



First Presbyterian Church of Athens

In response to God's grace, the mission of First Presbyterian Church is to create a community where people seek the truth of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, rejoice in worship, and go forth sharing the love of Christ with Athens and the world!

November 26, 2023

8:45 and 11:00 a.m.

Reign of Christ

GATHERING IN THE NAME OF GOD

Welcome to all who are worshipping with us. As we enter a holy space this morning, please silence your cell phone.

Greeting

Psalm 118:24

This is the day the Lord has made; **let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

Prelude

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Alec Wyton

Words of Welcome

Song of Gathering

Hymn 489, stanza 1

Open now thy gates of beauty, Zion, let me enter there.

Where my soul in joyful duty waits for God who answers prayer;

O how blessed is this place, filled with solace, light, and grace.

Call to Worship

Come and hear the Word of God!

We gather in this place to listen and learn.

God reveals God's promise to us in sacred text.

We respond by promising faithfulness to God.

*Hymn 151

Crown Him with Many Crowns

DIADEMATA

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

If we had known it was you, Lord, we would have done something different. If we had known it was you, Lord, we would have given you food. If we had known it was you, Lord, we would have taken you in. If we had known it was you, Lord, we would not have passed you by. But we did. Too often we make excuses for not taking care of each other. We have ignored your commandments to love and care. We do not deserve forgiveness, but we ask for it anyway, and ask you to help us change our ways.

*Silent Prayer

Lord, have mercy. **Amen.**

*Assurance of Pardon

**Those who are able may stand.*

Please sign and pass the Fellowship Pad, making note of new and old friends, check in on Facebook, and follow us on Instagram (firstpresathensga).

Crown Him with Many Crowns is so familiar that it is easy to miss all its paradox, mystery, suffering, and beauty; it rewards careful reading and meditation outside corporate worship. The tune's composer was chapel organist at Windsor Castle and had much experience in creating royal sound.

At “The Peace,” worshipers are invited to greet each other by saying, “The peace of Christ be with you,” and responding, “And also with you.”

After the Passing of the Peace at the 11:00 a.m. service, children, ages Pre-K - grade 5, are invited to Children’s Church held in the Children’s Ministry Suite on the first floor.

11:00 a.m. Lay Reader:
Kitty Donnan

The anthem is a text by George Herbert, set to music of Johann Sebastian Bach, combined by English composer Sir William Henry Harris.

All Who Love and Serve Your City is a 20th-century text that enriches the neglected genre of urban hymns. It quotes John 9:4, and Jesus weeping over Jerusalem (Matthew 23 and Luke 13), and the final stanza cites the name given to Israel’s future holy city (Ezekiel 48).

Next to the Nicene Creed, The Apostles’ Creed is the most universally accepted doctrinal statement in Christendom. Although not written by apostles, it reflects the theological formulations of the first century church. Arising from an early baptismal creed, it underwent development, attaining its present form in the eighth century.

*Congregational Response

Jacques Berthier



*The Peace

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.
The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

Congregational Prayer for Illumination

TALLIS’ CANON

**Eternal light, shine in my heart; eternal hope, lift up my eyes;
eternal power, be my support; eternal wisdom, make me wise.**

First Lesson

Luke 24:30-32, page 966

This is the Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

11:00 Anthem

King of Glory, King of Peace

Johann Sebastian Bach
arr. William H. Harris

King of glory, King of peace, I will love thee;
and that love may never cease, I will move thee.
Thou hast granted my request, thou hast heard me;
thou didst note my working breast, thou hast spared me.
Wherefore with my utmost art I will sing thee,
and the cream of all my heart I will bring thee.
Though my sins against me cried, thou didst clear me;
and alone, when they replied, thou didst hear me.
Seven whole days, not one in seven, I will praise thee;
in my heart, though not in heaven, I can raise thee.
Small it is in this poor sort to enrol thee:
e’en eternity’s too short to extol thee.

Second Lesson

2 Kings 22:1-20, 23:1-3, page 351

This is the Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Front and Center

Dr. Ryan Baer

RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Hymn 413

All Who Love and Serve Your City

CHARLESTOWN

*Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles’ Creed

**I believe in God the Father almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of the People 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.

Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *Improvisation on Charlestown* John Coble

***Doxology** Hymn 592
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.

***Prayer of Dedication**

SENDING IN THE NAME OF GOD

***Hymn 289** *O God of Every Nation* LLANGLOFFAN

***Charge and Benediction**

***Congregational Response** Hymn 555, stanza 3
All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in highest heaven,
to Father and to Son and Spirit now be given.
The one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore,
the God who was, and is, and shall be evermore.

Postlude *A Thornbury Fanfare* Malcolm Archer

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O God of Every Nation is a challenging text, stating that if we truly believe that God cares for all people, we cannot limit our prayers and songs for peace to the welfare of our own nation, no matter how much we may love it. The hymn is set to a stirring Welsh tune.

A special word of welcome to our guests: thank you for joining us for worship this morning. Please fill out the Fellowship Pad so that we may be in touch. We are delighted you are here and look forward to seeing you again.

Nursery Play for children 4 years old and younger is available from 8:30 a.m. to 12:10 p.m., are located in our Children's Playroom area next to the Children's Ministry Suite and are accessible down the stairs in the Atrium and through the glass door.

Children, Pre K – 5th Grade, are invited to Children's Church during the 11:00 a.m. worship service. Children's Church will be held downstairs in the Children's Ministry Suite. We will depart for Children's Church following the Passing of the Peace. To pick up your child after the service, please go to the church courtyard entrance of the Children's Ministry Suite.

“Caring vs. Helping”

Tuesday, November 28, 6:00–7:00 p.m., Moses Waddel Room

Whether serving as a direct “care provider” or simply that “listening ear,” what happens when the caregiver reaches “compassion fatigue”? Stephen Ministry and the Congregational Care Commission will offer an opportunity for the congregation to address **“Caring vs. Helping”** on **Tuesday, November 28**, from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. in Moses Waddel Room. Dr. Edward Bolen, retired senior pastor of Milledge Avenue Baptist Church, will lead us in exploring this issue.

NOTES ON THE SERVICE

WORSHIP LEADERS

Dr. Ryan Baer, *Senior Pastor*
The Rev. Margaret Davis, *Parish Associate*
Dr. John Coble, *Director of Music and Organist*

Lay Reader

11:00 a.m. Kitty Donnan

USHERS

8:45 a.m. John Simpson (head),
Michelle Clendennan-Shaw, Mary Peace
11:00 a.m. Jimbo LaBoon III (head),

GREETERS

8:45 a.m. Diane Hartzell
11:00 a.m. Svea Bogue

AUDIOVISUAL TECHNICIAN

Bryan Owens

FLOWERS

The Sanctuary flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of the Gunn family by Page and Randy Pate.

NOVEMBER FLOWER TEAM

Susan Ferguson (chair),
Mary Adams, Susan Barrett, Amy Cowsert,
Page Pate, Jennifer Trapnell

SUNDAY MORNING MANAGER

Aiden Dowling

TO AID IN WORSHIP

If you need to leave the sanctuary during the service, a live video feed is available in the Atrium and at 10:00 a.m. is on Facebook and YouTube.

Available in the Narthex or from an usher:

- **Personal hearing receivers** usable anywhere in the sanctuary
- **Large-print** hymnals, Bibles, bulletins, and hymnsheets
- **Sermons** from the previous six weeks

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Prayer requests can be submitted to the church office, 706-543-4338, by the Prayer Request link on our church website (firstpresathens.org) or on the prayer cards in the Fellowship Pads.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Live Nativity

Thursday, November 30, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Join Weekday School families and friends for our 12th Annual Live Nativity from 6:00-8:00 p.m. on **Thursday, November 30**. We will be in the Dougherty Street parking deck. Guitarist Bob Burton and others will provide live music, and WDS teachers will be in the rooms to help children and parents make a Christmas ornament to take home! Hot cocoa will be available for all to enjoy! Come celebrate the birth of our savior and experience the hands on story of the Christ Child! Anyone interested in participating as a character (no lines) or in set-up or clean-up, please contact Elaine Johnson at (706) 206-8180.

Salvation Army Angel Tree

Will you be someone's angel this year? Please consider purchasing Christmas gifts for one or more of the 75 Salvation Army "angels" (infants –12-year-old children) posted in Fellowship Hall. Detailed instructions are available when you select your "angel." Please bring your gifts to church by **Sunday, December 3**, or to the church office by **Friday, December 1**.

Advent: Season of Wonder Intergenerational Celebration

Sunday, December 3, 9:45-10:45 a.m., Fellowship Hall

Join us for this intergenerational Sunday school opportunity that will start our congregational celebration of Advent 2023. We will seat the generations of the church in concentric circles in Fellowship Hall, gathering everyone to hear the Godly Play Advent story. After that, we will do "wonder work" together, making Advent wreaths to adorn our homes and making prayer ornaments for our Atrium Christmas tree.

Please RSVP by November 19 at tinyurl.com/FPCAAdv2023 to let us know that you will be joining us for this special celebration with our church family. For more information and questions, please reach out to Natalie Bishop at natalie@firstpresathens.org or Leigh Bonner at lbonner@firstpresathens.org.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Holiday Meals on Wheels

Every Thanksgiving, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day volunteers from First Presbyterian Church deliver nutritional meals to homebound seniors. FPC also pays for the meals on these three days. The cost is generally around \$1,000. Volunteers meet at the Council on Aging at 135 Hoyt St. at 10:00 a.m. The routes take 30 minutes to an hour to complete.

If you are interested in delivering meals, please contact Kitty Donnan at kittydavedonnan@gmail.com. Since this is a popular family event, please be sure to sign up early. Donations can be made by writing a check to First Presbyterian (noted "MOW") or give online at firstpresathens.org/giving and select "Meals on Wheels." under "Select a fund."

29th Holiday Benevolence Market

December 3, noon-3:00 p.m., Covenant Presbyterian Church

Hosted this year by Covenant Presbyterian Church (1065 Gaines School Road, Athens, GA. 30605), choose meaningful and symbolic gifts on the shopping lists of 30+ non-profit mission partners. This market is specifically designed to share the vision and work of the incredible non-profit organizations all over Athens doing amazing work. It is also designed for teaching our children and grandchildren about how simple acts of generosity can make such a great impact and how we are blessed to be a blessing.

For more information, please contact Rev. Amy Baer at abaer@covpresathens.org

Ringling for the Salvation Army

Saturday, December 9, 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

We are in need of volunteers to fill 9 one hour slots (9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.) on **Saturday, December 9**, outside of the Walmart on Epps Bridge Pkwy. This is an easy way to give a small portion of your time to a worthy organization. Please contact Mark Hopkins to sign-up at 205-790-6499 or e-mail jshceh@aol.com.

Festival of Lessons & Carols

Sunday, December 10

Join us for A Festival of Lessons and Carols on **Sunday, December 10**, at 11:00 a.m., led by the choirs of First Presbyterian Church, accompanied by a brass quintet. The service will include music by Harold Darke, Crawford Thoburn, and David Willcocks.

Christmas Tea at FPC

Thursday, December 14, 2:00 p.m.

All are welcome to attend the annual Christmas Tea hosted by the Senior Adult Ministry on **Thursday, December 14**, from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. It will feature The Mellows leading Christmas songs and a message by Dr. Ryan Baer. Please RSVP to the church office at (706) 543-4338 by **Monday, December 11**.

THIS WEEK

Sunday, November 26

- 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Services, Dr. Ryan Baer preaching
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School and Godly Play
- 12:00 p.m. Atrium Fellowship Refreshments
- 3:30 p.m. Cherub Choir Rehearsal, Room 203
- 3:30 p.m. St. Andrews Choir Rehearsal, Room 202
- 4:20 p.m. Celebration Singers Choir Rehearsal, Room 202
- 5:00 p.m. Middle School Youth Group, The PIT
- 6:00 p.m. Youth Group Dinner, Fellowship Hall
- 6:30 p.m. High School Youth Group, The PIT

Monday, November 27

- 2:00 p.m. Lay Caller Meeting via Zoom
- 5:30 p.m. Handbell Choir Rehearsal, Room 205
- 7:30 p.m. High School Girls Bible Study Group

Tuesday, November 28

- 7:00 a.m. Our Daily Bread Breakfast, First Baptist Church
- 12:15 p.m. Women's Small Group, Brides Room
- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting, Staff Conference Room
- 1:30 p.m. Knitting Purls, Parlor
- 6:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Meeting, Moses Waddel Room

Wednesday, November 29

- 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Room 202

Thursday, November 30

- 9:05 a.m. Weekday School Chapel, Children's Ministry Suite
- 6:00 p.m. Weekday School Live Nativity, Upper Parking Lot

Sunday, December 3 - First Sunday of Advent

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EDUCATION – FAITH FORMATION

SUNDAYS FOR CHILDREN

Director of Children's Ministries: Natalie Bishop

Nursery Coordinator: Rita Raines

Nursery Play, 8:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Children's Playroom • Infants – 4 Year Olds

Little ones are invited to Nursery Play during worship and Sunday school. Children will enjoy playtime, Bible stories, and a light snack with church friends.

Godly Play, 9:45 a.m.–10:45 a.m.

Children's Ministry Suite • Pre-K – 5th Grade

Children are invited to Godly Play during the Sunday School hour. Godly Play is an innovative way of teaching and learning that helps children “discover” who God is rather than being “told” who God is. The structure and routine of Godly Play offer children a safe and nurturing space to explore, connect, wonder, and worship God.

Children and Worship, 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

All children are welcome to remain in worship with their families every Sunday. Children's bulletins, Bibles, and books are available at the children's tables located in the Narthex and on both sides of the choir loft.

Children's Church, 11:00 a.m. Worship Service

Children, Pre K – 5th Grade are invited to Children's Church after the passing of The Peace. We will continue worshipping together in the Children's Ministry Suite by listening to God's Word, singing to God, praying to God and giving to God.

**No Children's Church on the first Sunday of the month, Communion Sunday. All children are invited to remain in the sanctuary on this special Sunday to take part in worship and Communion with family.*

SUNDAYS FOR YOUTH

Director of Youth Ministries: Kim Ness

Middle School Coordinator: Erin Osborne

The PIT (basement level) • 6th – 12th Grade

Sunday School (9:45 a.m.)

Middle School class is using the Sparkhouse curriculum called Echo: The Story. Each class begins with a video, then we delve into the Bible. In just 36 weeks, we'll travel from Genesis to Revelation, through stories, games and activities!

Youth Group

Sunday night youth group is a fast hour of games, get-to-know you activities, devotionals and discussion. This year our theme is Pieces of Faith. Youth will gather in the PIT to talk about different aspects of faith and the spiritual practices we need to help our faith grow stronger.

Middle School meets 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

High School meets 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Combined Youth Dinner (6:00 p.m.)

Between MS and HS youth groups, everyone will gather in Fellowship Hall for a shared meal. If you'd like to help provide a meal for our youth, please email Kim at kness@firstpresathens.org.

For more information about youth ministry at FPC, visit www.fpcathenspit.com.

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ADULTS

9:45–10:40 a.m.

IN PERSON

Builders • Moses Waddel Room

This class is an invitation for parents of children and youth to come join for a time of fellowship and support. This fall, the Builders will study the Hebrew Bible – commonly called the Old Testament – by engaging with the *DISCIPLE Fast Track* Bible study.

Coordinator: Dr. Ryan Baer (ryan@firstpresathens.org)

HYBRID (*in person and over Zoom*)

Del Dunn Sunday School Class • Room 308

An in-depth study and discussion of scripture, offering a collegial environment and welcoming all who seek to enrich their understanding of the Bible and its application to our daily lives. This fall, we will continue a chapter-by-chapter reading and discussion of the Gospel of Matthew.

Coordinator: Susan Landrum (slandrum@uga.edu)

Zoom ID: 875 216 0708, PW: 634175

New Voices • Room 310

This class explores theological and church issues. Class leaders engage participants by inviting them to share their stories and perspectives on the topics being discussed. In November, the class will be studying several works of C.S. Lewis.

Led by: Lewis Hudgins (lewisahudgins@gmail.com)

Zoom ID: 674 533 8902

Wayne F. Middendorf Men's Bible Class

Bride's Room, Tinsley Stern

Open and honest discussion in a nonjudgmental atmosphere about various aspects of Christianity. This fall, we will be watching and discussing the series *From Jesus to Constantine: A History of Early Christianity* by UNC-Chapel Hill professor Bart D. Ehrman.

Contacts: Ian Hardin (ianhardin1@gmail.com), Jim Scanlon (jfscanlon@yahoo.com)

Zoom ID: 883 5159 0923

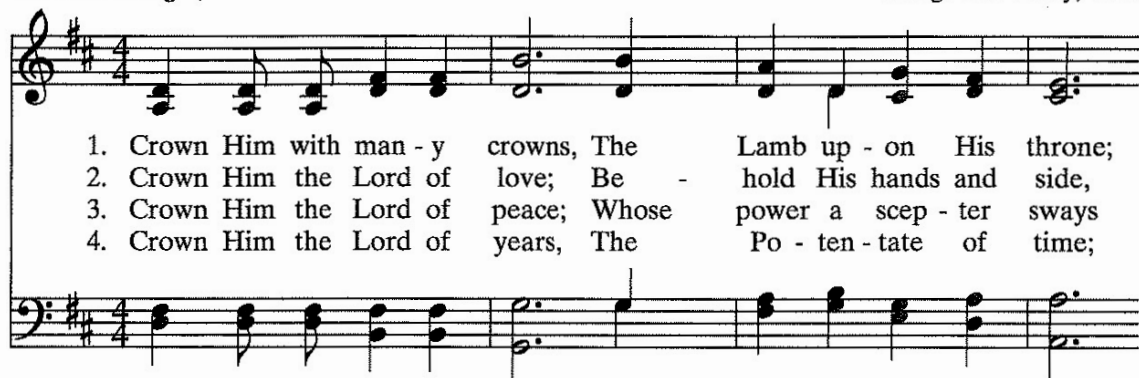
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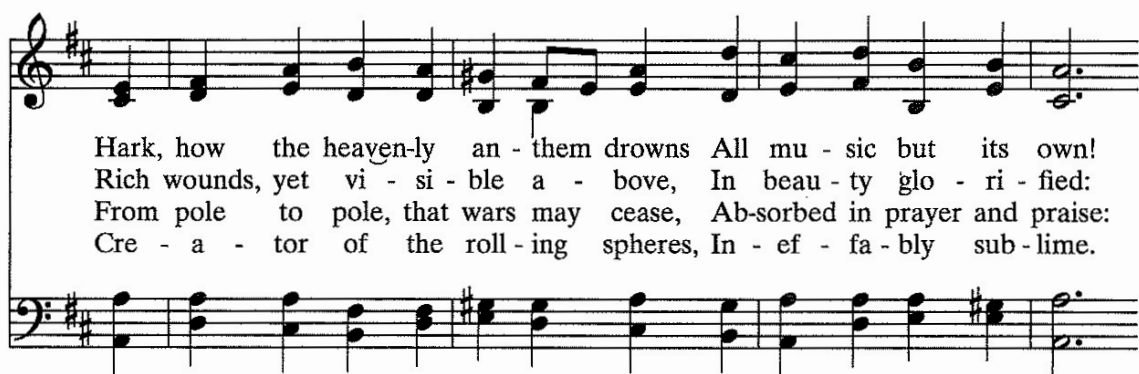
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Matthew Bridges, 1851

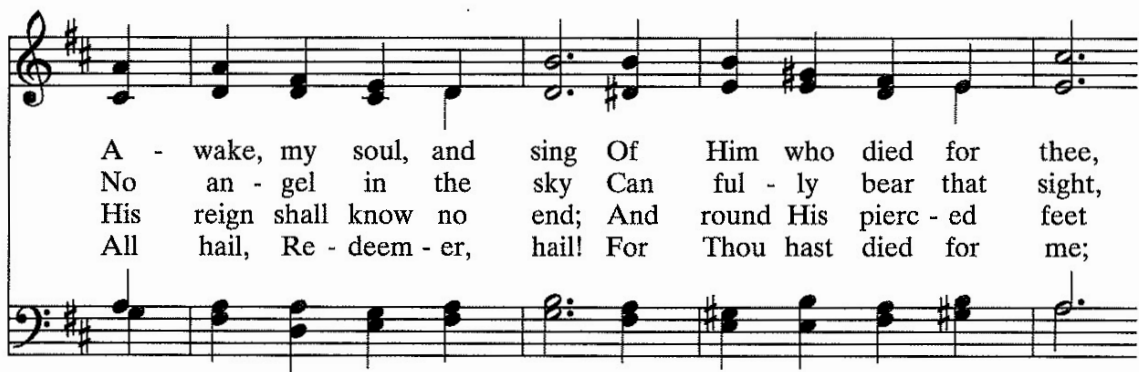
George Job Elvey, 1868



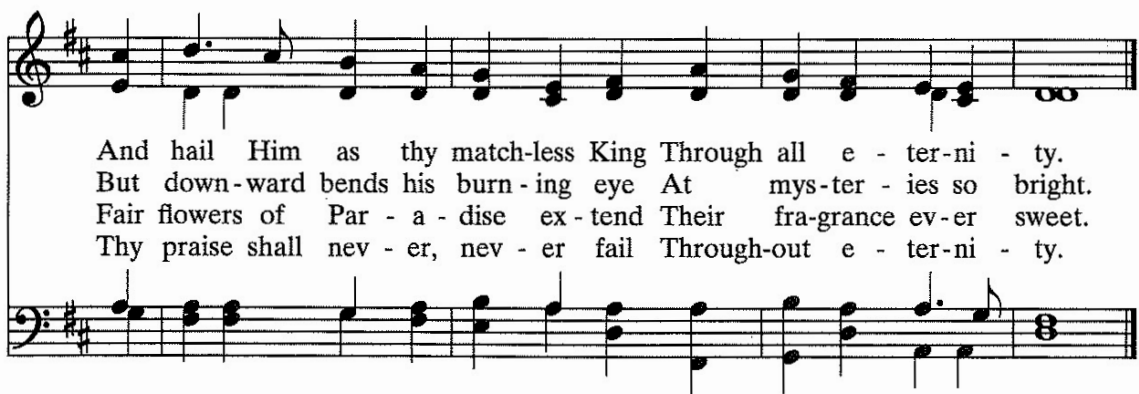
1. Crown Him with man - y crowns, The Lamb up - on His throne;
 2. Crown Him the Lord of love; Be - hold His hands and side,
 3. Crown Him the Lord of peace; Whose power a scep - ter sways
 4. Crown Him the Lord of years, The Po - ten - tate of time;



Hark, how the heav - en - ly an - them drowns All mu - sic but its own!
 Rich wounds, yet vi - si - ble a - bove, In beau - ty glo - ri - fied:
 From pole to pole, that wars may cease, Ab - sorbed in prayer and praise:
 Cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, In - ef - fa - bly sub - lime.



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 reign shall know no end; And round His pierc - ed feet
 All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For Thou hast died for me;



And hail Him as thy match - less King Through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 But down - ward bends his burn - ing eye At mys - ter - ies so bright.
 Fair flowers of Par - a - dise ex - tend Their fra - grance ev - er sweet.
 Thy praise shall nev - er, nev - er fail Through - out e - ter - ni - ty.

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Erik Routley, 1966

The United States Sacred Harmony, 1799
Harm. Carlton R. Young, 1964

1. All who love and serve your cit - y, All who bear its dai - ly stress,
2. In your day of wealth and plen - ty, Wast - ed work and wast - ed play,
3. For all days are days of judg - ment, And the Lord is wait - ing still,
4. Ris - en Lord, shall yet the cit - y Be the cit - y of de - spair?

All who cry for peace and jus - tice, All who curse and all who bless:
Call to mind the word of Je - sus, "You must work while it is day."
Draw - ing near a world that spurns Him, Of - fering peace from Cal-vary's hill.
Come to - day, our judge, our glo - ry. Be its name "The Lord is there!"

The musical score is written in 3/4 time. The first system features a vocal melody in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The second system continues the vocal melody and piano accompaniment. The third system shows the vocal melody and piano accompaniment. The fourth system shows the vocal melody and piano accompaniment. The fifth system shows the vocal melody and piano accompaniment. The sixth system shows the vocal melody and piano accompaniment. The seventh system shows the vocal melody and piano accompaniment. The eighth system shows the vocal melody and piano accompaniment. The ninth system shows the vocal melody and piano accompaniment. The tenth system shows the vocal melody and piano accompaniment. The eleventh system shows the vocal melody and piano accompaniment. The twelfth system shows the vocal melody and piano accompaniment. The thirteenth system shows the vocal melody and piano accompaniment. 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Welsh folk melody

Evans' *Hymnau a Thonau*, 1865

As in *English Hymnal*, 1906

William W. Reid, Jr., 1958; alt. 1972

1. O God of ev - ery na - tion, Of ev - ery race and land,
 2. From search for wealth and pow - er And scorn of truth and right,
 3. Lord, strength-en those who la - bor That all may find re - lease
 4. Keep bright in us the vi - sion Of days when war shall cease,

Re - deem the whole cre - a - tion With Your al - might - y hand;
 From trust in bombs that show - er De - struc-tion through the night,
 From fear of rat - tling sa - ber, From dread of war's in - crease;
 When ha - tred and di - vi - sion Give way to love and peace,

Where hate and fear di - vide us And bit - ter threats are hurled,
 From pride of race and sta - tion And blind-ness to Your way,
 When hope and cour-age fal - ter, Your still small voice be heard;
 Till dawns the morn-ing glo - rious When peace on earth shall reign

In love and mer - cy guide us And heal our strife-torn world.
 De - liv - er ev - ery na - tion, E - ter - nal God, we pray.
 With faith that none can al - ter, Your ser-vants un - der - gird.
 And Christ shall rule vic - to - rious O'er all the world's do - main.

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