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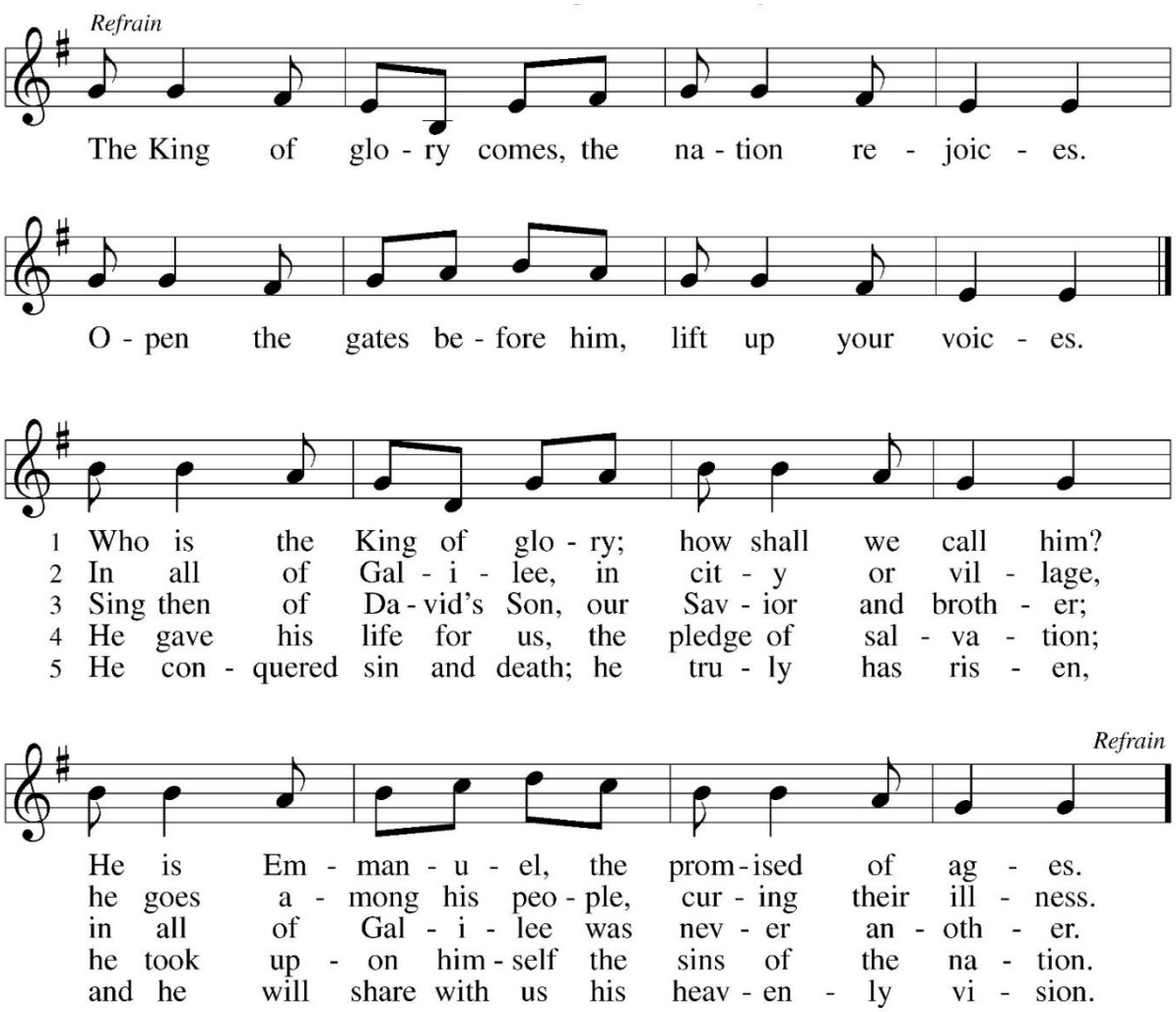
WELCOME & GATHERING HYMN "The King of Glory" W&P 136



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Music: THE KING OF GLORY, Israeli traditional

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O God of power and might, your Son shows us the way of service, and in him we inherit the riches of your grace. **Give us the wisdom to know what is right and the strength to serve the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

PSALM: Psalm 95:1-6
Please read responsively.

1 Come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.

2 **Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving**
and raise a loud shout to the Lord with psalms.

3 For you, Lord, are a great God,
and a great ruler above all gods.

4 **In your hand are the caverns of the earth;**
the heights of the hills are also yours.

5 The sea is yours, for you made it,
and your hands have molded the dry land.

6 **Come, let us worship and bow down,**
let us kneel before the Lord our maker.

CELEBRATION OF OUR VITALITY

GOSPEL: Matthew 25:31-46

A reading from Matthew.

The holy gospel according to Matthew.
Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] 31 "When the Son of Man comes in his glory and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. 32 All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, 33 and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. 34 Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world, 35 for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, 36 I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' 37 Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food or thirsty and gave you something to drink? 38 And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you or naked and gave you clothing? 39 And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' 40 And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.' 41 Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You who are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels, 42 for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, 43 I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' 44 Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison and did not take care of you?'

45 Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ 46 And these will go away into eternal punishment but the righteous into eternal life.”

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

REFLECTION **Pastor Sara Ilderton**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Christ our King, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

Prepare your people for your reign to come among us. Where the church is wary, make us bold; where we are complacent, stir us to action; where we are anxious, assure us of your never-ending care.
God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gather all nations to your side and teach them the ways of your kingdom of wholeness and abundant life. Empower judges, juries, and legal advocates to create and uphold pathways toward transformative justice.
God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Bind up the wounds of all your people. Give courage to all who experience uncertainty, guide all people facing difficult decisions, and lift the spirits of any who are in need especially those we name silently or aloud...
God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Accompany communities struggling with conflict. Help us to listen deeply to one another, that we might know one another more fully and release any hurt or anger. Create ways of healing and reconciliation among us.
God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved.
Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you

WE CELEBRATE THE SUPPER OF OUR LORD

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

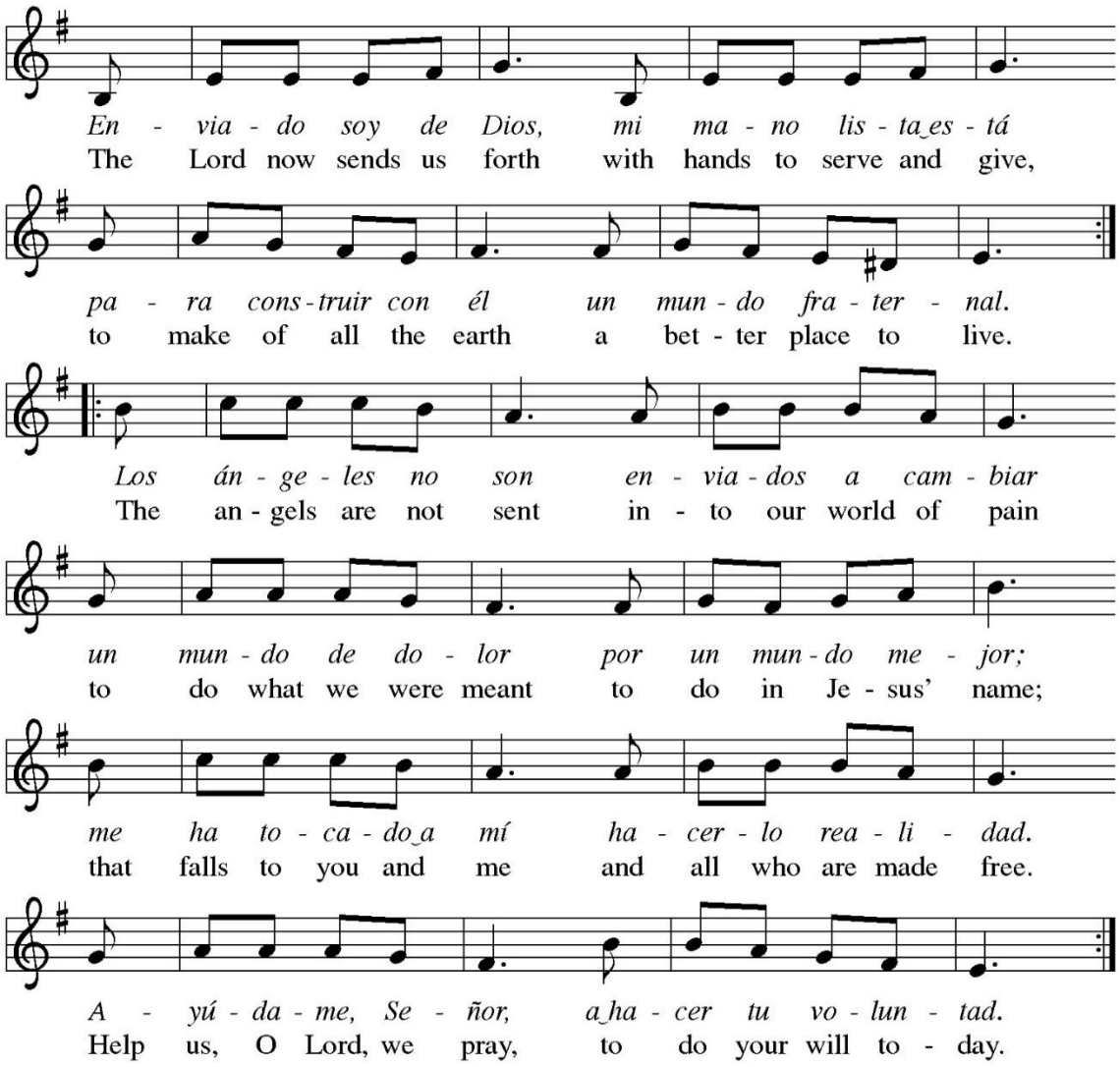
LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, is it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those that trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever.
Amen.

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND WINE

The body of Christ given for you. The blood of Christ shed for you.

SENDING HYMN "The Lord Now Sends Us Forth" ELW 538



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