

Liturgist

Pre-Service Music Noah Davis

Welcome and Announcements Liturgist

**Mission Point** 

All:

PreludeNoah DavisChoir IntroitCTC Choir

Call to Worship

Leader: Woe to the shepherds who destroy

and scatter the sheep of my pasture!

I myself will gather my flock

and bring them back to their fold.

God is our refuge and strength,

a very present help in trouble.

Leader: I will raise up for David a righteous branch,

who shall reign and deal wisely

and execute justice and righteousness in the land.

Leader: God is our refuge and strength,

a very present help in trouble.

All: God will give knowledge of salvation to his people

by the forgiveness of their sins.

Leader: God is our refuge and strength,

a very present help in trouble.

All: By the tender mercy of our God,

the dawn from on high will break upon us

to give light to those who sit in the

shadow of death,

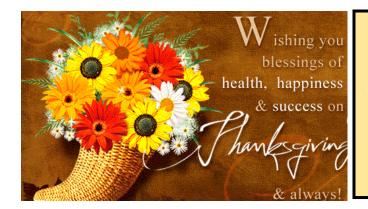
to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Leader: God is our refuge and strength,

a very present help in trouble.

<u>Opening Prayer</u> Liturgist

Image of the invisible God, firstborn of all creation, Prince of peace, Word through whom all things were made, rule our minds and hearts with justice born of righteousness and mercy born of love. Guide us to participate in your kingdom, where all God's people



have a share in the strength that comes from God's glorious power. Amen.

\* Opening Hymn

"Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above" 645 GTG

Congregation

**Call to Confession** 

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In humility, we are called to confess our sin, reaching out in penitence to our Lord and Savior. Trusting in the merciful love of God, Let us pray together.

#### \* Prayer of Confession

Congregation

Gracious Lord, we are quick to identify our enemies and slow to name the ways we hurt others. You lead us in the ways of righteousness, and yet we prefer to walk our own path. We are called to follow your lead in creating a beloved community, yet we idolize wealth and power. Heal us and help us, O God. Turn us from the ways of sin, the means that create unjust ends. Grant that we may seek to be for others what you are for us: a source of light on the way to peace.

\* Time of Silence for Personal Prayers of Confession

\*Assurance of Pardon Liturgist

The Lord gives light to those who dwell in darkness and guides our every step in the path of salvation. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

\*Responding to Grace

"Gloria Patri" #581 GTG

Congregation

**Time With Young Disciples** 

Rev. Nathaniel Asperger



**Prayer for Illumination** 

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Holy God, our hope and strength, by the power of your Spirit prepare the way in our hearts for the coming of your Word, so that we may see the glorious signs of your promise fulfilled; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Scripture Reading

Jeremiah 23:1-6

"How terrible it will be for the shepherds who lead my people astray!" announces the Lord. "They are destroying and scattering the sheep that belong to my flock." So, the Lord, the God of Israel, speaks to the shepherds who take care of my people. He tells them, "You have scattered my sheep. You have driven them away. You have not taken good care of them. So, I will punish you for the evil things you have done," announces the Lord. "I myself will gather together those who are left alive in my flock. I will gather them out of all the countries where I have driven them. And I will bring them back to their own land. There my sheep will have many lambs. There will be many more of them. I will place shepherds over them who will take good care of them. My sheep will not be afraid or terrified anymore. And none of them will be missing," announces the Lord.

"A new day is coming," announces the Lord.

"At that time I will raise up for David's royal line a godly Branch.

He will be a King who will rule wisely.

He will do what is fair and right in the land.

In his days Judah will be saved.

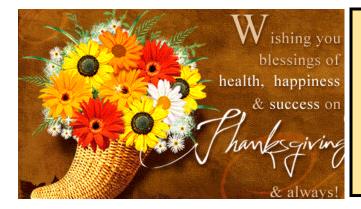
Israel will live in safety.

And the Branch will be called

The Lord Who Makes Us Right With Himself.

This is The Word of the Lord. Thanks Be To God.

Choir Anthem CTC Choir



#### **Gospel Lesson**

Luke 1:68-79

"Give praise to the Lord, the God of Israel!

He has come to his people and purchased their freedom.

He has acted with great power and has saved us.

He did it for those who are from the family line of his servant David.

Long ago holy prophets said he would do it.

He has saved us from our enemies.

We are rescued from all who hate us.

He has been kind to our people of long ago.

He has remembered his holy covenant.

He made a promise to our father Abraham.

He promised to save us from our enemies.

Then we could serve him without fear.

He wants us to be holy and godly as long as we live.

"And you, my child, will be called a prophet of the Most High God.

You will go ahead of the Lord to prepare the way for him.

You will tell his people how they can be saved.

You will tell them that their sins can be forgiven.

All of that will happen because our God is tender and caring.

His kindness will bring the rising sun to us from heaven.

It will shine on those living in darkness

and in the shadow of death.

It will guide our feet on the path of peace."

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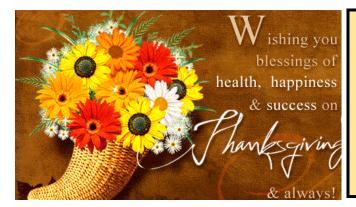
<u>Sermon</u> "The Righteous Shepherd" Rev. Nathaniel Asperger

Music Meditation Noah Davis

\* <u>Sermon Hymn</u> "The Church's One Foundation" 321 GTG Congregation

**Joys and Concerns** 

Call to Offering Rev. Nathaniel Asperger



\* Doxology

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\* Closing Hymn

"Crown Him with Many Crowns" 268 GTG

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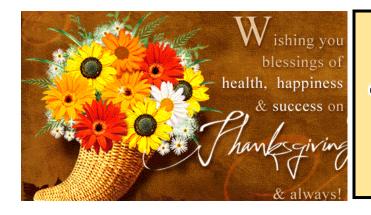
\* Charge, Benediction

Rev. Nathaniel Asperger

**Postlude** 

"Jesus, We Just Want to Thank You.

Noah Davis



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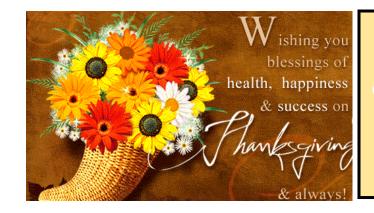
#### 645 Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above



The regal divine imagery here will not be new to most singers, but some may not expect the third stanza's image of God as mother. Yet it is part of God's self-description in Isaiah 66:13. This Bohemian Brethren tune resembles both Genevan psalm tunes and French folk songs.

TEXT: Johann Jacob Schütz, 1675; trans. Frances Elizabeth Cox, 1864, alt. MUSIC: Bohemian Brethren's *Kirchengesang*, 1566; harm. Maurice F. Bell, 1906, alt.

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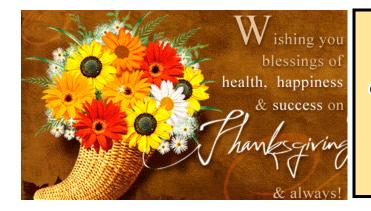
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TEXT: Trad. liturgical text MUSIC: Henry W. Greatorex, 1851 GLORIA PATRI (Greatorex)



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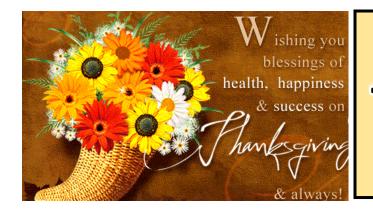
THE CHURCH



This hymn was one of twelve written by an English curate to affirm the articles of the Apostles' Creed with biblical allusions such as 1 Corinthians 3:11 here. Though not created for this text, the tune was joined to it in 1868, and the two have been inseparable ever since.

TEXT: Samuel John Stone, 1866, alt.

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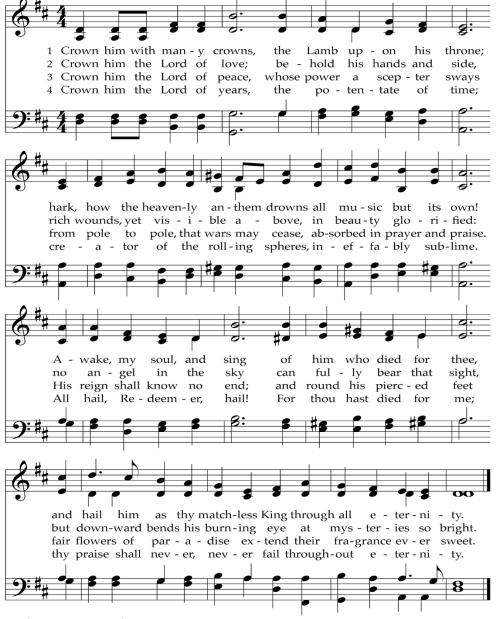


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**IESUS CHRIST: ASCENSION AND REIGN** 

#### Crown Him with Many Crowns



This text is so familiar that it is easy to miss all its paradox, mystery, suffering, and beauty; it rewards careful reading and meditation outside corporate worship. The tune's composer, chapel organist at Windsor Castle, had much experience in creating a royal sound.

TEXT: Matthew Bridges, 1851 MUSIC: George Job Elvey, 1868 DIADEMATA

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#### **JESUS, WE JUST WANT TO THANK YOU**

Jesus, We Just Want To Thank You, Jesus, We Just Want To Thank You, Jesus We Just Want To Thank You, Thank You For Being So Good.

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