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May 4, 2025  
*Season of Eastertide*

# Morning Worship

8:15 & 11:00 a.m.

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE: Praise the Lord with Drums and Cymbals" . . . . .Sigfried Karl-Elert

*Leo Davis, organ  
James Ryan, conductor*

♣CALL TO WORSHIP: Revelation 5:11-13 . . . . . Josh Preston

♣HYMN OF PRAISE: No. 256 "Crown Him with Many Crowns" . . . . . DIADEMATA

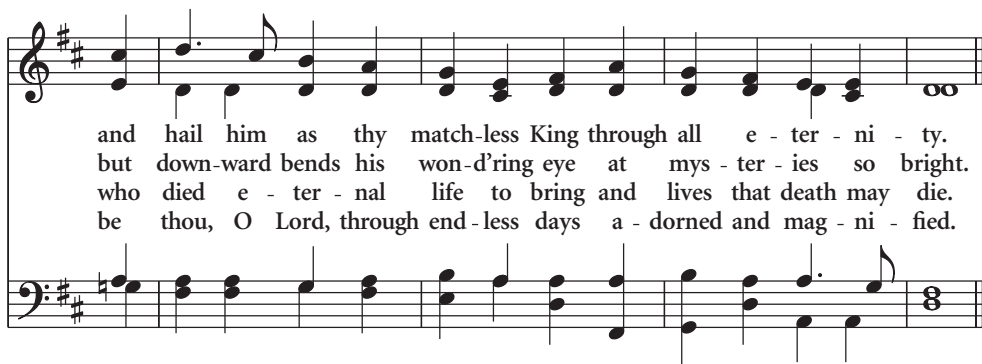
*Words: Matthew Bridges, Godfrey Thring / Music: George Elvey; arr. Paul Roberts / Revelation 19:12*

1. Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne:  
2. Crown him the Lord of love: be - hold his hands and side —  
3. Crown him the Lord of life: who tri-umphed o'er the grave,  
4. Crown him the Lord of heav'n: one with the Fa - ther known,

hark! how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own!  
rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied.  
who rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save.  
one with the Spir - it through him giv'n from yon - der glo - rious throne.

A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,  
No an - gel in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,  
His glo - ries now we sing, who died and rose on high,  
To thee be end - less praise, for thou for us hast died;

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Crown Him with Many Crowns". It is written for voice and piano/organ. The score is in 4/4 time and the key signature has two sharps (F# and C#). The lyrics are arranged in four systems, each with a vocal line and a piano/organ accompaniment line. The lyrics are: 1. Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne: 2. Crown him the Lord of love: be - hold his hands and side — 3. Crown him the Lord of life: who tri-umphed o'er the grave, 4. Crown him the Lord of heav'n: one with the Fa - ther known, hark! how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own! rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied. who rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save. one with the Spir - it through him giv'n from yon - der glo - rious throne. A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee, No an - gel in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight, His glo - ries now we sing, who died and rose on high, To thee be end - less praise, for thou for us hast died;



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### OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "I Was Glad When They Said Unto Me" . . . . . C. Hubert H. Parry

*Music: C. Hubert H. Parry / Psalm 122*

I was glad when they said unto me,  
 We will go into the house of the Lord.  
 Our feet shall stand in thy gates, O Jerusalem.  
 Jerusalem is builded as a city, that is at unity in itself.  
 Glory be unto Thee. Glory and majesty be unto Thee. Glory, praise God!  
 O pray for the peace of Jerusalem, they shall prosper that love Thee.  
 Peace be within Thy walls and plenteousness within Thy palaces.

*The Chancel Choir  
 Calvin Ellis, director*

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

### GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

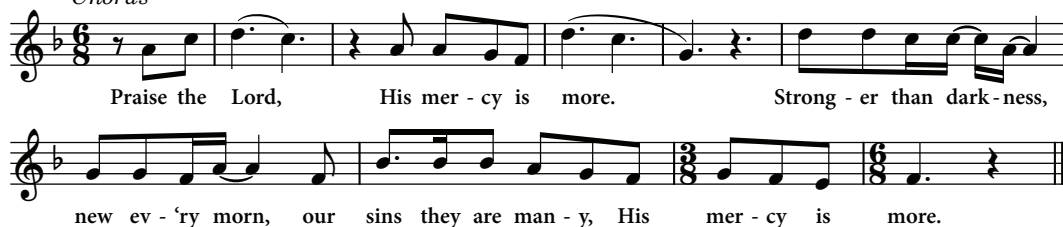
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## ✦PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

♠HYMN OF PREPARATION: "His Mercy Is More" .....Shane and Shane

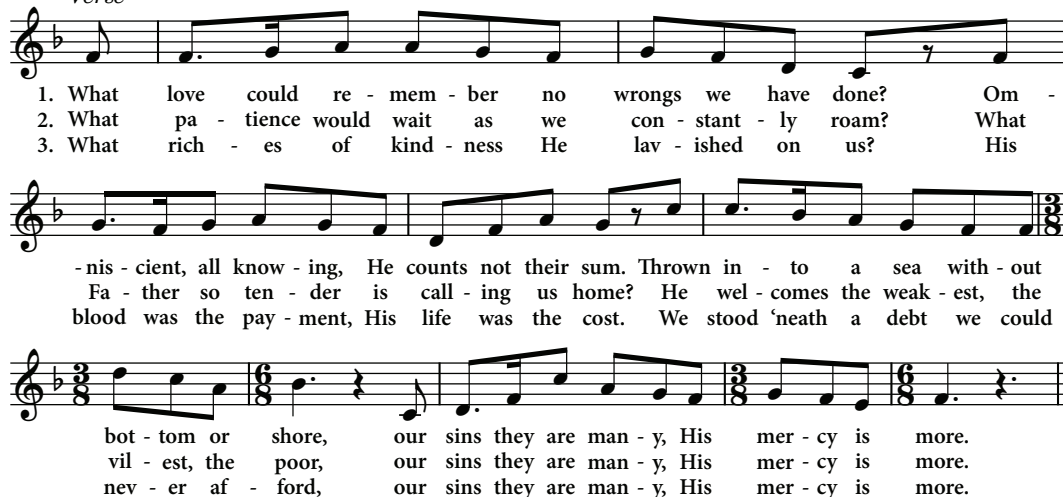
Words and Music: Matt Boswell and Matt Papa; arr. Dustin Loehrs / Psalm 136

*Chorus*



Praise the Lord, His mer - cy is more. Strong - er than dark-ness,  
new ev - 'ry morn, our sins they are man - y, His mer - cy is more.

*Verse*



1. What love could re - mem - ber no wrongs we have done? Om -  
2. What pa - tience would wait as we con - stant - ly roam? What  
3. What rich - es of kind - ness He lav - ished on us? His  
- nis - cient, all know - ing, He counts not their sum. Thrown in - to a sea with - out  
Fa - ther so ten - der is call - ing us home? He wel - comes the weak - est, the  
blood was the pay - ment, His life was the cost. We stood 'neath a debt we could  
bot - tom or shore, our sins they are man - y, His mer - cy is more.  
vil - est, the poor, our sins they are man - y, His mer - cy is more.  
nev - er af - ford, our sins they are man - y, His mer - cy is more.

SCRIPTURE LESSON.....Ephesians 6:10-20

(page 979 in pew Bible)

The grass withers, the flower fades,

**but the Word of our God will stand forever.** (Isaiah 40:8)

SERMON: The Christian in Complete Armor ..... George Robertson

- I. **Know Your Enemy** (12, 13, 16)
  - A. Principalities
  - B. Evil Powers
  - C. Rulers of the Air
- II. **Trust God's Protection** (10, 11, 13-17a)
  - A. Stand (10, 11, 13, 14)
  - B. Take Up (13-17)
- III. **Advance with the Means of Grace** (17b-20)
  - A. Word (17)
  - B. Prayer (18-20)

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

# THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

## INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

✠PROFESSION OF OUR FAITH . . . . . The Nicene Creed

**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 worshiped and glorified;  
who spoke by the prophets;  
and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church;  
we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;  
and we look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

✠GLORIA PATRI . . . . . GREATOREX

*Music: Henry W. Greatorex / Psalm 29:2*

**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.**

## CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Ever faithful and most gracious Father,  
You promise blessing to those who trust You without the aid of sight.  
Yet we confess we often fail to believe Your Word.  
Forgive us for doubting Your provision, promises, and plan.  
Pardon us for the times that we have faced our trials  
with cowardice and not courage, with fickleness and not faith.  
Grant us to discover anew in Jesus' death and resurrection  
the reality, immensity, and assurance of Your love.  
For we pray in the strong name of Jesus Christ our Lord.**

## INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON..... Romans 8:33-34

*Who shall bring any charge against God’s elect? It is God who justifies.  
Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—  
who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.*

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION AND THE 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:  
For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

“Forever (We Sing Hallelujah)” .....Kari Jobe

*Words and Music: Brian Johnson, Kari Jobe, Jenn Johnson, Gabriel Wilson,  
Joel Taylor, Christa Black Gifford; arr. Dan Galbraith / Revelation 5:13*

*Emily Woelke, soloist*

The moon and stars, they wept; the morning sun was dead; the Savior of the world was fallen.  
His body on the cross, His blood poured out for us, the weight of ev’ry curse upon Him.  
The ground began to shake, the stone was rolled away, His perfect love could not be overcome.  
Now death, where is your sting? Our resurrected King has rendered you defeated.  
Forever He is glorified. Forever He is lifted high. Forever He is risen. He is alive, He is alive.

*Congregation joins:*



2. One fin - al breath He gave as heav - en looked a - way



the Son of God was laid in dark - ness. A bat - tle in the grave,



the war on death was waged, the pow’r of hell for ev - er bro - ken.



The ground be - gan to shake, the stone was rolled a - way. His per - fect love could



not be ov - er - come. Now death where is your sting?



Our res - ur - rect - ed King has rend - ered you de - feat - ed.

Chorus

For - ev - er He is glo - ri - fied. For - ev - er He is lift - ed high. For -  
 - ev - er He is ris - en. He is a - live, He is a - live.

Bridge

We sing hal - le - lu - jah! We sing hal - le - lu - jah!  
 We sing hal - le - lu - jah! The Lamb has ov - er - come.

No. 209 "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" .....HAMBURG

Words: Isaac Watts / Music: Lowell Mason; arr. Samuel Metzger / Galatians 6:14

1. When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the  
 2. For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the  
 3. See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and  
 4. Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a  
 Prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I  
 death of Christ my God: all the vain things that  
 love flow min - gled down: did e'er such love and  
 pres - ent far too small; love so a - maz - ing,  
 count but loss, and pour con - tempt on all my pride.  
 charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.  
 sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?  
 so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

HYMN OF THANKSGIVING: No. 28: "How Great Thou Art" ..... HOW GREAT THOU ART

Words: Stuart Hine / Music: Trad. Swedish Folk Tune; adapt. Stuart K. Hine / Psalm 48:1

1. O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won - der  
 2. When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der  
 3. And when I think that God, his Son not spar - ing,  
 4. When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion

I see the stars, I hear the \*roll - ing thun - der,  
 when I look down from loft - y moun - tain gran - deur,  
 that on the cross, my bur - den glad - ly bear - ing,  
 Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o - ra - tion,

thy pow'r through - out the u - ni - verse dis - played.  
 and hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze;  
 he bled and died to take a - way my sin.  
 and there pro - claim, my God, how great thou art.

Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to thee: how great thou



art, how great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior God, to

thee: how great thou art, how great thou art!

✦BENEDICTION

✦CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

✦POSTLUDE: "Now Thank We All Our God (March Triomphale)" . . . . . Sigfried Karg-Elert

✦Indicates congregation standing

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# Gathering *on the* Grounds

TONIGHT AT 5:00 P.M. ON THE POPLAR FIELD

We are looking forward to being together later today on the Poplar Field and hope you'll invite your friends and neighbors to come with you!

We'll start gathering at 5:00 p.m. for live music, fun, and food; worship will begin at 6. Dinner will be provided—burgers/hot dogs, chips, and bottled water. Bring lawn chairs/blankets for seating. Also, feel free to bring a frisbee, football, soccer ball, etc. for a little competitive activity!

## Caring Ministry Update

**In the Hospital** (as of 5/1/25):

Ralph Gray, *Memphis Jewish Home*

## Weekly Prayer Focus

**World Missions—John and Dawn:** Based in the U.S., John and Dawn serve as team leaders for a large mission agency of roughly 35 teams and 130 staff in SE Asia and Africa. John focuses on servant leadership and prayer with the work in Asia, as well traveling extensively to teach and disciple believers in west Africa. Dawn is the primary caregiver for her father while handling the responsibility of various ministry roles. Praise the Lord for John's long and fruitful partnership with us over many years. Pray for salvation, protection, provision, encouragement, and Kingdom advancement in the lives of those persecuted in SE Asia, the Middle East, and Africa. Pray that John and Dawn's ministry would be fruitful and that the Lord would grant Dawn perseverance and compassion as she cares for her father.

**Mission Memphis—Nathan Street Ministries:** Nathan Street Ministries is a leadership, evangelism, and disciple-making ministry focused on raising up leaders who transform their communities from the inside out. They aim to develop young men and women with a passion for Christ who make disciples, change Memphis, and influence the world. Please pray for the weekly clubs and Bible studies, that kids will continue coming, hearing the Gospel, and receiving Christ. Pray for the staff as they prepare for summer job camps and other events. Pray for God's provision and the right interns for the 2025-26 year. Pray for the community as they continue reaching out to neighbors in tangible ways, like food distribution. Pray for a continued strong partnership with all ministry partners, especially as they look to collaborate with them and their youth this summer.

**2PC Ministry—Campus Outreach:** Campus Outreach is a global ministry that partners with local churches to reach and develop Christ-centered leaders on the university campus. Since 1996, 2PC has served as the hub church for the CO Memphis region, now active on eight campuses—including Rhodes College and the University of Memphis. Pray that staff and students would glorify God by building laborers on campus for the sake of the lost. Pray that new believers from the past year would be grounded in their faith and equipped as laborers—knowing God, becoming like Him, and making Him known. Pray for the 200+ students growing through summer projects (Orlando, 901, Chicago, and cross-cultural trips to South Africa, Thailand, and Laos). Pray for the 40 staff members to be refreshed in the Gospel as they lead, study, and raise support and that they would be compelled by Christ's love to return this fall with renewed vision.

## May Flowers

**The flowers in the Sanctuary this month are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of:** *Dorothy Street Sherman* by her sons, Dr. Phillip Sherman, Jr. and Hugh Street Sherman; *Dr. Gerald Freeman Billions* by his loving family; *Libbee Clifford* by her family; *Sara Misner* by her daughter; *Robert Tipton, Jr. and Mr. and Mrs. George Dunklin* by Deborah and Mary Tipton; *Virginia and Ralph Braden* by their children and grandchildren; *Virginia Buchman Smith* by the Nearn family and the Smith family; and *W. P. "Buddy" Morrison* by his family.

**The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of:** *Van Francis Henderson, Lawrence Raymond Stokes, Gentry Arnell Martin, Elinor Robertson Martin, and James Pendleton Martin* by Mr. and Mrs. Van Martin who were married yesterday. Mrs. Martin is the former Allie Albright.

### **Vacation Bible School: June 2–5**

Registration for Vacation Bible School, June 2-5 from 9:00-11:45 a.m., is underway! Register now, if you haven't already, as some of our younger age groups are full, and others are filling quickly with only a few spots remaining.

Children who have completed PreK-5th grade are eligible to participate. Visit **2pc.org/vbs** to register children to attend and to sign up to volunteer!

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