

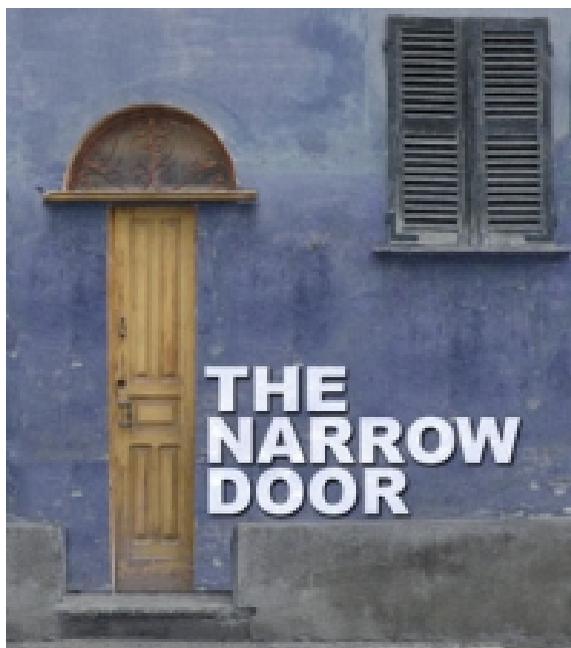
THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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Worship Focus

THE BELIEVER HEARS JESUS' WARNINGS...

The door to heaven is narrow.



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OPENING HYMN

405 - Oh, for a Faith that Will Not Shrink



1 Oh, for a faith that will not shrink Though
2 That will not mur - nor com - plain Be -
3 A faith that shines more bright and clear When
4 That bears un - moved the world's dread frown Nor
5 A faith that keeps the nar - row way Till



pressed by man - y a foe, That will not trem - ble
neath the chas - t'ning rod, But in the hour of
tem - pests rage with - out, That, when in dan - ger,
heeds its scorn - ful smile, That sin's wild o - cean
life's last spark is fled And with a pure and



on the brink Of pov - er - ty or woe,
grief or pain Can lean up - on its God,
knows no fear, In dark - ness feels no doubt,
can - not drown Nor Sa - tan's arts be - guile,
heav'n - ly ray Lights up the dy - ing bed.

6 Lord, give us such a faith as this,
And then, whate'er may come,
We'll taste e'en now the hallowed bliss
Of an eternal home.

Text: William H. Bathurst, 1796–1877.

Tune: ST. PETER (CM) Alexander R. Reinagle, 1799–1877.

INVOCATION

Minister In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation Amen.

M Beloved in the Lord: Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve Your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord have mercy on me a sinner.

LORD HAVE MERCY (*Kyrie*)

The musical notation is written on two staves in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. The first staff begins with a common time signature 'C' in a box. The lyrics are: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us. A - men.

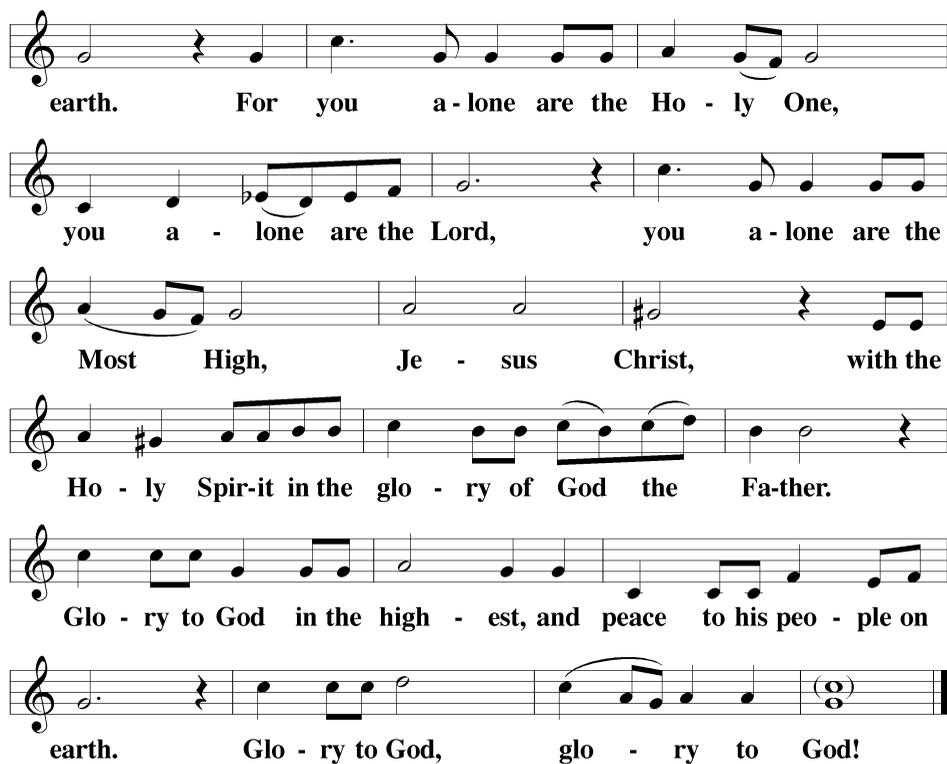
ABSOLUTION

M God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given His only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

M In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord:

C Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on
earth. Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and
Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we
praise you for your glo - ry! Glo - ry to God in the
high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.
Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,
have mer - cy on us. You are
ceive our prayer, re - ceive our prayer.
Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on



earth. For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One,
 you a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the
 Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the
 Ho - ly Spir-it in the glo - ry of God the Fa-ther.
 Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on
 earth. Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

M Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and love; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.



THE WORD

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 66:18-24

The chosen nation of Israel had rejected the narrow door of the Lord. Yet in this last chapter of Isaiah comes the promise of spiritual and eternal deliverance.

ISAIAH 66:18 “And I, because of their actions and their imaginations, am about to come and gather all nations and tongues, and they will come and see my glory.

¹⁹ “I will set a sign among them, and I will send some of those who survive to the nations—to Tarshish, to the Libyans and Lydians (famous as archers), to Tubal and Greece, and to the distant islands that have not heard of my fame or seen my glory. They will proclaim my glory among the nations. ²⁰ And they will bring all your brothers, from all the nations, to my holy mountain in Jerusalem as an offering to the LORD -on horses, in chariots and wagons, and on mules and camels,” says the LORD. “They will bring them, as the Israelites bring their grain offerings, to the temple of the LORD in ceremonially clean vessels. ²¹ And I will select some of them also to be priests and Levites,” says the LORD.

²² “As the new heavens and the new earth that I make will endure before me,” declares the LORD, “so will your name and descendants endure. ²³ From one New Moon to another and from one Sabbath to another, all mankind will come and bow down before me,” says the LORD. ²⁴ “And they will go out and look upon the dead bodies of those who rebelled against me; their worm will not die, nor will their fire be quenched, and they will be loathsome to all mankind.”

PSALM 72

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun



1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun Does its suc -
2 To him shall end - less prayer be made And end - less
3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - 'ry tongue Praise his great
4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: The pris - 'ner
5 Let ev - 'ry crea - ture rise and bring Wor - ship and



ces - sive jour - neys run; His king - dom stretch from
prais - es crown his head; His name like sweet per -
love with sweet - est song, And in - fant voic - es
leaps, un - loosed his chains, The wea - ry find e -
hon - or to our King; An - gels de - scend with



shore to shore Till moons shall wax and wane no more.
fume shall rise With ev - 'ry morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
shall pro - claim Their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.
ter - nal rest, And all who suf - fer want are blest.
songs a - gain, And earth re - peat the loud a - men.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, abr., alt.

Tune: TRURO (LM) *Psalmodia Evangelica*, Part II, London, 1789.

SECOND LESSON Hebrews 12:18-24

The giving of the Old Covenant left the Israelites quaking in fear. But the New Covenant invites all the nations to come to Mt. Zion with the confidence of salvation only through Jesus. He is the narrow door.

HEBREWS 12:18 You have not come to a mountain that can be touched and that is burning with fire; to darkness, gloom and storm; ¹⁹to a trumpet blast or to such a voice speaking words that those who heard it begged that no further word be spoken to them, ²⁰because they could not bear what was commanded: “If even an animal touches the mountain, it must be stoned.” ²¹The sight was so terrifying that Moses said, “I am trembling with fear.” ²²But you have come to Mount Zion, to the heavenly Jerusalem, the city of the living God. You have come to thousands upon thousands of angels in joyful assembly, ²³to the church of the firstborn, whose names are written in heaven. You have come to God, the judge of all men, to the spirits of righteous men made perfect, ²⁴to Jesus the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

After the announcement of the Gospel the congregation responds:



C Glo-ry be to you, O Lord! Glo-ry be to you, O Lord!

GOSPEL Luke 13:22-30

The narrow door to eternity is open only to the spiritual children of Abraham.

LUKE 13:22 Then Jesus went through the towns and villages, teaching as he made his way to Jerusalem. ²³Someone asked him, “Lord, are only a few people going to be saved?”

He said to them, ²⁴“Make every effort to enter through the narrow door, because many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able to. ²⁵Once the owner of the house gets up and closes the door, you will stand outside knocking and pleading, ‘Sir, open the door for us.’

“But he will answer, ‘I don’t know you or where you come from.’

²⁶ “Then you will say, ‘We ate and drank with you, and you taught in our streets.’

²⁷ “But he will reply, ‘I don’t know you or where you come from. Away from me, all you evildoers!’

²⁸ “There will be weeping there, and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, but you yourselves thrown out.

²⁹People will come from east and west and north and south, and will take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God. ³⁰Indeed there are those who are last who will be first, and first who will be last.”

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

After the reading of the Gospel the congregation responds:



C Praise be to you, O Christ! Praise be to you, O Christ!

CONFESSION OF FAITH – THE NICENE CREED

**C We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and became fully human.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried,

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

HYMN OF THE DAY

288 - The Gospel Shows the Father's Grace



1 The gos - pel shows the Fa - ther's grace, Who
 2 It sets the Lamb be - fore our eyes, Who
 3 It brings the Sav - ior's right - eous - ness To
 4 It is the pow'r of God to save From
 5 It bears to all the ti - dings glad And



sent his Son to save our race, Pro -
 made the a - ton - ing sac - ri - fice And
 robe our souls in roy - al dress; From
 sin and Sa - tan and the grave; It
 bids their hearts no more be sad; The



claims how Je - sus lived and died That
 calls the souls with guilt op - pressed To
 all our guilt it brings re - lease And
 works the faith which firm - ly clings To
 wea - ry, bur - dened souls it cheers And



we might thus be jus - ti - fied.
 come and find e - ter - nal rest.
 gives the trou - bled con - science peace.
 all the trea - sures which it brings.
 ban - ish - es their guilt - y fears.

6 May we in faith its message learn
 Nor thanklessly its blessings spurn;
 May we in faith its truth confess
 And praise the Lord, our righteousness.

Text: Matthias Loy, 1828–1915, alt.

Tune: HERR JESU CHRIST, DICH ZU UNS WEND (LM) *Cantionale Germanicum*, Gochsheim, 1628.

SERMON

Hebrews 11:7

Faith is Unsinkable

PRAISE AND PRAYER

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

C Cre - ate in me a pure heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me.
Do not cast me a - way from your pres - ence or
take your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -
store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up -
hold, up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

The musical score consists of seven staves of music in a single system. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a common time signature (C). The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The music is a simple, melodic line with a steady rhythm.

FRIENDSHIP REGISTER and GATHERING OF OFFERINGS

MUSICAL OFFERTORY

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

We praise Your goodness, O Lord, for sustaining us day to day in all our needs of body and life and for delivering to us Your Son that we may enjoy forgiveness of sins, life and salvation. We rejoice that You have granted to us the Comforter, that we may not be without Your guidance and gifts, and we ask You to help us treasure in our hearts all that You have supplied for us and for our salvation. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Bless Your Church, O Lord, and preserve all Your people whom You have called by Your Word, given new birth in the waters of Baptism, and fed and nourished by their Communion upon the body and blood of our Savior. Make us perfect in love, that we may keep Your commands and do the good works that glorify You. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Deliver us from a judgmental spirit, O Lord, and instill within us a repentant heart, that we may seek reconciliation and peace through confession and the forgiveness of sins. Bless those who work within Your Church to bring peace and unity where there is division, mistrust and hate. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

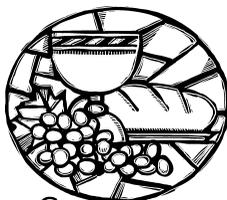
Bring to the sick and sorrowing the comfort of Your grace, that in the days of their afflictions and in their time of adversity they may know Your presence and healing grace [*especially* _____]. Be near to those who grieve the loss of loved ones and those to whom death draws near [*especially* _____]. According to Your gracious will, grant to all the consolation of Your love and Your tender compassion. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We recall with thanksgiving, O Lord, those who served You in days past and now rest from their labors, and we pray You to keep us in fellowship with all Your saints, those who await our Lord's coming on earth and those whom You have brought into Your nearer presence. By this holy communion, give us grace to sustain us through the changes and chances of this mortal life, and keep us to that day when Christ shall call us unto Himself and we shall know You face to face, in the marriage supper of the Lamb that knows no end. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, all things are Yours, and You have promised to well supply us with all that we need. Give us courage and faith, that we may give a confident "amen" to these prayers, certain that You will give us all that is good and beneficial to our salvation and preserve us from all things harmful, for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, through whom, with whom and in whom, be all honor and glory, both now and forever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

C Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.



Sacrament
of Communion

THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE and PROPER PREFACES

M The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

M Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them up to the Lord.**

M Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C **It is good and right so to do.**

M It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock till he comes again in glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (*Sanctus*)

C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er,
God of might: heav'n and earth are full of your glo -
ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless -
ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -
na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

M The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD (*Agnus Dei*)

C O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. O
Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. O
Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us your peace. A -
men. A - men.

DISTRIBUTION

The Scriptures teach that the celebration of the Lord's Supper connects us intimately with Christ and with one another as Christians who are united around a common confession of faith. Therefore, we ask that only those who are members of Calvary or churches within our fellowship come forward to receive the Lord's Supper.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

384 - By Grace I'm Saved



1 By grace I'm saved, grace free and bound - less;
 2 By grace God's Son, our on - ly Sav - ior,
 3 By grace! Oh, mark this word of prom - ise
 4 By grace to tim - id hearts that trem - ble,
 5 By grace! On this I'll rest when dy - ing;



My soul, be - lieve and doubt it not. Why wa - ver
 Came down to earth to bear our sin. Was it be -
 When you are by your sins op - pressed, When Sa - tan
 In trib - u - la - tion's fur - nace tried— By grace, de -
 In Je - sus' prom - ise I re - joice. For though I



at this word of prom - ise? Has Scrip - ture ev - er
 cause of your own mer - it That Je - sus died your
 plagues your trou - bled con - science, And when your heart is
 spite all fear and trou - ble, The Fa - ther's heart is
 know my heart's con - di - tion, I al - so know my



false - hood taught? So then this word must true re -
 soul to win? No, it was grace, and grace a -
 seek - ing rest. What rea - son can - not com - pre -
 o - pen wide. Where could I help and strength se -
 Sav - ior's voice. My heart is glad; all grief has



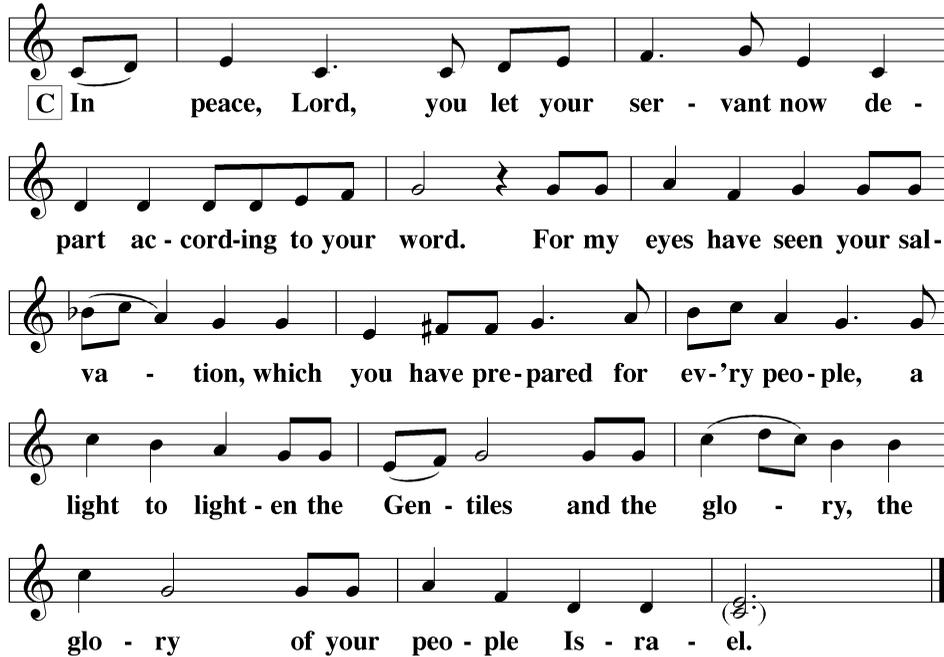
main: By grace you, too, shall heav'n ob - tain.
 lone, That brought him from his heav'n - ly throne.
 hend God by his grace to you did send.
 cure If grace were not my an - chor sure?
 flown Since I am saved by grace a - lone.

Text: Christian L. Scheidt, 1709–61, abr.; tr. composite.

Tune: O DASS ICH TAUSEND ZUNGEN HÄTTE (DRETZEL) (98 98 88) Cornelius H. Dretzel, 1697–1775, alt.

THANKSGIVING

SONG OF SIMEON (*Nunc Dimittis*)



The musical score is written on five staves of a single treble clef. The first staff begins with a common time signature 'C'. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: 'In peace, Lord, you let your ser - vant now de - part ac - cord - ing to your word. For my eyes have seen your sal - va - tion, which you have pre - pared for ev - 'ry peo - ple, a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry, the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.' The final note of the piece is a half note with a fermata.

C In peace, Lord, you let your ser - vant now de -
part ac - cord - ing to your word. For my eyes have seen your sal -
va - tion, which you have pre - pared for ev - 'ry peo - ple, a
light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry, the
glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

M O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

C And his mercy endures forever.

PRAYER AND BLESSING

M O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

M The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
 The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.

C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

755 – Your Kingdom, O God

Led by small group. All are invited to join in singing.



1 Your king-dom, O God, is my glo - ri - ous trea - sure, My
 2 Your king-dom, O God, is a - live with the pow - er Your
 3 Your king-dom, O God, is a field for the grow - ing Of



pearl of in - com - p'ra - ble worth. Its
 Word and your Spir - it be - stow. Like
 seeds that your mer - cy has sown, But



val - ue ex - ceeds ev - 'ry stand - ard of mea - sure, Sur -
 yeast, they af - fect the whole mea - sure of flour, En -
 still in our midst is the en - e - my sow - ing The



pass - ing the wealth of the earth. Lord,
 a - bling your king - dom to grow. Em -
 weeds that im - per - il your own. Sus -



give me your grace and the pow'r of the Spir - it To
 pow - er me, Lord, as I live your com - mis - sion, Though
 tain me, O Lord, till your day of re - turn - ing And



val - ue this trea - sure a - right That,
 hum - ble my ser - vice may be, And
 har - vest me home - ward at last, To

nev - er al - lured by the world, I in - her - it Your
 bring ev - 'ry plant - ing to per - fect fru - i - tion, A
 shine in the home - land that qui - ets all yearn - ing, Where

king - dom of glo - ry and light.
 mus - tard seed grown to a tree.
 sor - row and dan - ger are past.

Based on Jesus' parables in Matthew 13, this hymn expresses the Christian's great joy in discovering the glorious and eternal treasures that only the gospel of forgiveness offers.

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After worship, please feel free to stay and greet your neighbors.

