



ROYAL REDEEMER

AN LCMS CONGREGATION

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9:00am Worship



Kingdom

(Pastor Joel)

How is God's kingdom coming through you?

Welcome

Opening Hymn

"How Great Thou Art"

Oh Lord my God
When I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds
Thy hands have made
I see the stars
I hear the rolling thunder
Thy power throughout
The universe displayed

Refrain:

Then sings my soul
My Savior, God, to Thee
How great thou art
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When through the woods and forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees
When I look down from loft mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the breeze

Refrain

And when I think of God,
His Son not sparing,
Sent Him to die,
I scarce can take it in;
That on the cross,
my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died
to take away my sin

Refrain

When Christ shall come
With shout of acclamation
And take me home
What joy shall fill my heart
Then I shall bow
With humble adoration
And then proclaim My God
How great Thou art

Refrain

Invocation & Confession

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have**

not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Responsive Psalm 142

¹With my voice I cry out to the LORD;

with my voice I plead for mercy to the LORD.

²I pour out my complaint before him;

I tell my trouble before him.

³When my spirit faints within me,

You know my way!

In the path where I walk

they have hidden a trap for me.

⁴Look to the right and see:

there is none who takes notice of me;

no refuge remains to me;

no one cares for my soul.

⁵I cry to you, O LORD;

**I say, "You are my refuge,
my portion in the land of the living."**

⁶Attend to my cry,

for I am brought very low!

Deliver me from my persecutors,

for they are too strong for me!

⁷Bring me out of prison,

that I may give thanks to your name!

The righteous will surround me,

for you will deal bountifully with me.

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.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

C 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. Amen.

First Lesson

Psalm 145:8-13

⁸The LORD is gracious and compassionate;
slow to anger and rich in love.

⁹The LORD is good to all;
he has compassion on all he has made.

¹⁰All your works praise you, LORD;
your faithful people extol you.

¹¹They tell of the glory of your kingdom
and speak of your might,

¹²so that all people may know of your mighty acts
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

¹³Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
and your dominion endures through all generations.

The LORD is trustworthy in all he promises
and faithful in all he does.

Second Lesson

James 2:1-5

2 My brothers and sisters, believers in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ must not show favoritism. ² Suppose a man comes into your meeting wearing a gold ring and fine clothes, and a poor man in filthy old clothes also comes in. ³ If you show special attention to the man wearing fine clothes and say, "Here's a good seat for you," but say to the poor man, "You stand there" or "Sit on the floor by my feet," ⁴ have you not discriminated among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts?

⁵ Listen, my dear brothers and sisters: Has not God chosen those who are poor in the eyes of the world to be rich in faith and to inherit the kingdom he promised those who love him?

Holy Gospel

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 10th chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

Matthew 10:5-8, 37-39

⁵ These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Do not go among the Gentiles or enter any town of the Samaritans. ⁶ Go rather to the lost sheep of Israel. ⁷ As you go, proclaim this message: 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' ⁸ Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received; freely give.

³⁷ "Anyone who loves their father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; anyone who loves their son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. ³⁸ Whoever does not take up their cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹ Whoever finds their life will lose it, and whoever loses their life for my sake will find it.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

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 Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life T everlasting. Amen.

Hymn of the Day

“I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord”

I love Thy kingdom, Lord,
The house of Thine abode,
The Church our blest Redeemer saved
With His own precious blood.

I love Thy Church, O God!
Her walls before Thee stand,
Dear as the apple of Thine eye,
And graven on Thy hand.

For her my tears shall fall;
For her my prayers ascend;
To her my cares and toils be giv'n,
Till toils and cares shall end.

Beyond my highest joy
I prize her heav'nly ways,
Her sweet communion, solemn vows,
Her hymns of love and praise.

Message Praying Like Jesus: Kingdom

Offering Message

Prayer of the Church

Pastor: Blessed Lord, hear our prayers on behalf of all people as they have need.

Brief silence

In the darkness of uncertainty and fear, we cry to You, O Lord. Open our ears by Your Word, our minds by Your Spirit, and our hearts by Your grace, that we may know and be thankful for all the blessings You have given to us in Christ, our Lord, especially the gifts of forgiveness, life and salvation. Strengthen us in faith, that we may serve You with all our body, mind, soul and strength. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: We pray to You, O Lord, on behalf of Your Church and all Your people in every place. Give to us pastors and servants of Your Word who will lead us with wisdom as we seek to worship You in new ways over the next several weeks. And be with the Church around the world as we are finding new ways to be light to our communities. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: We ask You, O Lord, to provide us with good and faithful leaders who will honor and preserve the precious gift of life and to protect the lives of those least able to defend themselves, especially the sick and dying. Bless the members of our armed forces and all public servants, protect them as they defend us, and grant Your blessing to all emergency workers who come to our aid in this time of need. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lord, give us generous hearts, that we may share with those in need what You have provided and work for the common good of all. Be with those who are affected by this crisis, especially the unemployed, the off work, and the homeless. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Knowing Your healing will and gifts, we pray You, O Lord, to remember the sick in their afflictions, to calm those troubled in mind, and to keep steadfast the dying. Show us Your gracious will, O Lord, and sustain those who are afflicted in body or mind until that day when You will bestow upon us new bodies fit for the eternal life You have prepared for us in Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Mindful of Your promise, we ask You, O Lord, to comfort those who grieve and to build up those who mourn with hope for the resurrection. Remembering the faithful who have died in Christ, we pray You to bring us at last to be with them in Your nearer presence, looking forward to that day when we shall join in the marriage supper of the Lamb in His Kingdom without end. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: All these things, O Lord, we pray in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, asking You to grant our prayers not for our sake but for the sake of Him alone. Teach our hearts to be content with Your will and to trust that You will answer us with what is best for us and at the right time for our need

All: Amen.

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.**

Announcements

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you
and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and T give you peace.
C Amen.

Closing Hymn

“The Lord of Sea and Sky “

I, the Lord of sea and sky
I have heard my people cry
all who dwell in dark and sin
my hand will save
I who made the stars of night
I will make their darkness bright
who will bear my light to them
whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord
is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night
I will go, Lord, if you lead me
I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain
I have borne my people's pain
I have wept for love of them
they turn away
I will break their hearts of stone
give them hearts for love alone
I will speak my word to them
whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord
is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night
I will go, Lord, if you lead me
I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of wind and flame
I will tend the poor and lame
I will set a feast for them
my hand will save
finest bread I will provide
till their hearts be satisfied
I will give my life to them
whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord
is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night
I will go, Lord, if you lead me
I will hold your people in my heart.