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Vespers

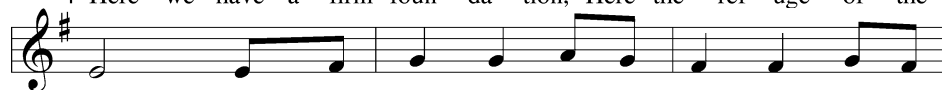
As We Gather

Though we call Jesus King of kings, we often do not focus much on the nature of His kingdom. Today we continue our Lenten midweek series exploring how the kings of Judah are a shadow of Christ, the King of kings, who sits upon the throne of David, His father, forever. Each of the kings in Chronicles points us to Christ, who fulfills all the kingly promises which the kings of Judah were unable to realize in themselves. Today we consider Joash—after a terrible period of death and apostasy. This boy was crowned king and through his uncle, the priest Jehoiada, the temple was restored and the people renewed in the faith. As long as the heart of the king was in the ways of the Lord, the kingdom prospered, but Joash fell away and the people of God suffered. We need a better king—one who will restore God’s people through forgiveness and give access to His grace forever.

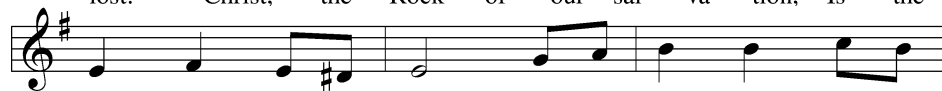
451 Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted



1 Strick-en, smit-ten, and af - flict - ed, See Him dy - ing on the
2 Tell me, ye who hear Him groan-ing, Was there ev - er grief like
3 Ye who think of sin but light - ly Nor sup - pose the e - vil
4 Here we have a firm foun - da - tion, Here the ref - uge of the



tree! 'Tis the Christ, by man re - ject - ed; Yes, my
His? Friends through fear His cause dis - own - ing, Foes in -
great Here may view its na - ture right - ly, Here its
lost: Christ, the Rock of our sal - va - tion, Is the



soul, 'tis He, 'tis He! 'Tis the long - ex - pect - ed
sult - ing His dis - tress; Man - y hands were raised to
guilt may es - ti - mate. Mark the sac - ri - fice ap -
name of which we boast; Lamb of God, for sin - ners



Proph - et, Da - vid's Son, yet Da-vid's Lord; Proofs I
wound Him, None would in - ter - vene to save; But the
point - ed, See who bears the aw - ful load; 'Tis the
wound - ed, Sac - ri - fice to can - cel guilt! None shall



see suf - fi - cient of it: 'Tis the true and faith - ful Word.
deep - est stroke that pierced Him Was the stroke that jus - tice gave.
Word, the Lord's a - noint - ed, Son of Man and Son of God.
ev - er be con - found - ed Who on Him their hope have built.

Stand



L O Lord, o - pen my lips,
C and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.
L Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;
C make haste to help me, O Lord.
C Glo-ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;
as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.
Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our sal - va - tion.

Psalmody

Psalm

Psalm 122 Antiphon v. 1

- P** ¹I was glad when they said to me,
“Let us go to the house of the LORD!”
- C** ²**Our feet have been standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem!**
- P** ³Jerusalem—built as a city
that is bound firmly together,
- C** ⁴**to which the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD,
as was decreed for Israel, to give thanks to the name of the LORD.**
- P** ⁵There thrones for judgment were set,
the thrones of the house of David.
- C** ⁶**Pray for the peace of Jerusalem!
“May they be secure who love you!**
- P** ⁷Peace be within your walls
and security within your towers!”
- C** ⁸**For my brothers and companions’ sake
I will say, “Peace be within you!”**
- P** ⁹For the sake of the house of the LORD our God,
I will seek your good.

Sit

530 No Temple Now, No Gift of Price



1 No tem - ple now, no gift of price, No priest - ly round of
2 The dy - ing Lord our ran - som paid, One fi - nal full self -
3 In faith and con - fi - dence draw near, With - in the ho - li -
4 For Christ is ours! With pur - pose true The pil - grim path of



sac - ri - fice, Re - tain their an - cient pow'rs.
of - f'ring made, Com - plete in ev - 'ry part.
est ap - pear, With all who praise and pray;
faith pur - sue, The road that Je - sus trod;



As shad - ows fade be - fore the sun The day of sac - ri -
His fin - ished sac - ri - fice for sins The cov - e - nant of
Who share one fam - i - ly, one feast, One great im - per - ish -
Un - til by His pre - vail - ing grace We stand at last be -



fice is done, The day of grace is ours.
grace be - gins, The law with - in the heart.
a - ble Priest, One new and liv - ing way.
fore His face, Our Sav - ior and our God.

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Readings

Reading

2 Chronicles 24:1–4, 17–25

R A reading from 2 Chronicles, chapter 24.

¹Joash was seven years old when he began to reign, and he reigned forty years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Zibiah of Beersheba. ²And Joash did what was right in the eyes of the LORD all the days of Jehoiada the priest. ³Jehoiada got for him two wives, and he had sons and daughters.

⁴After this Joash decided to restore the house of the LORD.

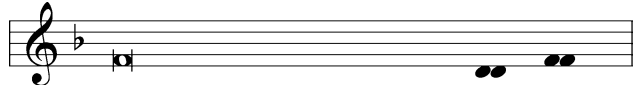
¹⁷Now after the death of Jehoiada the princes of Judah came and paid homage to the king. Then the king listened to them. ¹⁸And they abandoned the house of the LORD, the God of their fathers, and served the Asherim and the idols. And wrath came upon Judah and Jerusalem for this guilt of theirs. ¹⁹Yet he sent prophets among them to bring them back to the LORD. These testified against them, but they would not pay attention.

²⁰Then the Spirit of God clothed Zechariah the son of Jehoiada the priest, and he stood above the people, and said to them, "Thus says God, 'Why do you break the commandments of the LORD, so that you cannot prosper? Because you have forsaken the LORD, he has forsaken you.'" ²¹But they conspired against him, and by command of the king they stoned him with stones in the court of the house of the LORD. ²²Thus Joash the king did not remember the kindness that Jehoiada, Zechariah's father, had shown him, but killed his son. And when he was dying, he said, "May the LORD see and avenge!"

²³At the end of the year the army of the Syrians came up against Joash. They came to Judah and Jerusalem and destroyed all the princes of the people from among the people and sent all their spoil to the king of Damascus. ²⁴Though the army of the Syrians had come with few men, the LORD delivered into their hand a very great army, because Judah had forsaken the LORD, the God of their fathers. Thus they executed judgment on Joash.

Canticle

Stand



L Let my prayer rise before You as in - cense,




C and the lifting up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.


935 Tell Out, My Soul, the Greatness of the Lord



1 Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of the Lord!
2 Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of His name!
3 Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of His might!
4 Tell out, my soul, the glo - ries of His Word!



Un - num - bered bless - ings, give my spir - it voice;
Make known His might, the deeds His arm has done;
Pow'rs and do - min - ions lay their glo - ry by.
Firm is His prom - ise, and His mer - cy sure.



Ten - der to me the prom - ise of His Word;
His mer - cy sure, from age to age the same;
Proud hearts and stub - born wills are put to flight,
Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of the Lord



In God my Sav - ior shall my heart re - jice.
His ho - ly name, the Lord, the Might - y One.
The hun - gry fed, the hum - ble lift - ed high.
To chil - dren's chil - dren and for - ev - er - more!

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Sit

Offering

707 Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways st. 1

Prayer

Stand

Kyrie

LSB 233



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

Lord's Prayer

C 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.

Collects



L O Lord, hear my prayer.



C And let my cry come to You.

Collect of the Day

P O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Collect

P Almighty and most merciful God, though You are not contained in houses built by human hands, You have been pleased to dwell among Your people with the fullness of Your glory through the Means of Grace. Grant us forgiveness so that we may hear Your Holy Word with cleansed hearts and praise Your name with pure voices, until at last You bring us to the heavenly Jerusalem, where the Lamb is the temple and we unite with all the saints and angels in Your praise forevermore; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

Collect for Peace

P O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - - men.

Benedicamus

LSB 234



L Let us bless the Lord.



C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

LSB 234



P The grace of our Lord $\text{I}\text{C}\text{H}\text{H}$ Je - sus Christ and the love of God



and the communion of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.



C A - men.

624 The Infant Priest Was Holy Born



1 The in - fant Priest was ho - ly born For us un -
2 This great High Priest in hu - man flesh Was i - con
3 The ho - ly Lamb un - daunt - ed came To God's own
4 But death would not the vic - tor be Of Him who



ho - ly and for - lorn; From flesh - ly tem - ple
of God's righ - teous - ness. His hal - lowed touch brought
al - tar lit with flame; While weep - ing an - gels
hung up - on the tree. He leads us to the



forth came He, A - noint - ed from e - ter - ni - ty.
sanc - ti - ty; His hand re - moved im - pu - ri - ty.
hid their eyes, This Priest be - came a sac - ri - fice.
Ho - ly Place With - in the veil, be - fore God's face.

- 5 The veil is torn, our Priest we see,
As at the rail on bended knee
Our hungry mouths from Him receive
The bread of immortality.
- 6 The body of God's Lamb we eat,
A priestly food and priestly meat;
On sin-parched lips the chalice pours
His quenching blood that life restores.
- 7 With cherubim and seraphim
Our voices join the endless hymn,
And "Holy, holy, holy" sing
To Christ, God's Lamb, our Priest and King.

Announcements

Adult Sunday School is studying Exodus at **9am** on Sunday mornings.

The **Ladies Bible Study** meets Wednesdays at **10am**. They are studying the book of Joshua.

Church Council next meeting is **Mar 19** at **8am**.

Lenten Vespers services are **Mar 15, 22, & 29**. A light meal will be at **6:30pm** with service at **7pm**.

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