

King of Kings Lutheran Church

Connecting People to Christ Now and Forever

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Thank you for worshipping at home with us at King of Kings! Our prayer is that the Holy Spirit will draw you closer to the living God through your time of worship today and strengthen your connection to Christ our Savior.

PARTICIPATION IN HOLY COMMUNION

St. Paul urges us to examine ourselves before partaking of Holy Communion (*1 Cor. 11:28*). We urge you to do so, on the basis of these questions.

- 1. Do you believe you are a sinner? (*Romans 3:23*)**
- 2. Are you truly sorry for your sins? (*Psalms 51:17*)**
- 3. Do you believe in Jesus Christ as your Savior? (*Romans 5:6-8*)**
- 4. Do you intend with the power of the Holy Spirit, to amend your sinful life? (*Romans 6:1-4*)**
- 5. Do you believe you receive Christ's true Body and Blood along with the blessed bread and wine for the forgiveness of your sins?**

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Welcome

Opening Song

Great Are You Lord

You give life You are love
You bring light to the darkness
You give hope You restore ev'ry heart that is broken
And great are You Lord

CHORUS

It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise
We pour out our praise
It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise to You only

You give life You are love
You bring light to the darkness
You give hope You restore ev'ry heart that is broken
And great are You Lord

CHORUS (2x)

And all the earth will shout Your praise
Our hearts will cry these bones will sing
Great are You Lord (3x)

CHORUS (2x)

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Invocation

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

G Amen.

Confession and Absolution

P The First Commandment is first because “we should fear, love, and trust in God above all things.” Let us in true repentance and good faith direct the fear, love, and trust of our hearts and minds “to the King of ages, immortal, invisible, the only God.”

P Merciful God,

G the good fight of faith is fierce, the warfare between our love for You and the temptations of the world around us is long, even never-ending. We confess we have not loved You above all things, we are afraid at many times, and there is nothing and no one on earth worthy of our trust. In You, O Lord, we put our trust. In Your grace and forgiveness, let us never be ashamed. Deliver us in

**Your righteousness for the sake of our Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ, Your Son.
Amen.**

P By your Baptism into Christ, God has pledged the forgiveness of all your sins and promised the eternal life to which you were called. Therefore, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Song of Praise

King of Kings

In the darkness we were waiting without hope without light
Till from Heaven You came running, there was mercy in Your eyes
To fulfill the law and prophets, to a virgin came the Word
From a throne of endless glory to a cradle in the dirt

CHORUS

Praise the Father, praise the Son
Praise the Spirit three in one
God of Glory, majesty
Praise forever to the King of kings

To reveal the kingdom coming and to reconcile the lost
To redeem the whole creation You did not despise the cross
For even in Your suffering You saw to the other side
Knowing this was our salvation, Jesus for our sake You died

CHORUS

And the morning that You rose all of heaven held its breath
Till that stone was moved for good for the Lamb had conquered death
And the dead rose from their tombs and the angels stood in awe
For the souls of all who'd come to the Father are restored

And the Church of Christ was born then the Spirit lit the flame
Now this Gospel truth of old shall not kneel shall not faint
By His blood and in His Name, in His freedom I am free
For the love of Jesus Christ who has resurrected me

Praise the Father, praise the Son
Praise the Spirit three in one
God of Glory, majesty
Praise forever to the King of kings
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Prayer of the Day

P O God,

C **You are the strength of all who trust in You, and without Your aid we can do no good thing. Grant us the help of Your grace that we may please You in both will and deed; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Service of the Word

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 12:1–7

¹Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. ²And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

⁴So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. ⁵And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the people that they had acquired in Haran, and they set out to go to the land of Canaan. When they came to the land of Canaan, ⁶Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. ⁷Then the LORD appeared to Abram and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him.

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

James 2:14–26

¹⁴What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? ¹⁵If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, ¹⁶and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and filled," without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? ¹⁷So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

¹⁸But someone will say, "You have faith and I have works." Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works. ¹⁹You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe—and shudder! ²⁰Do you want to be shown, you foolish person, that faith apart from works is useless? ²¹Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered up his son Isaac on the altar? ²²You see that faith was active along with his works, and faith was completed by his works; ²³and the Scripture was fulfilled that says, "Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness"—and he was called a friend of God. ²⁴You see that a person is justified by works and not by faith alone. ²⁵And in the same way

was not also Rahab the prostitute justified by works when she received the messengers and sent them out by another way? ²⁶For as the body apart from the spirit is dead, so also faith apart from works is dead.

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel

Luke 13:22–30

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the thirteenth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

²²[Jesus] went on his way through towns and villages, teaching and journeying toward Jerusalem. ²³And someone said to him, "Lord, will those who are saved be few?" And he said to them, ²⁴"Strive to enter through the narrow door. For many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able. ²⁵When once the master of the house has risen and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and to knock at the door, saying, 'Lord, open to us,' then he will answer you, 'I do not know where you come from.' ²⁶Then you will begin to say, 'We ate and drank in your presence, and you taught in our streets.' ²⁷But he will say, 'I tell you, I do not know where you come from. Depart from me, all you workers of evil!' ²⁸In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God but you yourselves cast out. ²⁹And people will come from east and west, and from north and south, and recline at table in the kingdom of God. ³⁰And behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Children's Message

Sermon Song

This is my prayer in the desert
When all that's within me feels dry
This is my prayer in my hunger and need
My God is the God who provides

This is my prayer in the fire
In weakness or trial or pain
There is a faith proved of more worth than gold
So refine me Lord through the flame

Desert Song

CHORUS

I will bring praise, I will bring praise
No weapon formed against me shall remain
I will rejoice, I will declare
God is my victory and He is here

This is my prayer in the battle
When triumph is still on its way
I am a conqueror and co-heir with Christ
So firm on His promise I'll stand

CHORUS

All of my life in ev'ry season You are still God
I have a reason to sing, I have a reason to worship (4x)

CHORUS

This is my prayer in the harvest
When favour and providence flow
I know I'm filled to be emptied again
The seed I've received I will sow

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Sermon

Nicene Creed

☐ I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,

**and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.
Amen.**

Gathering of Tithes & Offerings

Prayers of the Church

- P** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.
Lord in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer**
- P** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C** **Amen.**

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** Lift up your hearts.
- C** **We lift them to the Lord.**
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Proper Preface

- P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Through Him, Your majesty is praised by all the holy angels and celebrated with one accord by the heavens and all the powers therein. We, along with the cherubim and seraphim, and the entire company of heaven sing Your never ending praise. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

The 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.**

The Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Participation in Holy Communion

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Distribution Song

Here's My Heart

Here's my heart Lord, here's my heart Lord
Here's my heart Lord, speak what is true

'Cause I am found, I am Yours, I am loved, I'm made pure
I have life, I can breathe, I am healed, I am free

Here's my heart Lord, here's my heart Lord
Here's my heart Lord, speak what is true

'Cause I am found, I am Yours, I am loved, I'm made pure
I have life, I can breathe, I am healed, I am free

'Cause You are strong, You are sure, You are life, You endure
You are good, always true, You are light breaking through

Here's my heart Lord, here's my heart Lord
Here's my heart Lord, speak what is true
Here's my life Lord, here's my life Lord
Here's my life Lord, speak what is true

Speak what is true
Speak what is true

Prayer to Depart

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 + give you peace.

C Amen.

Closing Song

Battle Belongs

When all I see is the battle You see my victory
When all I see is a mountain You see a mountain moved
And as I walk through the shadow Your love surrounds me
There's nothing to fear now for I am safe with You

CHORUS

So when I fight I'll fight on my knees
With my hands lifted high
O God the battle belongs to You
And every fear I lay at Your feet
I'll sing through the night
O God the battle belongs to You

And if You are for me who can be against me
For Jesus there's nothing impossible for You
When all I see are the ashes You see the beauty
When all I see is a cross, God You see the empty tomb

CHORUS

Almighty Fortress You go before us
Nothing can stand against the power of our God
You shine in the shadows, You win every battle
Nothing can stand against the power of our God (2x)

So when I fight I'll fight on my knees
With my hands lifted high
O God the battle belongs to You
And every fear I lay at Your feet
I'll sing through the night
O God the battle belongs to You
O God the battle belongs to You

Announcements

Sending

P With boldness and courage we go now, believing this eternal truth...

C **God has not given us a spirit of fear but of power and authority to do the good works He has prepared for us to do. Amen.**

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