

# Chronicles of the King

## Know Thyself: Uzziah



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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 Uzziah, a good king who did what was right in the eyes of the Lord. Uzziah was a strong ruler; he expanded and strengthened Judah and, “as long as he sought the Lord, God made him prosper” (2 Chronicles 26:5). If Uzziah had a failing, it was that he presumed what belonged to others. He played like he was a priest. God sent him packing, warning him that what he sought was not for him.

### 440 Jesus, I Will Ponder Now



1 Je - sus, I will pon - der now On Your ho - ly pas - sion;  
2 Make me see Your great dis - tress, An - guish, and af - flic - tion,  
3 Yet, O Lord, not thus a - lone Make me see Your pas - sion,  
4 Grant that I Your pas - sion view With re - pen - tant griev - ing.



With Your Spir - it me en - dow For such med - i - ta - tion.  
Bonds and stripes and wretch - ed - ness And Your cru - ci - fix - ion;  
But its cause to me make known And its ter - mi - na - tion.  
Let me not bring shame to You By un - ho - ly liv - ing.



Grant that I in love and faith May the im - age cher - ish  
Make me see how scourge and rod, Spear and nails did wound You,  
Ah! I al - so and my sin Wrought Your deep af - flic - tion;  
How could I re - fuse to shun Ev - 'ry sin - ful plea - sure



Of Your suf - f'ring, pain, and death That I may not per - ish.  
How for them You died, O God, Who with thorns had crowned You.  
This in - deed the cause has been Of Your cru - ci - fix - ion.  
Since for me God's on - ly Son Suf - fered with - out mea - sure?

5 If my sins give me alarm  
 And my conscience grieve me,  
 Let Your cross my fear disarm;  
 Peace of conscience give me.  
 Help me see forgiveness won  
 By Your holy passion.  
 If for me He slays His Son,  
 God must have compassion!

6 Graciously my faith renew;  
 Help me bear my crosses,  
 Learning humbleness from You,  
 Peace mid pain and losses.  
 May I give You love for love!  
 Hear me, O my Savior,  
 That I may in heav'n above  
 Sing Your praise forever.

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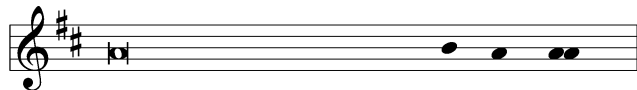
Stand



**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 110; antiphon: v. 2*

**P** <sup>2</sup>The LORD sends forth from Zion your mighty | scepter.\*

Rule in the midst of your | enemies!

**C** <sup>1</sup>The LORD says to my Lord: “Sit at my | right hand,\*  
 until I make your enemies your | footstool.”

**P** <sup>2</sup>The LORD sends forth from Zion your mighty | scepter.\*

Rule in the midst of your | enemies!

**C** <sup>3</sup>Your people will offer themselves freely on the day of your power, in holy | garments;\*  
 from the womb of the morning, the dew of your youth | will be yours.

**P** <sup>4</sup>The LORD has sworn and will not | change his mind,\*  
“You are a priest forever after the order of Mel- | chizedek.”

**C** <sup>5</sup>The Lord is at your | right hand;\*  
he will shatter kings on the day | of his wrath.

**P** <sup>6</sup>He will execute judgment among the nations, filling them with | corpses;\*  
he will shatter chiefs over the | wide earth.

**C** <sup>7</sup>He will drink from the brook | by the way;\*  
therefore he will lift | up his head.

**C** Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

**P** <sup>2</sup>The LORD sends forth from Zion your mighty | scepter.\*  
Rule in the midst of your | enemies!

Sit

### 564 Christ Sits at God's Right Hand



1 Christ sits at God's right hand, His sav - ing work com - plete,  
2 Christ was that priest God swore, U - nique - ly First and Last,  
3 Christ's al - tar was the tree, Where on the world's be - half  
4 What cost - ly sac - ri - fice To cov - er hu - man sin!



To reign till ev - 'ry foe will lie Be - neath His feet—  
Who would in righ - teous - ness and love Be un - sur - passed:  
He shed a blood, un - like the blood Of goat or calf,  
Who but Christ Je - sus had the right To en - ter in?



All that the Fa - ther planned, The Son sought to ful - fill,  
“A priest for - ev - er - more,” An oath God would not break,  
To seal God's guar - an - tee Of grace that can - not fail;  
His blood, that sprin - kled price, So we might be as - sured



When first He said, “Lord, here am I To do Your will.”  
“A priest with - in the or - der of Mel - chiz - e - dek.”  
With blood He en - tered for our good Be - hind the veil.  
That our in - her - i - tance in light Has been se - cured.

5 Then let us now draw near,  
Washed in that precious flood  
And enter the Most Holy Place  
By Jesus' blood.  
From hearts that are sincere,  
Let tongues our hope profess,  
And trust anew God's faithful grace  
That we confess.

△ 6 All praise to Christ we bring,  
Our Lord who intercedes,  
Our great High Priest enthroned above  
Who knows our needs;  
And to the Father sing  
Our songs of thankful praise,  
Who with the Spirit reigns in love  
For endless days.

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# Readings

## Reading

*2 Chronicles 26:1–5, 15–21*

**R** A reading from 2 Chronicles, chapter 26.

<sup>1</sup>And all the people of Judah took Uzziah, who was sixteen years old, and made him king instead of his father Amaziah. <sup>2</sup>He built Eloth and restored it to Judah, after the king slept with his fathers. <sup>3</sup>Uzziah was sixteen years old when he began to reign, and he reigned fifty-two years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Jecoliah of Jerusalem. <sup>4</sup>And he did what was right in the eyes of the LORD, according to all that his father Amaziah had done. <sup>5</sup>He set himself to seek God in the days of Zechariah, who instructed him in the fear of God, and as long as he sought the LORD, God made him prosper.

<sup>15</sup>In Jerusalem he made engines, invented by skillful men, to be on the towers and the corners, to shoot arrows and great stones. And his fame spread far, for he was marvelously helped, till he was strong.

<sup>16</sup>But when he was strong, he grew proud, to his destruction. For he was unfaithful to the LORD his God and entered the temple of the LORD to burn incense on the altar of incense. <sup>17</sup>But Azariah the priest went in after him, with eighty priests of the LORD who were men of valor, <sup>18</sup>and they withstood King Uzziah and said to him, "It is not for you, Uzziah, to burn incense to the LORD, but for the priests the sons of Aaron, who are consecrated to burn incense. Go out of the sanctuary, for you have done wrong, and it will bring you no honor from the LORD God." <sup>19</sup>Then Uzziah was angry. Now he had a censer in his hand to burn incense, and when he became angry with the priests, leprosy broke out on his forehead in the presence of the priests in the house of the LORD, by the altar of incense. <sup>20</sup>And Azariah the chief priest and all the priests looked at him, and behold, he was leprous in his forehead! And they rushed him out quickly, and he himself hurried to go out, because the LORD had struck him. <sup>21</sup>And King Uzziah was a leper to the day of his death, and being a leper lived in a separate house, for he was excluded from the house of the LORD. And Jotham his son was over the king's household, governing the people of the land.

**R** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Reading

*Hebrews 7:1–10, 26–28*

**R** A reading from Hebrews, chapter 7.

<sup>1</sup>For this Melchizedek, king of Salem, priest of the Most High God, met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings and blessed him, <sup>2</sup>and to him Abraham apportioned a tenth part of everything. He is first, by translation of his name, king of righteousness, and then he is also king of Salem, that is, king of peace. <sup>3</sup>He is without father or mother or genealogy, having neither beginning of days nor end of life, but resembling the Son of God he continues a priest forever.

<sup>4</sup>See how great this man was to whom Abraham the patriarch gave a tenth of the spoils! <sup>5</sup>And those descendants of Levi who receive the priestly office have a commandment in the law to take tithes from the people, that is, from their brothers, though these also are descended from Abraham. <sup>6</sup>But this man who does not have his descent from them received tithes from Abraham and blessed him who had the promises. <sup>7</sup>It is beyond dispute that the inferior is blessed by the superior. <sup>8</sup>In the one case tithes are received by mortal men, but in the other case, by one of whom it is testified that he lives. <sup>9</sup>One might even say that Levi himself, who receives tithes, paid tithes through Abraham, <sup>10</sup>for he was still in the loins of his ancestor when Melchizedek met him.

<sup>26</sup>For it was indeed fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, innocent, unstained, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. <sup>27</sup>He has no need, like those high priests, to offer sacrifices daily, first for his own sins and then for those of the people, since he did this once for all when he offered up himself. <sup>28</sup>For the law appoints men in their weakness as high priests, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

**R** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Reading

*John 10:11–18*

**R** A reading from John, chapter 10.

<sup>11</sup>[Jesus said:] “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup>He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. <sup>13</sup>He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. <sup>14</sup>I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, <sup>15</sup>just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup>And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. <sup>17</sup>For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. <sup>18</sup>No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father.”

**R** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Responsory (Lent)

*LSB 231*



- L** 1 Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are  
the God of my sal - va - tion.  
2 In You, O Lord, do I put my trust, leave me not, O Lord, my God.  
3 Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are  
the God of my sal - va - tion.



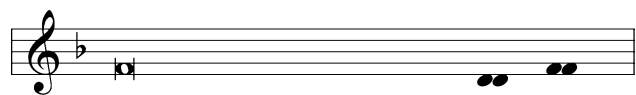
- C** Rescue me from my en - e - mies, protect me  
from those who rise a - gainst me.

## Sermon

*Know Thyself: Uzziah*

## 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.

## 933 My Soul Rejoices

1 My soul re - joice - es, My spir - it voic - es— Sing the  
 2 His arm now bar - ing, His strength de - clar - ing— Sing the  
 great - ness of the Lord! For God my Sav - ior Has shown me  
 great - ness of the Lord! The proud He scat - ters, Their rule He  
 fa - vor— Sing the great - ness of the Lord! With praise and  
 shat - ters— Sing the great - ness of the Lord! Op - pres - sion  
 bless - ing, Join in con - fess - ing God, who is sole - ly Might - y and  
 halt - ed; The meek ex - alt - ed. Full are the hun - gry; Emp - ty, the  
 ho - ly— O sing the great - ness of God the Lord! His mer - cy  
 wealth - y— O sing the great - ness of God the Lord! Here is the  
 sure - ly Shall rest se - cure - ly On all who fear Him,  
 to - ken All that was spo - ken To A - br'ham's off - spring  
 Love and re - vere Him— O sing the great - ness of God the Lord!  
 God is ful - fill - ing— O sing the great - ness of God the Lord!

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Sit

Offering

709 *The King of Love My Shepherd Is* sts. 1–2

Prayer

Stand

Kyrie

LSB 233

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

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 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** Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; 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** Holy Lord, pride led us to rebel against You and choose our own way instead of Your gracious path. Keep us from hubris and pride, lest in thinking too highly of ourselves, we turn away from Your mercy again. Instill within us the humble heart of faith that trusts in Your Word and bear within us the obedience of faith that delights to follow where You have led, so that we may be found blameless and holy when Christ comes again in His glory to bring all things to their perfect consummation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** Amen.

### Collect for Peace

**L** 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.

*Stand*

### Benedicamus

*LSB 234*



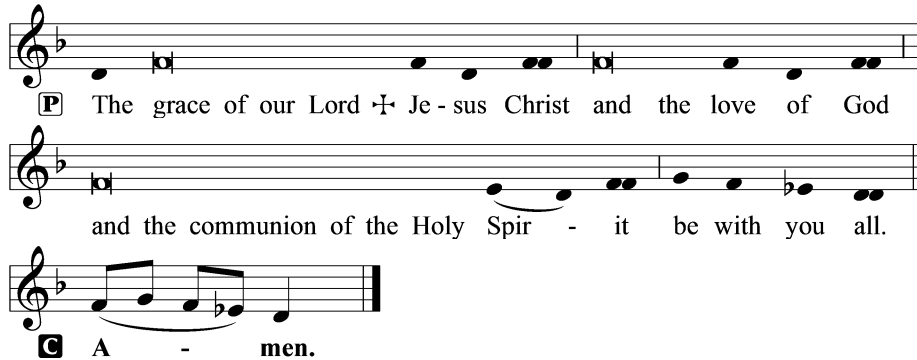
**L** Let us bless the Lord.



**C** Thanks be to God.

## Benediction

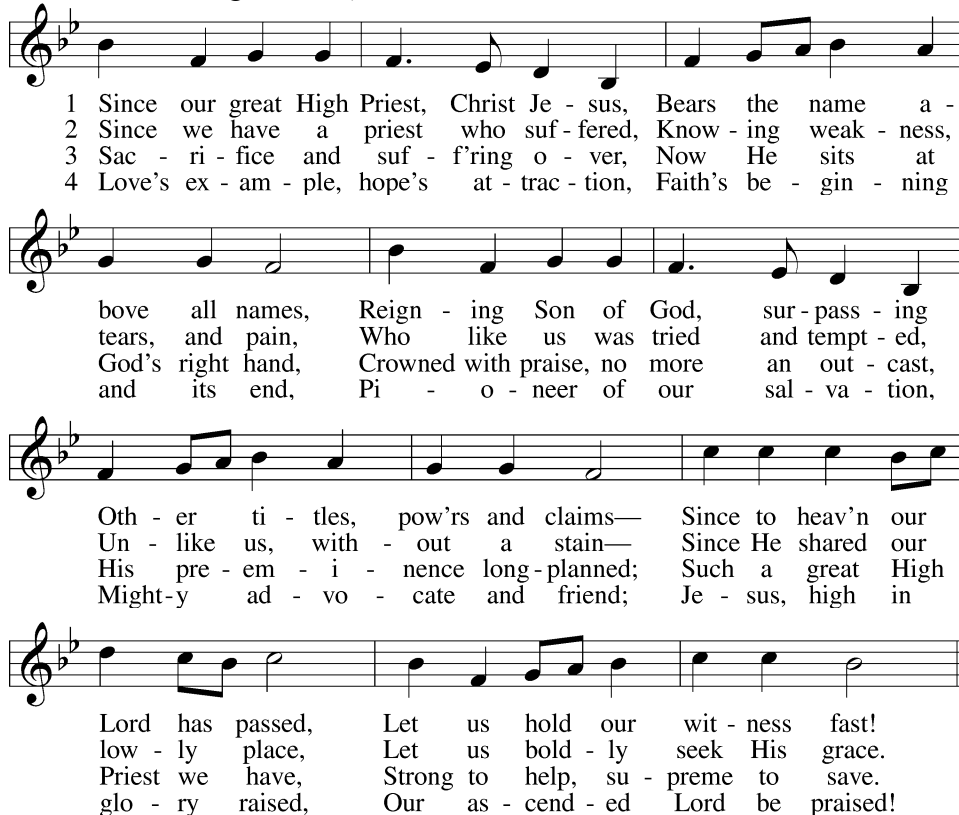
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**P** The grace of our Lord † Je - sus Christ and the love of God  
and the communion of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.

**C** A - men.

## 529 Since Our Great High Priest, Christ Jesus



1 Since our great High Priest, Christ Je - sus, Bears the name a -  
2 Since we have a priest who suf - fered, Know - ing weak - ness,  
3 Sac - ri - fice and suf - f'ring o - ver, Now He sits at  
4 Love's ex - am - ple, hope's at - trac - tion, Faith's be - gin - ning

bove all names, Reign - ing Son of God, sur - pass - ing  
tears, and pain, Who like us was tried and tempt - ed,  
God's right hand, Crowned with praise, no more an out - cast,  
and its end, Pi - o - neer of our sal - va - tion,

Oth - er ti - tles, pow'rs and claims— Since to heav'n our  
Un - like us, with - out a stain— Since He shared our  
His pre - em - i - nence long - planned; Such a great High  
Might - y ad - vo - cate and friend; Je - sus, high in

Lord has passed, Let us hold our wit - ness fast!  
low - ly place, Let us bold - ly seek His grace.  
Priest we have, Strong to help, su - preme to save.  
glo - ry raised, Our as - cend - ed Lord be praised!

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## 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 **Apr 16** at **8am**.

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

**Maundy Thursday/Good Friday** combined service is **April 6** at **6pm**.

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