd, Friend.
Leaving riches without number born within a cattle stall;
this the everlasting wonder Christ was born the Lord of all.

4. Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a king,
born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal Spir-it rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all sufficient merit, raise us to thy glorious throne.