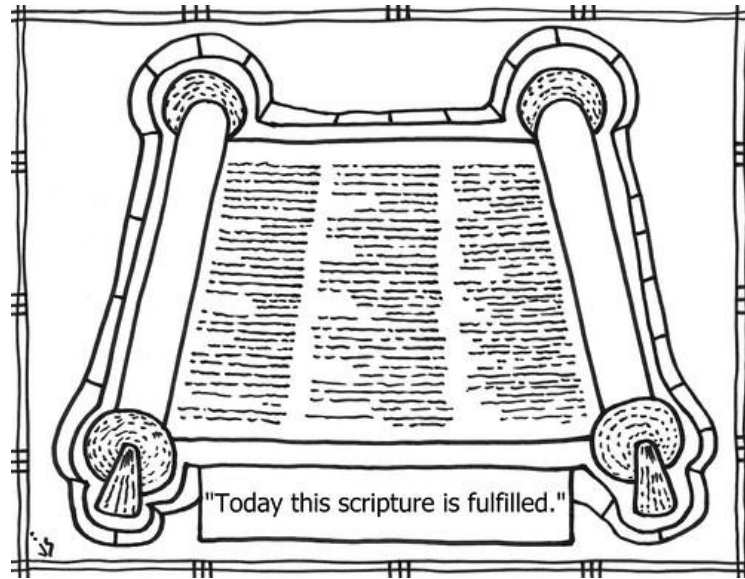


“Growing God’s Kingdom”



Third Sunday after Epiphany

January 24th, 2021

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TODAY’S INTRODUCTION: *As we continue through the time after Epiphany, stories of the call to discipleship show us the implications of our baptismal calling to show Christ to the world. Jesus begins proclaiming the good news and calling people to repentance right after John the Baptist is arrested for preaching in a similar way. Knowing that John was later executed, we see at the very outset the cost of discipleship. Still, the two sets of brothers leave everything they have known and worked for all their lives to follow Jesus and fish for people.*

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THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY January 24, 2021 – 10:30 a.m.

*Please Stand as **YOU** Are Able

PREPARATION

CHIMES

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

[Please use the prelude as a quiet time to prepare yourself for worship.]

* CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, whose voice is upon the waters, whose mercy is poured out upon all people, whose goodness cascades over all creation.

C Amen.

P Let us confess our sin, trusting in the abundant grace of God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Holy God,

C you search us and know us. You are acquainted with all our ways. We confess that our hearts are burdened by sin—our own sins and the broken systems that bind us. We turn inward, failing to follow your outward way of love. We distrust those who are not like us. We exploit the earth and its resources and fail to consider generations to come. Forgive us, gracious God, for all we have done and left undone. Even before the words are on our tongues, you know them; receive them in your divine mercy. Amen.

P How vast is God's grace! Through the power and promise of + Christ Jesus, our sins are washed away and we are claimed as God's own beloved. Indeed, we are forgiven. In the wake of God's forgiveness, we are called to be the beloved community living out Christ's justice and the Spirit's reconciling peace.

C Amen.

GATHERING

* GATHERING HYMN

“Lead On, O King Eternal!”

bulletin, pg. 11

* GREETING

P The grace of Jesus Christ, the mercy of the Holy One, and the Spirit of the living God be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

* KYRIE (spoken responsively)

P Lord, have mercy upon us.

C **Lord, have mercy upon us.**

P Christ, have mercy upon us.

C **Christ, have mercy upon us.**

P Lord, have mercy upon us.

C **Lord, have mercy upon us.**

* CANTICLE OF PRAISE (In Unison)

Come, Let Us Join



1 Come, let us join our cheer - ful songs with an - gels round the throne;

2 “Wor - thy the Lamb that died,” they cry, “to be ex - alt - ed thus!”

3 Je - sus is wor - thy to re - ceive hon - or and pow’r di - vine;

4 Let all cre - a - tion join in one to bless the sa - cred name



ten thou - sand thou - sand are their tongues, but all their joys are one.

“Wor - thy the Lamb,” our lips re - ply, “for he was slain for us!”

and bless - ings, more than we can give, be, Lord, for - ev - er thine.

of God who sits up - on the throne, and to a - dore the Lamb.

* PRAYER OF THE DAY (In Unison)

P Let us pray...

C **Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service. Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

WORD

The book of Jonah is a comedy starring a reluctant prophet who is given a one-sentence message: Nineveh will be destroyed in forty days. Much to Jonah's dismay, the people of Nineveh repent. The point of the story is to get the reader to wrestle with the question "On whom should God have mercy?"

FIRST READING.....Jonah 3:1-5, 10

¹The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, ²Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you. ³So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. ⁴Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, "Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" ⁵And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

¹⁰When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

L: Here ends the reading.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM:.....Psalm 62:5-12 (responsively)

⁵For God alone I wait in silence; truly, my hope is in God.

⁶God alone is my rock and my salvation, my stronghold, so that I shall never be shaken.

⁷In God is my deliverance and my honor; God is my strong rock and my refuge.

⁸Put your trust in God always, O people, pour out your hearts before the one who is our refuge.

⁹Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath; those of low estate cannot be trusted. Placed on the scales together they weigh even less than a breath.

¹⁰Put no trust in extortion; in robbery take no empty pride; though wealth increase, set not your heart upon it.

¹¹God has spoken once, twice have I heard it, that power belongs to God.

¹²Steadfast love belongs to you, O Lord, for you repay all according to their deeds.

Paul does not disapprove of marriage or other human social institutions. He does, however, want Christians to live in the present in fervent anticipation of God's future, which even now has dawned through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

SECOND READING.....1 Corinthians 7:29-31

²⁹Brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, ³⁰and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, ³¹and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

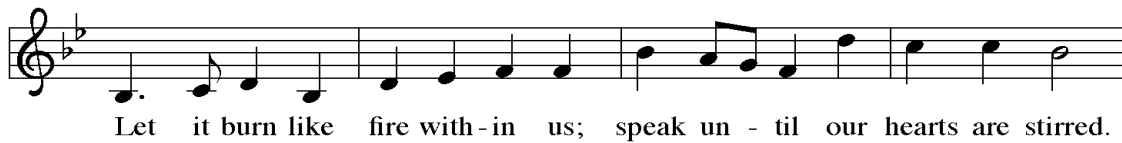
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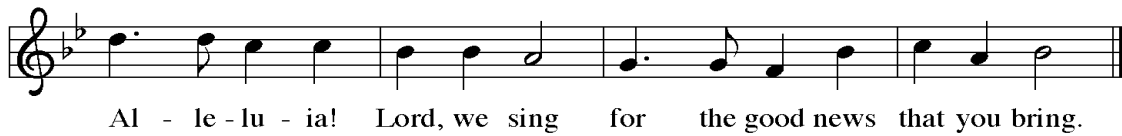
* GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (In Unison)



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

Before Jesus calls his first disciples, he proclaims a message that becomes known as "the gospel" or good news from God. God is ready to rule our lives. Those who realize this will respond with repentance and faith.

* GOSPEL.....Mark 1:14-20

P The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 1st chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord. (sung)

¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near, repent, and believe in the good news."

¹⁶As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. ¹⁷And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people."

¹⁸And immediately they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. ²⁰Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ. (sung)

SERMON

Vicar Leister

* HYMN OF THE DAY "Just as I Am, without One Plea" (vss. 1-3) bulletin, pg. 12

* APOSTLES' CREED (In Unison)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

* PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION (Prayers read by Worship Leader)

P let us pray.

C **Have mercy, O God.**

* THE LORD'S PRAYER (In Unison)

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.

OFFERING PRESENTATION

* SUNG OFFERTORY ('Create in Me')

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of
your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

* OFFERING PRAYER

P O God, receive these gifts as you receive us: like a mother receives her child, with arms open wide. Nourish us anew in your tender care, and empower us in faithful service to tend to others with this same love, through Jesus Christ, our saving grace.

C **Amen.**

SENDING

* BLESSING

P God the creator strengthen you; Jesus the beloved fill you; and the Holy Spirit the comforter + keep you in peace.

C **Amen, Amen, Amen. (sung)**

* SENDING HYMN

“Just as I Am, without One Plea”

(vss. 4-6) bulletin, pg. 12

* HOLY COMMUNION

P Beloved: here is bread; here is wine. Here is Jesus. Come and be fed.

P In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

P Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

P The Body of Christ given for you. (Wafer)

P The Blood of Christ shed for you. (Juice)

P Christ Jesus, at this table we have feasted on your very life and are strengthened for our journey. Send us forth from this banquet nourished in body and in spirit to proclaim your good news and serve others in your name.

C Amen.

* DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

C Thanks be to God.

PLEASE TAKE YOUR BULLETIN WITH YOU AND DISPOSE OF AT HOME!

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WELCOME TO ALL!

JUST A THOUGHT – Oswald Chambers, early twentieth century Scottish Christian minister and teacher (1874 – 1917): When Jesus Christ shed his blood on the cross, it was not the blood of one man for another; it was the life of God poured out to redeem the world.

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

THE DEADLINE FOR ALL ITEMS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE SUNDAY BULLETIN IS THURSDAY NOON.

PRAYER CHAIN – If you wish to be included on the email recipient list for the Messiah Prayer Chain, please send an email to Vicar Leister at sleister@gmail.com.

PRAYER REQUESTS will be placed in the Sunday bulletin for **one month**. If you wish to have someone included in the prayer list for an additional month, please contact the church office at 436-6213 or mlchurchoffice@gmail.com. If you have anyone who is a “last minute” addition after the bulletin has been printed on Fridays, please fill out an orange prayer card in the pew and lay it on the stand where the gluten free wafers are placed PRIOR to the morning worship service.

PLEASE NOTIFY THE CHURCH OFFICE for any change in addresses, phone numbers, email addresses, or for any requests for building usage. There are a lot of activities and some coordination is needed so events are not “overbooked” in any specific areas of the church (this also applies to church groups who meet in the church). Please contact the office at 436-6213 or email mlchurchoffice@gmail.com for any changes or requests.

IF ANYONE HAS ANY NEEDS OR CONCERNS, please contact Vicar Sam Leister. If you or someone you know is ill or hospitalized, please let Vicar Leister know. He can be reached at 717-436-8589 (home), or 717-348-1020 (cell), or email at sleister@gmail.com.

WE EXTEND OUR SYMPATHY to Ken and Kenton Stuck on the passing of their wife and mother, Kay Stuck, on January 19, 2020 at _____ Please keep the family in your prayers.

JANUARY’S “MISSION OF THE MONTH” at Messiah will continue to be for our local missions, specifically Meals-On-Wheels and the Juniata County Food Pantry. The monies will be sent from Messiah directly to both programs. In addition to your generosity, the PPC allocated funds to match congregational donations up to \$1,000.00. This money comes from budgeted funds that have been unused during the 2020 calendar year due to the shutdowns from the Covid-19 Pandemic. This is just one way in which we can extend our mission in Christ’s love beyond the walls of our church building.

COPIES OF OCTOBER 25, 2020 PPC MINUTES are available in the Adult Sunday School Room.

THE 2021 CHURCH OFFERING ENVELOPES are now available to pick up in the Library. Please pick them up before or after Sunday morning services or contact the church office to make arrangements to pick yours up in the office. Anyone who would like a statement of their contributions for 2020 for tax purposes may call the church office and your statement will be mailed to you.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION will be offered following the sending hymn in order to minimize any contact during the meal. We will be using communion kits that are pre-packaged and sealed that include a wafer and grape juice. Each person desiring to share in the meal will take a packaged kit when you receive a bulletin.

THANK YOU – “I wish to thank the Parish Planning Council and members of the congregation who shared with Linda and me the joys of Christmas through the gifts, cards, and messages of love and happiness that were given to us. May our congregation continue to grow in the spirit sharing blessings with others near and far!

Vicar Sam

WEEKLY OFFERING REPORT:

<u>January 17, 2021</u> Attendance – 19		Other Funds	
Total Offering	\$2,376.00	Building Fund	\$300.00
Other Funds	<u>505.00</u>	Memorial Fund	<u>205.00</u>
General Fund	\$1,871.00	Total	\$505.00

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Tuesday – 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Thursday – 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Friday – 12:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF has launched the 75,000 Face Mask Challenge, a request for volunteers to sew cloth masks that will be sent overseas to slow the spread of COVID-19. If you are interested in participating in this challenge, you can make as few or as many as you would like. Please call or email Cynthia Smith for details about this project at 717-994-4999 or gramcynthia49@yahoo.com.

SYNOD ASSEMBLY DELEGATES NEEDED – Two members of Messiah are needed for the annual Synod Assembly on June 19, 2021 (virtually on zoom). If you are interested in serving, please contact Vicar Leister or the church office.

WOMEN OF THE ELCA

NEW BATH-SIZE BARS OF SOAP (4 oz. to 5 oz., preferably Ivory or unscented Dove) is continuously collected as an on-going project for Lutheran World Relief. Please place soap in the basket on the blue table in the Adult Sunday School Room.

COMMUNITY

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS FOR FEBRUARY:

ALL NON-PERISHABLE FOODS, OVER-THE-COUNTER COLD AND FLU MEDICINES, PAPER TOWELS, COUGH DROPS, DISH DETERGENT, LAUNDRY DETERGENT, ANY CLEANING ITEM. DONATIONS OF CASH/CHECKS ARE ALSO APPRECIATED!

PRAYER LIST

Shirley Aumiller
Tyson Aurand
Carole Baker
Donna Barton
Lindsey Barton
Gary Bechtold
Julie Berryman
Nick Beward
Roxanne Boyer
Charlotte Burd
Andrea Cameron
Pam Campbell
Ruth Cisney
Curtis Clark
Randy Clark
Terry Coder
Jean Compton
Leann Crimmel
Will DeLancy
Guy Dillman
Fred & Dot Dowling
Renee Dzikowski
Neil Fisher
Janie Fogleman
Jerald (Jerry) Foltz
Bentley Fulkroad
Joan Fulkroad
Michal Gayer
Terri Gayer

Ken Geedey
Eddi Kay Gill
Paul Goss
Amy Hart
Beth Harris
Harry & Jennifer Heikes
Sue Henderson
Ken Henry
Nox Hepburn
Jason Hockenberry & Family
Curt & Judy Houtz
Matt & Jennifer Hutchinson
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Peggy Inch
Annie Ingle
Doc Johnston
Guy Kerstetter
Denny King
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Ellwood Miller
Larry Miller
Shirley Miller
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Darve Nace
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Noel Peachey
Dave Phelan
Butch & Sandy Pines
Betty Ranck
Keith Ranck
Matt, Amy & Olivia Reed
Mackenzie Shearer
Ronald Shearer
Bobby & Eva Sieber
Mike Sparks
Donald Speece
Bob & Jeanette St. Clair
Family of Kay Stuck
Charles Stump
Alice Swartz
Dorothy Towsey
Rich Walters
Dr. Glen Webb
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PRAY FOR OUR SHUT-INS

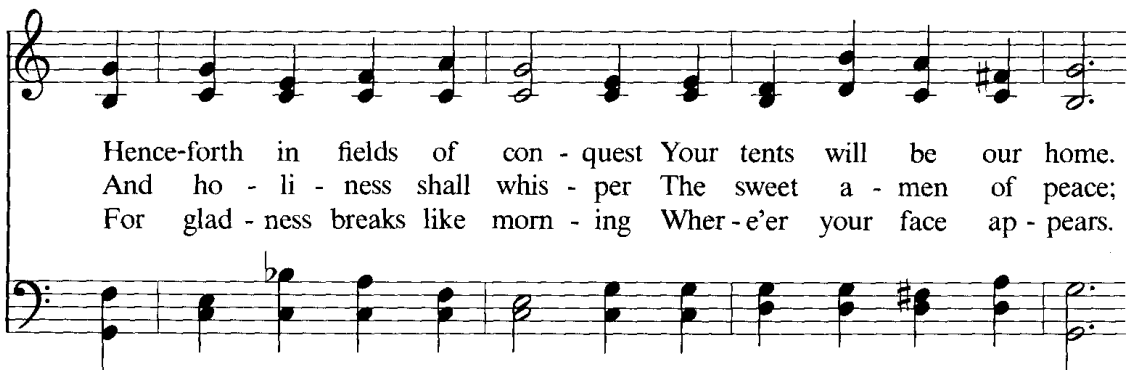
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Ruth Cisney	Edith Nipple
Max Ernest	Esther Rhine
Margaret Guss	Carol Simonton
Gail Henderson	Sieber & Ona Stoner
Mona Lawson	Ken Stuck
Jane Marhefka	Kitty Walters

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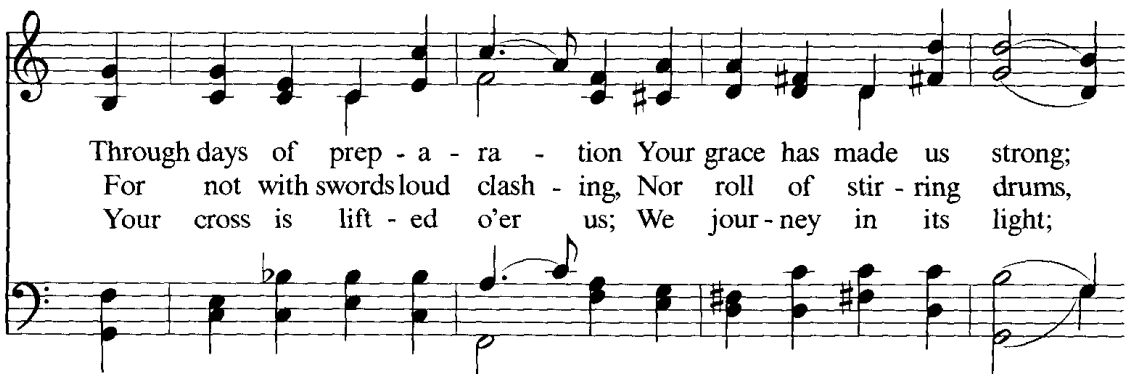
Lead On, O King Eternal!



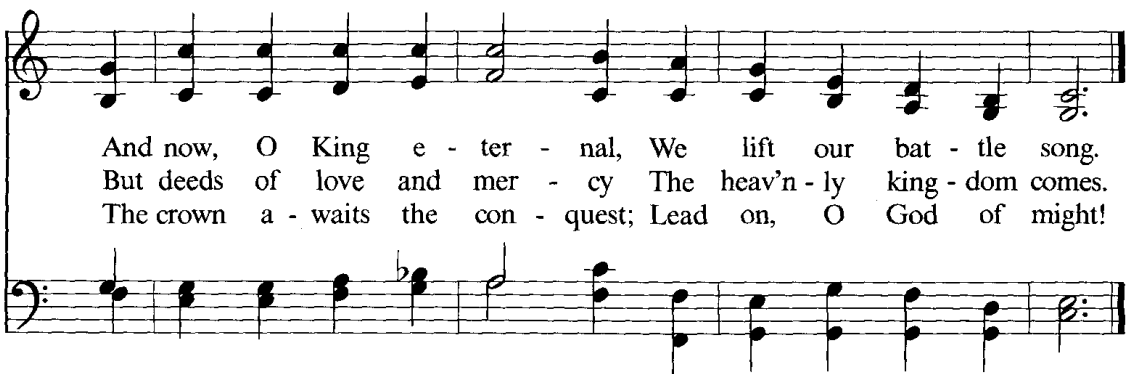
1 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal! The day of march has come;
 2 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, Till sin's fierce war shall cease,
 3 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal: We fol - low, not with fears,



Hence-forth in fields of con - quest Your tents will be our home.
 And ho - li - ness shall whis - per The sweet a - men of peace;
 For glad - ness breaks like morn - ing Wher - e'er your face ap - pears.



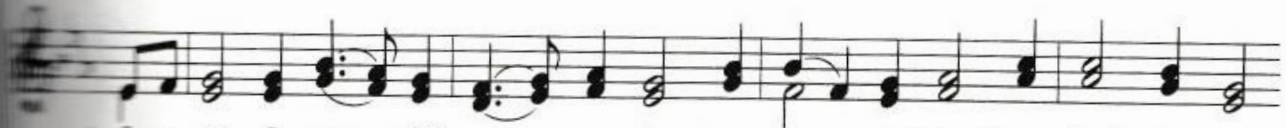
Through days of prep - a - ra - tion Your grace has made us strong;
 For not with swords loud clash - ing, Nor roll of stir - ring drums,
 Your cross is lift - ed o'er us; We jour - ney in its light;



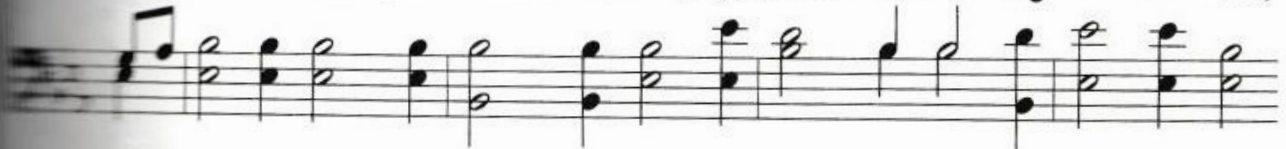
And now, O King e - ter - nal, We lift our bat - tle song.
 But deeds of love and mer - cy The heav'n - ly king - dom comes.
 The crown a - waits the con - quest; Lead on, O God of might!

Just as I Am, without One Plea

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- 1 Just as I am, with - out one plea, But that thy blood was shed for me,
- 2 Just as I am, and wait - ing not To rid my soul of one dark blot,
- 3 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout With man - y a con - flict, man - y a doubt,
- 4 Just as I am, poor, wretch - ed, blind; Sight, rich - es, heal - ing of the mind,



And that thou bidd'st me come to thee,
To thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot,
Fight - ings and fears with - in, with - out, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
Yea, all I need, in thee to find,



5 Just as I am, thou wilt receive,
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

6 Just as I am; thy love unknown
Has broken ev'ry barrier down;
Now to be thine, yea, thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.