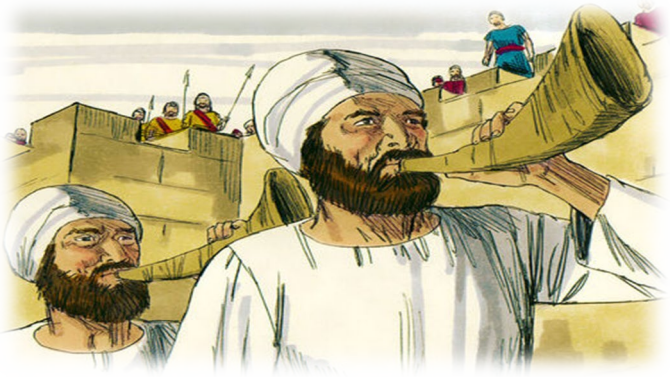

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Welcome and Announcements Liturgist

Prelude: Noah Davis

Introit Choir

Call to Worship-Responsive: Liturgist

Leader: The Lord is coming. Whom you will serve?

All: As for me and my family, we will serve the Lord.

Leader: What has God done for you?

All: Wondrous works. Unforgettable deeds.
Strength in the wilderness; paths of liberation!

Leader: Say more.

All: We'll never stop telling our story.
The next generation will hear it.
Children not yet born will know it.

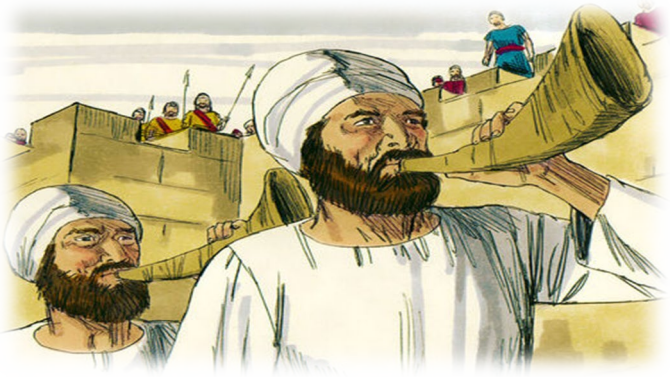
Leader: Hope in God, whose story will never end.

All: Forever we will praise
our faithful helper and deliverer!

Opening Prayer: Congregation

Faithful One, you are near;
assure us. In our joy and in
our need, help us to seek you,
for we know that we will find peace
and gladness with you. Today and
always, we say again and again,
"God is great!" **Amen.**

Opening Hymn: "Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!" 305 GTG Congregation



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Call to Confession Liturgist

Our God is a God of glorious deeds,
of wondrous works.
Our hope is in God.
But we do not always keep God's commandments.
Let us confess our sins
before our merciful and mighty God.

*** Prayer of Confession** Congregation

Everlasting God,
we say we want to see you,
we say we want to know you,
we say we want to serve you,
but we also do not want to put in the work.
We do not want to prepare for your coming
by working for your kin-dom on this earth.
We do not keep alert for signs of you among us,
so we schedule you in for an hour or so on Sundays.
Forgive us. Inspire us to put our faith to action.
Surprise us with your presence so we might learn
to always be ready for you to arrive.

Time of Silence for Personal Prayers of Confession

*** Assurance of Pardon** Liturgist

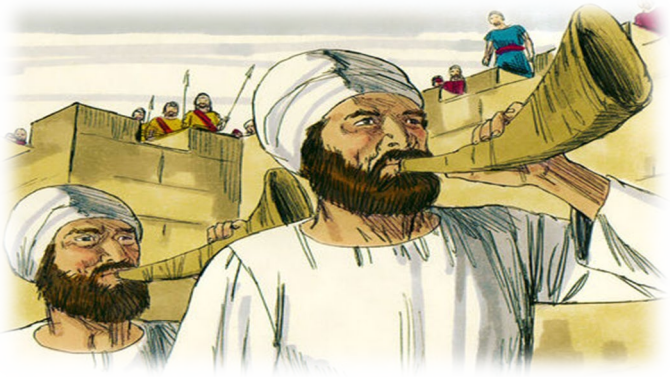
All who seek God will rejoice and be glad.
We proclaim that God is great because of this good news:
we are forgiven! Be at peace.

***Responding to Grace:** *"Glory to God" #583 GTG* Congregation

Time With Young Disciples Rev. Nathaniel Asperger

Prayer for Illumination Liturgist

Sovereign God, let your Word rule in our hearts and your Spirit govern our lives until at last we see the fulfillment of your realm of justice and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



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First Scripture Reading: Joshua 5:13-6:27

Once when Joshua was near Jericho, he looked up and saw a man standing before him with a drawn sword in his hand. Joshua went to him and said to him, 'Are you one of us, or one of our adversaries?' He replied, 'Neither; but as commander of the army of the Lord, I have now come.' And Joshua fell on his face to the earth and worshipped, and he said to him, 'What do you command your servant, my lord?' The commander of the army of the Lord said to Joshua, 'Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place where you stand is holy.' And Joshua did so.

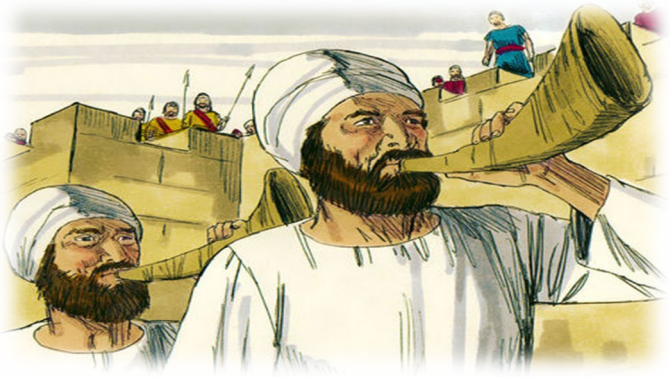
Jericho Taken and Destroyed

Now Jericho was shut up inside and out because of the Israelites; no one came out and no one went in. The Lord said to Joshua, 'See, I have handed Jericho over to you, along with its king and soldiers. You shall march around the city, all the warriors circling the city once. Thus, you shall do for six days, with seven priests bearing seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark. On the seventh day you shall march around the city seven times, the priests blowing the trumpets. When they make a long blast with the ram's horn, as soon as you hear the sound of the trumpet, then all the people shall shout with a great shout; and the wall of the city will fall down flat, and all the people shall charge straight ahead.' So Joshua, son of Nun, summoned the priests and said to them, 'Take up the ark of the covenant, and have seven priests carry seven trumpets of rams' horns in front of the ark of the Lord.' To the people he said, 'Go forward and march around the city; have the armed men pass on before the ark of the Lord.'

As Joshua had commanded the people, the seven priests carrying the seven trumpets of rams' horns before the Lord went forward, blowing the trumpets, with the ark of the covenant of the Lord following them. And the armed men went before the priests who blew the trumpets; the rearguard came after the ark, while the trumpets blew continually. To the people Joshua gave this command: 'You shall not shout or let your voice be heard, nor shall you utter a word, until the day I tell you to shout. Then you shall shout.' So, the ark of the Lord went around the city, circling it once; and they came into the camp, and spent the night in the camp.

Then Joshua rose early in the morning, and the priests took up the ark of the Lord. The seven priests carrying the seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark of the Lord passed on, blowing the trumpets continually. The armed men went before them, and the rearguard came after the ark of the Lord, while the trumpets blew continually. On the second day they marched around the city once and then returned to the camp. They did this for six days.

On the seventh day they rose early, at dawn, and marched around the city in the same manner seven times. It was only on that day that they marched around the city seven times. And at the seventh time, when the priests had blown the trumpets, Joshua said to the people, 'Shout! For the Lord has given you



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the city. The city and all that is in it shall be devoted to the Lord for destruction. Only Rahab, the prostitute and all who are with her in her house shall live, because she hid the messengers we sent. As for you, keep away from the things devoted to destruction, so as not to covet and take any of the devoted things and make the camp of Israel an object for destruction, bringing trouble upon it. But all silver and gold, and vessels of bronze and iron, are sacred to the Lord; they shall go into the treasury of the Lord.' So, the people shouted, and the trumpets were blown. As soon as the people heard the sound of the trumpets, they raised a great shout, and the wall fell down flat; so, the people charged straight ahead into the city and captured it. Then they devoted to destruction by the edge of the sword all in the city, both men and women, young and old, oxen, sheep, and donkeys.

Joshua said to the two men who had spied out the land, 'Go into the prostitute's house, and bring the woman out of it and all who belong to her, as you swore to her.' So, the young men who had been spies went in and brought Rahab out, along with her father, her mother, her brothers, and all who belonged to her—they brought all her kindred out—and set them outside the camp of Israel. They burned down the city, and everything in it; only the silver and gold, and the vessels of bronze and iron, they put into the treasury of the house of the Lord. But Rahab, the prostitute, with her family and all who belonged to her, Joshua spared. Her family has lived in Israel ever since. For she hid the messengers whom Joshua sent to spy out Jericho.

Joshua then pronounced this oath, saying,

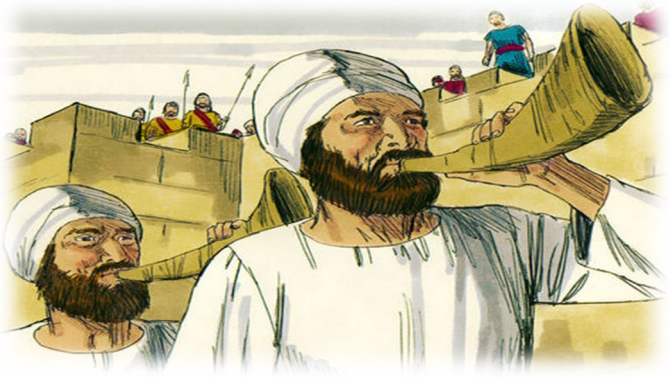
'Cursed before the Lord be anyone who tries
to build this city—this Jericho!
At the cost of his firstborn he shall lay its foundation,
and at the cost of his youngest he shall set up its gates!'

So, the Lord was with Joshua; and his fame was in all the land.

Second Scripture Reading: 1 John 5:1-5

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Choir Anthem Choir



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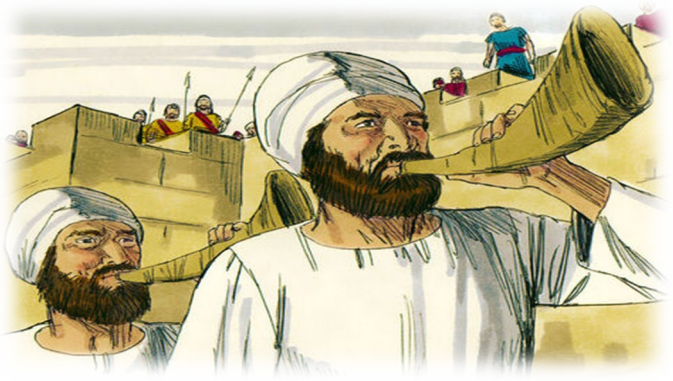
Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:1-13

'Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, "Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." But the wise replied, "No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves." And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us." But he replied, "Truly I tell you, I do not know you." Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour. This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon	*"Strange but Obedient"*	Rev. Nathaniel Asperger
Music Meditation		Noah Davis
* **Sermon Hymn**	*"The Church of Christ in Every Age"* 320 GTG Sung to tune of #494 GTG	Congregation
Joys & Concerns		
Call to Offering		Rev. Nathaniel Asperger
Doxology		Congregation
* **Closing Hymn**	*"Standing on the Promises" 838 GTG*	Congregation
* **Charge, Benediction**		Rev. Nathaniel Asperger
* **Congregational Postlude**	**"** *You Shall Go Out With Joy"*	Noah Davis



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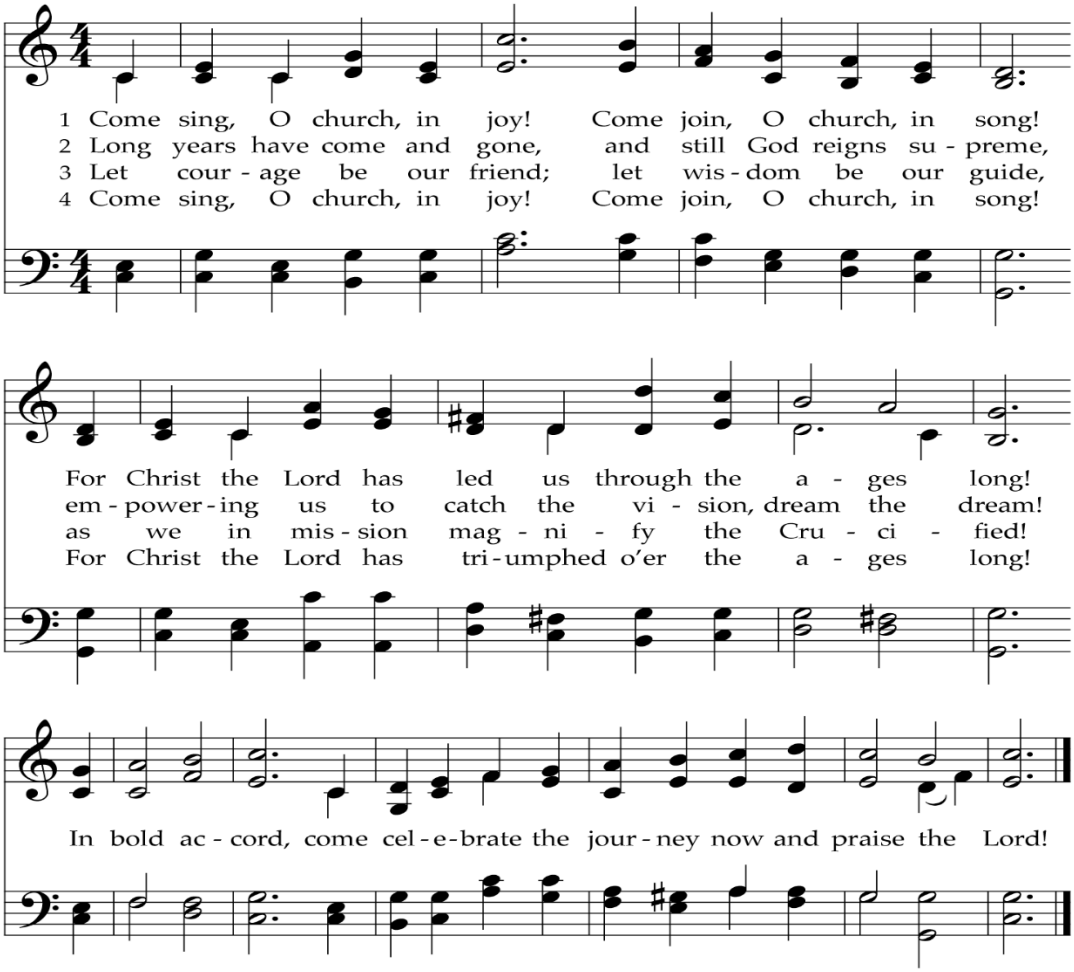
305 Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!



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This text was the winner in a hymn competition sponsored by the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Bicentennial Committee for the 1988–1989 observance, which had the theme "Celebrate the Journey." The late 18th-century tune (first used with Psalm 148) is appropriately celebratory.

TEXT: Brian Dill, 1988
MUSIC: John Darwall, 1770
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DARWALL'S 148TH
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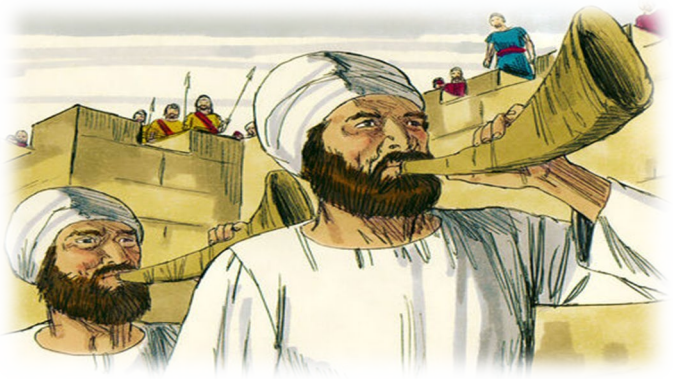

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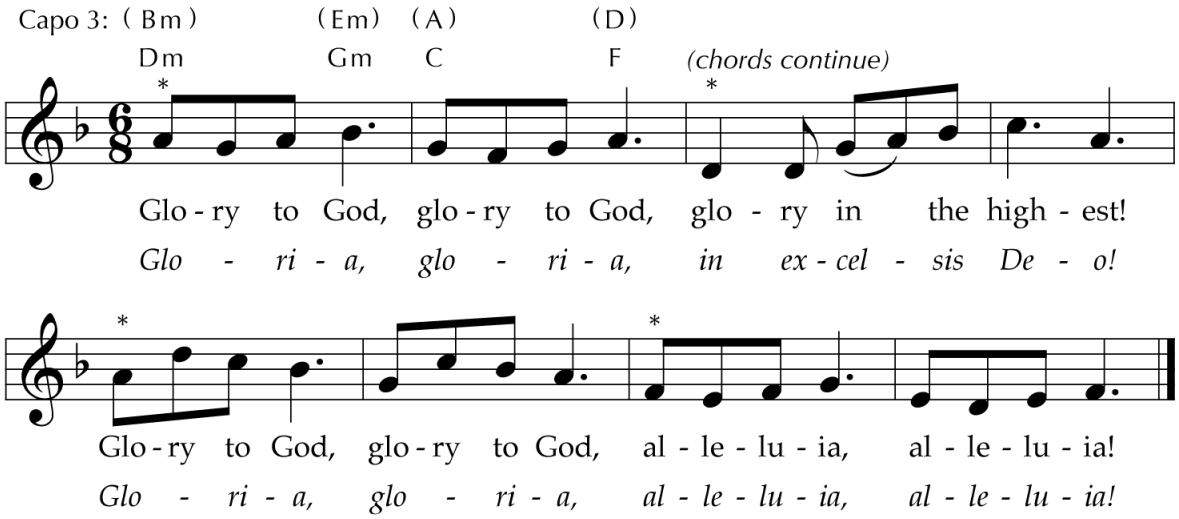
SERVICE MUSIC

Glory to God 583

Gloria, gloria



*May be sung as a canon.

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text
MUSIC: Jacques Berthier, 1979
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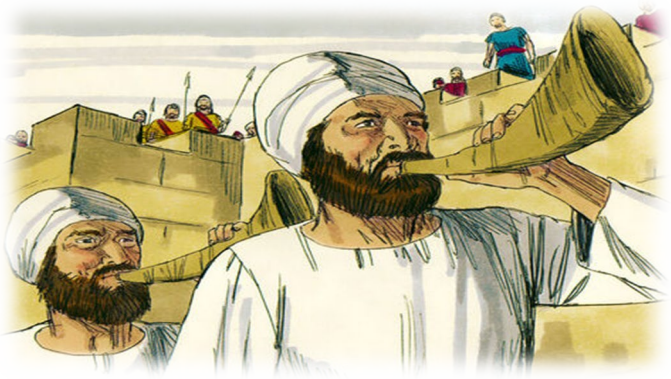

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Sung to the Tune of #494 – Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts

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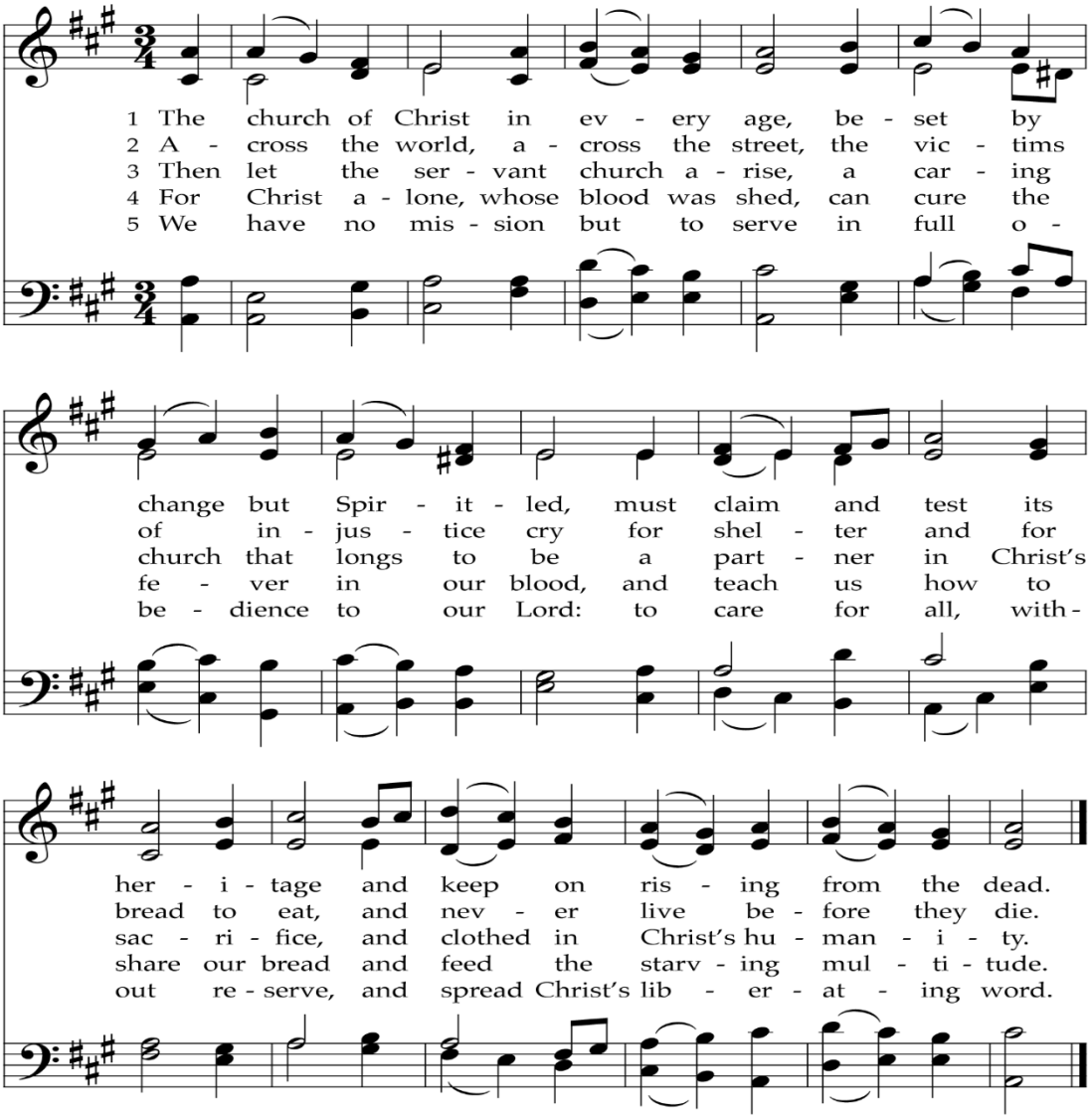
THE CHURCH

320 The Church of Christ in Every Age



In this challenging text by a British Methodist minister, the odd-numbered stanzas develop the image of "the servant church," while the second surveys the many needs and the fourth describes the true source of strength for the task.

TEXT: Fred Pratt Green, 1969
MUSIC: William Knapp, 1738
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WAREHAM
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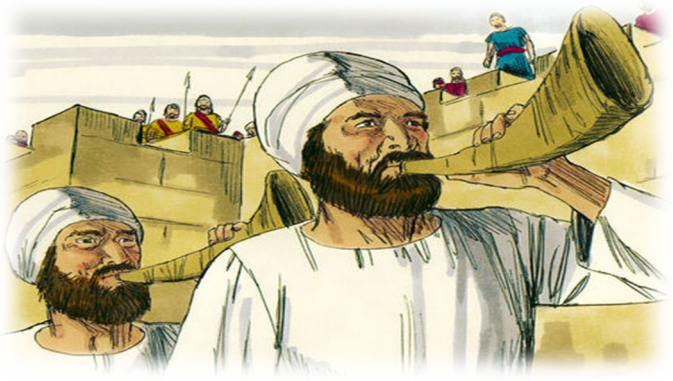

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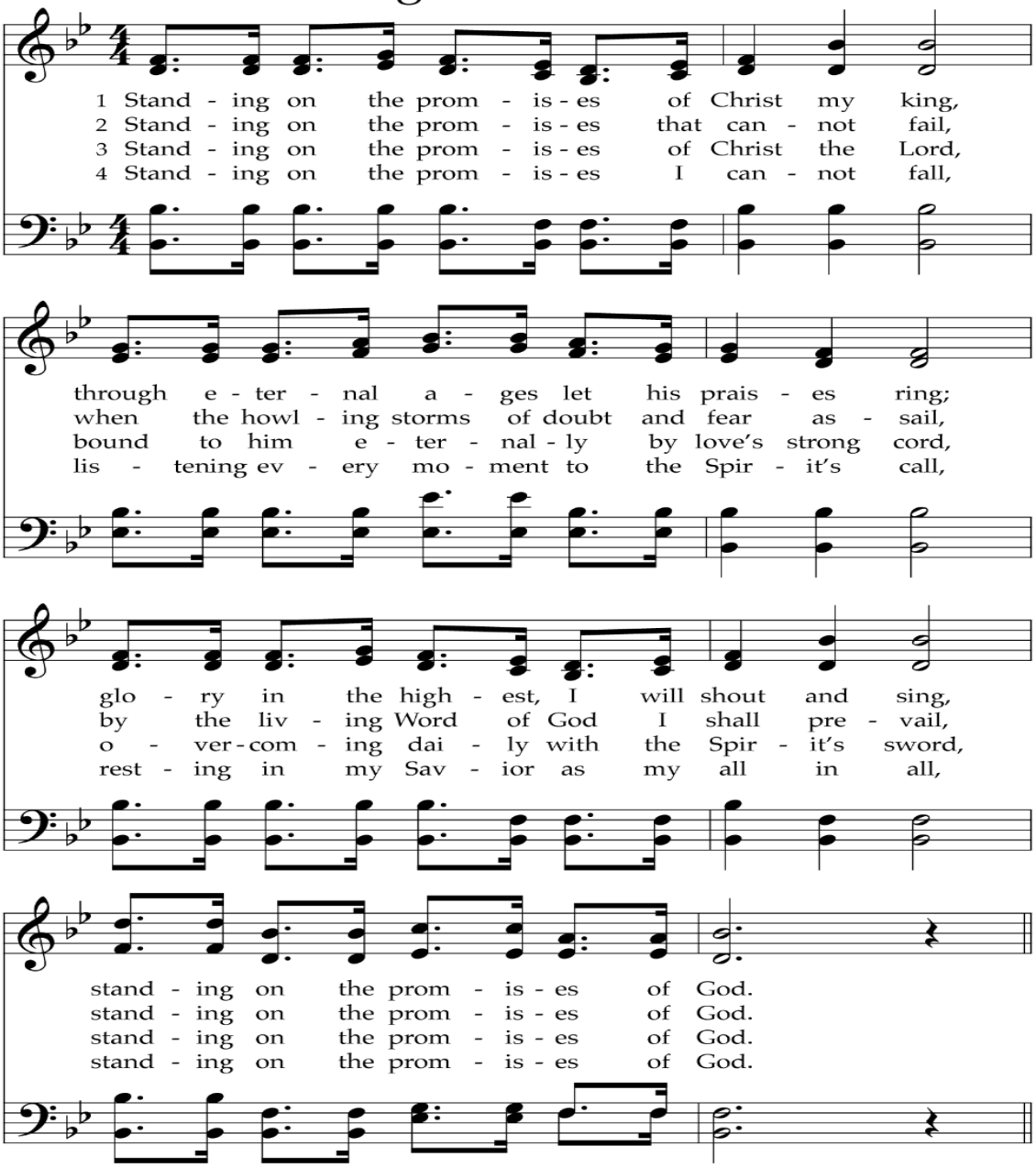
TRUSTING IN THE PROMISES OF GOD

838 Standing on the Promises



Perhaps because this hymn is so well known, its language sounds vaguely scriptural; but while there are various biblical uses of "stand" and "promise(s)," the two words are never combined. The confidence here is similar to that of "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" (see no. 353).

TEXT and MUSIC: R. Kelso Carter, 1886

PROMISES
11.11.11.9 with refrain

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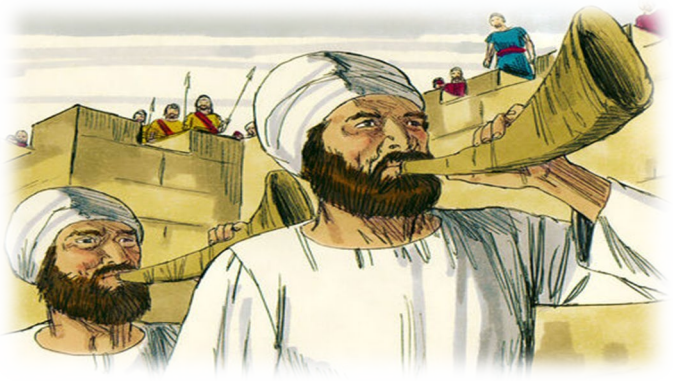

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TRUSTING IN THE PROMISES OF GOD

Refrain

Stand - ing, stand - ing,
stand - ing on the prom - is - es, stand - ing on the prom - is - es,

stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God my Sav - ior;

stand - ing, stand - ing,
stand - ing on the prom - is - es, stand - ing on the prom - is - es,

I'm stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.

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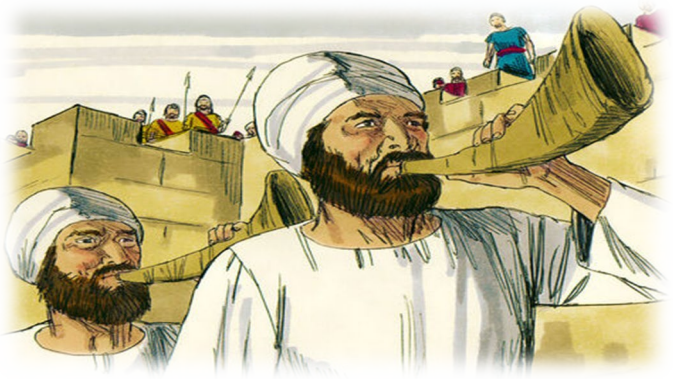

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You Shall Go Out with Joy

