

GATHERING

"FANFARE AND PROCESSIONAL" (LYNN TRAPP)

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP | FROM PSALM 46:10

- Be still, and know that I am God.
 I will be exalted among the nations,
 I will be exalted in the earth.
- » Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP | FROM PSALM 67

- > May the peoples praise you, God;
- » May all the peoples praise you.
- May the nations be glad and sing for joy,
- » For you rule the peoples with equity and guide the nations of all the earth.
- > May the peoples praise you, God;
- » May all the peoples praise you.

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Let's openly thank God for attributes of his character. For example, "God, thank you that you are all-powerful" or "God, thank you for your grace for me this week."

"CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS" | MUSIC ON P.4

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne; Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own; Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee And hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave, Who rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save; His glories now we sing who died and reigns on high, Who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side, Rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified; No angels in the sky can fully bear that sight, But downward bend their burning eyes at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of years, the potentate of time, Creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime. All hail, Redeemer, hail! for thou hast died for me; Thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.

"YOU, LORD, ARE BOTH LAMB AND SHEPHERD" | MUSIC ON P.5

You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shepherd. You, Lord, are both prince and slave. You, peacemaker and sword-bringer Of the way you took and gave. You, the everlasting instant; You, whom we both scorn and crave.

Clothed in light upon the mountain, Stripped of might upon the cross, Shining in eternal glory, Beggared by a soldier's toss, You, the everlasting instant; You, who are both gift and cost.

You, who walk each day beside us, Sit in power at God's side. You, who preach a way that's narrow, Have a love that reaches wide. You, the everlasting instant; You, who are our pilgrim guide.

Worthy is our earthly Jesus!
Worthy is our cosmic Christ!
Worthy your defeat and victory.
Worthy still your peace and strife.
You, the everlasting instant;
You, who are our death and life.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

» Sing refrain:

You hear us call, you hear us call, Abba Father. You hear us call, you hear us call, Abba Father. Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy.

> Father, creator of this world and sustainer of all life, you hold mercy and justice in your hands. Where we have sown hate, you bring peace. Where we have divided, you make paths in the wilderness. Where we have built idols to our skills and security and status, you remind us that you are the true King. Above all people for all time, you are the Lord above all other lords, enthroned in majesty and deserving of our unreserved worship, praise, and awe.

» (Sing refrain)

Jesus, you are the slain Lamb, the perfect Son of the Father, and yet killed by the unjust powers of this world. You took the path downward into glory, modeling for us what it means to love our neighbors, even unto death. And now you are seated at the right hand of the Father. King Jesus, be to us this day our grace and our righteousness. May we have the faith to follow your downward path of glory, forgoing the riches and powers of this world, so we may live with you forever.

» (Sing refrain)

Holy Spirit, you have not left us here as orphans. Through your power with us today, we ask for healing for the thousands of people in our city and state battling the coronavirus, cancer, and other debilitating illnesses. We pray for advancements in medicine and treatment that will bind up the wounds of those who are sick. We pray for comfort—deep comfort for those who are hurting and for those who are grieving. In these days of great loss and great fear, we call on your Spirit to be our peace and our counsel and our rest.

» (Sing refrain twice)

GREETING OF PEACE

As a new spiritual family reconciled to one another through Christ, take a few moments to pass the peace of Christ to one another as you're able, either with those in your home, or by sending a text to other friends and family watching.

THANKSGIVING

OUR OFFERINGS | FROM 1 CHRONICLES 29:14

- > Lord, who are we that we are able to give so generously?
- » For all things come from you and what we now offer is already yours.

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MISSION PARTNER INTERVIEW | KAREN CARR

DOXOLOGY

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.

PROCLAIMING

SCRIPTURE READING | REVELATION 5

¹ Then I saw in the right hand of him who sat on the throne a scroll with writing on both sides and sealed with seven seals. ² And I saw a mighty angel proclaiming in a loud voice, "Who is worthy to break the seals and open the scroll?" ³ But no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth could open the scroll or even look inside it. ⁴ I wept and wept because no one was found who was worthy to open the scroll or look inside. ⁵ Then one of the elders said to me, "Do not weep! See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has triumphed. He is able to open the scroll and its seven seals."

⁶Then I saw a Lamb, looking as if it had been slain, standing at the center of the throne, encircled by the four living creatures and the elders. The Lamb had seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth.

⁷ He went and took the scroll from the right hand of him who sat on the throne. ⁸ And when he had taken it, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb. Each one had a harp and they were holding golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of God's people.

⁹ And they sang a new song, saying:

"You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals,

because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased for God persons from every tribe and language and people and nation.

You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and they will reign on the earth."

¹¹ Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels, numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand. They encircled the throne and the living creatures and the elders. ¹² In a loud voice they were saying:

"Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!"

¹³ Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, saying:

"To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power, for ever and ever!"

¹⁴ The four living creatures said, "Amen," and the elders fell down and worshiped.

MESSAGE | "THE LION AND THE LAMB"

SENDING

"THE LION AND THE LAMB" | MUSIC ON P.6

He's coming on the clouds.
Kings and kingdoms will bow down.
And every chain will break
As broken hearts declare his praise.
For who can stop the Lord Almighty?

Our God is the Lion, the Lion of Judah.

He's roaring with power and fighting our battles.

And every knee will bow before him.

Our God is the Lamb, the Lamb that was slain

For the sins of the world. His blood breaks the chains

And every knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb.

Every knee will bow before him.

So open up the gates; Make way before the King of kings. The God who comes to save Is here to set the captives free. For who can stop the Lord Almighty?

Who can stop the Lord Almighty? Who can stop the Lord Almighty?

COMMISSION AND BENEDICTION | PSALM 98:1-4

- Sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things; his right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.
- » The LORD has made his salvation known and revealed his righteousness to the nations.
- He has remembered his love and his faithfulness to Israel;
- » All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.
- Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever! Amen.

"A FESTAL FANFARE" (J. S. BACH)

CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS

"LIFT UP YOUR HEARTS" HYMNAL #223



YOU, LORD, ARE BOTH LAMB AND SHEPHERD

"LIFT UP YOUR HEARTS" HYMNAL #225



THE LION AND THE LAMB

