

**The Fourth Sunday  
after Epiphany**  
*January 30, 2022*

**The Holy Eucharist**  
**The Word of God**



**Prelude**      *Variations on "Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken"*  
Percy E. Fletcher

**Processional Hymn** (*Please stand as able*)      *Please see page 8*

#569 | "God the Omnipotent!"

**Children's Chat** - Robert Freeman

*Celebrant*      Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People*      ***And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.***

*Celebrant*      Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

**Canticle of Praise:** *Glory to God*

*Hymnal S280*

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
peace to God's peo-ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly  
King, Al - might-y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we  
praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord



### The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* ***And also with you.***

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*The Celebrant prays the Collect*

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

*People* ***Amen.***

### First Reading *(Please be seated)*

*Reader* A Reading from Jeremiah:

#### *Introduction to the First Reading*

*Today's reading describes God's call to Jeremiah to be a prophet. Jeremiah claims he is too young, but God promises to put the words of God in Jeremiah's mouth. Jeremiah is to speak clearly the judgments of God to a hostile audience.*

#### *Jeremiah 1:4-10*

The word of the LORD came to me saying,

"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations."

Then I said, "Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy." But the LORD said to me,

"Do not say, 'I am only a boy'; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you, Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the LORD."

Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the LORD said to me,

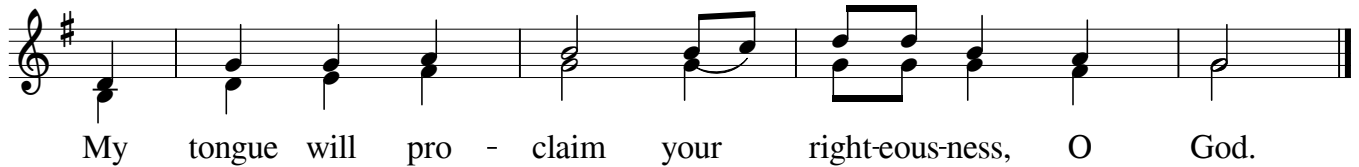
"Now I have put my words in your mouth. See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant."

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* ***Thanks be to God.***

## Psalm of the Day

## Psalm 71:1-6



The heavens declare the glory of God,  
and the firmament shows his handiwork.  
Their sound has gone out into all lands,  
and their message to the ends of the world.

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By them also is your servant enlightened,  
and in keeping them there is great reward.  
Who can tell how often he offends?  
cleanse me from my secret faults.

[ANT.]

In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun;  
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.  
It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens  
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.

[ANT.]

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## Second Reading

*Reader* A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians:

### *Introduction to the Second Reading*

*The Christians in Corinth took pride in certain spiritual gifts. Paul reminds them, in his ode to love, that the purpose behind all of them is love, the kind of love God showed us in Jesus Christ.*

### *1 Corinthians 13:1-13*

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* ***Thanks be to God.***

**Sequence Hymn** (*Please stand as able*) – *Please see page 9*

#440 | ***"Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word"***

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John:

*People* ***Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

## The Holy Gospel

*Luke 4:21-30*

In the synagogue at Nazareth, Jesus read from the book of the prophet Isaiah, and began to say, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" He said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Doctor, cure yourself!' And you will say, 'Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.'" And he said, "Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown. But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe

famine over all the land; yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian." When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

*Celebrant*        The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*           *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

## THE SERMON

**The Nicene Creed** *(Please stand as able)*

*We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.*

*We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.*

*For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.*

*For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.*

*We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.*

**The Prayers of the People** *The Leader and People pray responsively.*

The Spirit of the Lord is poured out upon us in abundance; so we are bold to pray for the church, the world, and all that God has made.

Guide your church in the ways of faith, hope, and love. Cultivate ministries and communities of compassion that bear witness to your enduring presence among us. God of grace,  
*bear our prayer.*

Teach us to live in humility on the earth. Curb arrogance that leads to destruction of natural resources and disregard for future generations. Inspire the work of scientists who urge us to live in harmony with your creation. God of grace,  
*bear our prayer.*

You are the refuge of all who seek hope and freedom. Accompany immigrants, refugees, and asylum seekers who cross borders to find safety and opportunity. Embolden leaders to draft compassionate policies on behalf of migrants and those who assist them.

God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Love bears, believes, hopes, and endures all things. Comfort with your love all who are lonely, fearful, or brokenhearted. Sustain the hope of all those who suffer in body or spirit. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Your grace falls upon young and old alike. Bless the gifts of children in this congregation and in this community. Give us humble hearts to follow their leadership. Inspire us with their laughter, their insight, and their curiosity. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

We praise you for those who have gone before us and now see you face to face. Abide with us in this mortal life until we rest in the arms of your neverending love. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others, especially remembering those on our parish prayer list and those we name in our hearts.

*(The congregation may add their own petitions either silently or aloud after the prayer list is read.)*

Since we have such great hope in your promises, O God, we lift these and all of our prayers to you in confidence and faith; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

**Amen.**

*(The Celebrant may add a concluding Collect.)*

### **The Confession of Sin** *(Please kneel as able or be seated)*

**Reader** Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *(Silence may be kept)*

**People** ***Most merciful God, we confess that 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 are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.***

### **The Absolution**

**Celebrant** Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

### **The Peace** *(Please stand as able)*

**Celebrant** The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People** ***And also with you.***

### **The Holy Communion**

*Being seated, we begin with a time of offering, giving money as a sign that our life serves God's purposes and showing our gratitude for God's many blessings.*

*Your faithful tithes and offerings are much needed and can be sent to:*

*The Episcopal Church of St. John the Baptist, PO Box 441, Milton, DE 19968 OR*

*Securely online through our website - <https://www.stjohnthebaptistmilton.org/give.html>*

### **Offertory Sentence**

**Doxology** *(The offering is presented as the Doxology is sung.  
Please stand as able)*

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow;  
Praise him, all crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye  
heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

WORDS: Isaac Watts (1674-1748). Music: Louis Bourgeois, c. 1510-1561.

### **Offertory Hymn**

*Please see pages 10-11*

**#379 | "God is Love, Let Heaven Adore Him"**



# The Great Thanksgiving

## Eucharistic Prayer B

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

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Sanctus:** *Holy, holy, holy Lord*

*Hymnal S129*

Ho - ly, ho - ly ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and  
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Hos - san - na in the High-est.

*The people may kneel as able, or be seated. The Celebrant continues.*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.*

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

***We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;***

*The Celebrant continues.*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by

the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with [                      and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.  
*Amen.*

<i>Celebrant</i>	And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,	
<i>People</i>	<b><i>Our Father, who art in heaven,</i></b>	<b><i>And forgive us our trespasses,</i></b>
	<b><i>hallowed be thy Name,</i></b>	<b><i>as we forgive those</i></b>
	<b><i>thy kingdom come,</i></b>	<b><i>who trespass against us.</i></b>
	<b><i>thy will be done,</i></b>	<b><i>And lead us not into temptation,</i></b>
	<b><i>on earth as it is in heaven.</i></b>	<b><i>but deliver us from evil.</i></b>
	<b><i>Give us this day our daily bread.</i></b>	<b><i>For thine is the kingdom,</i></b>
		<b><i>and the power, and the glory,</i></b>
		<b><i>for ever and ever. Amen.</i></b>

**The Breaking of the Bread**

<i>Celebrant</i>	Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
<i>People</i>	<b><i>Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!</i></b>

**Post Communion Prayer** *(Please kneel or be seated)*

<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us pray.
<i>People</i>	<b><i>Eternal God, heavenly Father,</i></b>
	<b><i>you have graciously accepted us as living members</i></b>
	<b><i>of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,</i></b>
	<b><i>and you have fed us with spiritual food</i></b>
	<b><i>in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.</i></b>
	<b><i>Send us now into the world in peace,</i></b>
	<b><i>and grant us strength and courage</i></b>
	<b><i>to love and serve you</i></b>
	<b><i>with gladness and singleness of heart;</i></b>
	<b><i>through Christ our Lord. Amen.</i></b>

**Benediction** *(Please stand as able)*

<b>Recessional Hymn</b> <i>(Please stand as able)</i>	<i>Please see pages 12-13</i>	<b>#522   “Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken”</b>
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**The Dismissal**

<i>Celebrant</i>	Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
<i>People</i>	<b><i>Thanks be to God.</i></b>

**Postlude**      *"Gavot in F Major" William Boyce*

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*John Robinson, Usher*

## Christian Responsibility

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1 God the Om - ni - po - tent! King, who or - dain - est  
 2 God the All - mer - ci - full! earth hath for - sak - en  
 3 God, the All - right - eous One! earth hath de - fied thee;  
 4 God the All - prov - i - dent! earth by thy chas - tening

thun - der thy clar - ion, the light - ning thy sword;  
 thy ways all ho - ly, and slight - ed thy word;  
 yet to e - ter - ni - ty stand - eth thy word,  
 yet shall to free - dom and truth be re - stored;

show forth thy pi - ty on high where thou reign - est:  
 bid not thy wrath in its ter - rors a - wak - en:  
 false - hood and wrong shall not tar - ry be - side thee:  
 through the thick dark - ness thy king - dom is haste - ning:

give to us peace in our time, O Lord.  
 give to us peace in our time, O Lord.  
 give to us peace in our time, O Lord.  
 thou wilt give peace in thy time, O Lord.

This music in C, 358.

Words: Sts. 1-2, Henry Fothergill Chorley (1808-1872), alt.; sts. 3-4, John Ellerton (1826-1893), alt.  
 Music: Russia, Alexis Lvov (1799-1870)

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## Jesus Christ our Lord

1 Bless-ed Je - sus, at thy word we are gath - ered all to  
 2 All our know - ledge, sense, and sight lie in deep - est dark-ness  
 3 Gra-cious Lord, thy - self im - part! Light of Light, from God pro -

hear thee; let our hearts and souls be stirred  
 shroud - ed, till thy Spi - rit breaks our night  
 ceed - ing, o - pen thou our ears and heart,

now to seek and love and fear thee; by thy teach - ings  
 with the beams of truth un - cloud - ed; thou a - lone to  
 help us by thy Spi - rit's plead - ing. Hear the cry thy

pure and ho - ly, drawn from earth to love thee sole - ly.  
 God canst win us; thou must work all good with - in us.  
 Church up - rais - es; hear, and bless our prayers and prais - es.

Words: Tobias Clausnitzer (1619-1684); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt.  
 Music: *Liebster Jesu*, melody Johann Rudolph Ahle (1625-1673); alt. *Das grosse Cantional*  
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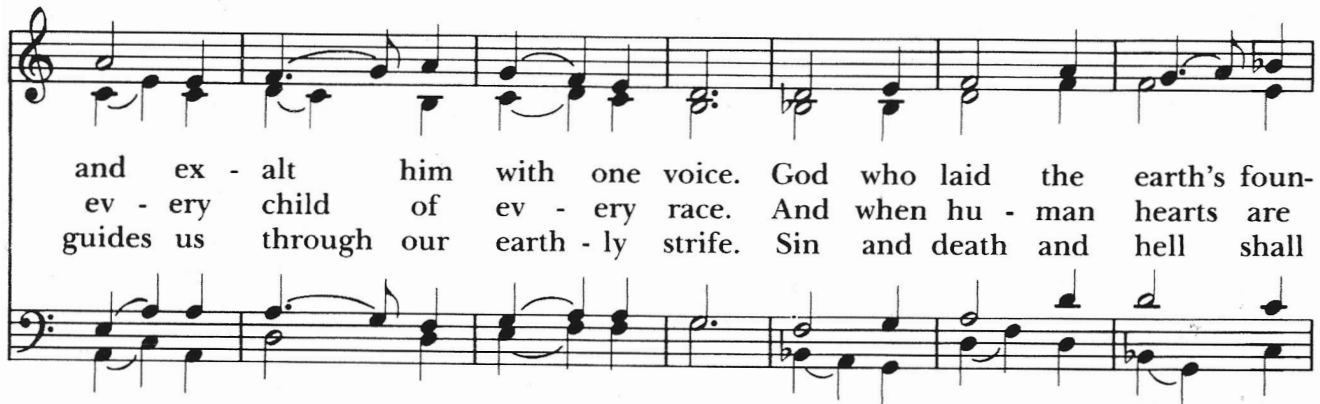
## Praise to God



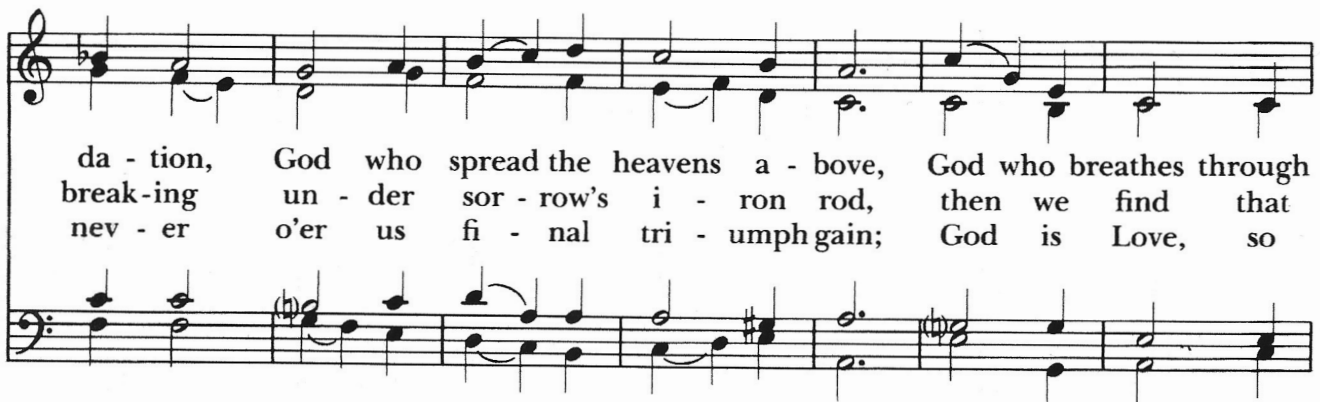
1 God is Love, let heaven a - dore him; God is Love, let  
 2 God is Love; and love en - folds us, all the world in  
 3 God is Love; and though with blind-ness sin af - flicts all



earth re - joice; let cre - a - tion sing be - fore him  
 one em - brace: with un - fail - ing grasp God holds us,  
 hu - man life, God's e - ter - nal lov - ing - kind-ness



and ex - alt him with one voice. God who laid the earth's foun-  
 ev - ery child of ev - ery race. And when hu - man hearts are  
 guides us through our earth - ly strife. Sin and death and hell shall



da - tion, God who spread the heavens a - bove, God who breathes through  
 break-ing un - der sor - row's i - ron rod, then we find that  
 nev - er o'er us fi - nal tri - umph gain; God is Love, so

all cre - a - tion: God is Love, e - ter - nal Love.  
 self - same ach-ing deep with - in the heart of God.  
 Love for ev - er o'er the u - ni - verse must reign.

Words: Timothy Rees (1874-1939), alt.

Music: *Abbot's Leigh*, Cyril Vincent Taylor (b. 1907)

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The Church

*Descant*

4 Blest in - hab - it - ants of Zi - on, washed in the Re -

1 Glo - rious things of thee are spo - ken, Zi - on, ci - ty  
 2 See! the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, spring - ing from e -  
 3 Round each ha - bi - ta - tion hov - ering, see the cloud and  
 4 Blest in - hab - it - ants of Zi - on, washed in the Re -

deem - er's blood! Whom their souls re -

of our God; he whose word can - not be  
 ter - nal love, well sup - ply thy sons and  
 fire ap - pear for a glo - ry and a  
 deem - er's blood! Je - sus, whom their souls re -

ly on, makes them kings and priests to God.

bro - ken formed thee for his own a - bode;  
 daugh - ters and all fear of want re - move.  
 cov - ering, show - ing that the Lord is near.  
 ly on, makes them kings and priests to God.



'Tis his love his peo - ple raise o - ver

on the Rock of A - ges found - ed, what can shake thy  
 Who can faint, when such a riv - er ev - er will their  
 Thus de - riv - ing from their ban - ner, light by night, and  
 'Tis his love his peo - ple rais - es o - ver self to

self to reign: and as priests, his

sure re - pose? With sal - va - tion's walls sur -  
 thirst as - suage? Grace which, like the Lord, the  
 shade by day, safe they feed up - on the  
 reign as kings: and as priests, his sol - emn

sol - emn prais - es each an of - fering brings.

round - ed, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.  
 giv - er, nev - er fails from age to age.  
 man - na which he gives them when they pray.  
 prais - es each for a thank - of - fering brings.

Words: John Newton (1725-1807), alt.

Music: Austria, Franz Joseph Haydn (1732-1809); desc. Michael E. Young (b. 1939)

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