

St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Sunday, November 22, 2020

The Fourth Sunday of End Times

Service Notes:

- The following psalms in the front of the hymnal (page 64f) will aid you in your meditation before receiving the Lord's Supper: Psalms 34, 42-43, 51, 84, 116, 150. Prayers for preparation for worship are on pages 10 and 11 in the hymnal. A form for preparation for Communion is on page 156.
- Please sign the friendship registry in the pews before the service or during the offering. If you have a prayer request or would like Pastor Schaefer to visit or call you, please note your request.

Holy Communion will be celebrated today. Our guests are kindly asked to note that it is our practice to first become a member of our communion fellowship before communing with us. Please speak to our pastor about becoming a member of our communion fellowship.

THE COMMON SERVICE (page 15)

OPENING HYMN: #216 "Saints, Behold! The Sight is

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Saints, Behold! The Sight Is Glorious



1 Saints, be - hold! The sight is glo - rious— See the
 2 Crown the Sav - ior! An - gels, crown him! Rich the
 3 Sin - ners in de - ri - sion crowned him, Mock - ing
 4 Hark, those bursts of ac - cla - ma - tion! Hark, those



man of sor - rows now, From the fight re - turned vic -
 tro - phies Je - sus brings; On the seat of pow'r en -
 thus the Sav - ior's claim; Saints and an - gels crowd a -
 loud, tri - um - phant chords! Je - sus takes the high - est



to - rious! Ev - 'ry knee to him shall bow. Crown
 throne him While the vault of heav - en rings. Crown
 round him, Proud to glo - ri - fy his name. Crown
 sta - tion; Oh, what joy be - yond all words! Crown



him! Crown him! Crowns be - come the vic - tor's brow.
 him! Crown him! Crown the Sav - ior King of kings!
 him! Crown him! Spread a - broad the vic - tor's fame.
 him! Crown him! King of kings and Lord of lords!

Text: Thomas Kelly, 1769–1855, alt.

Tune: CORONAE (87 87 47) William H. Monk, 1823–89.

M: In the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit.



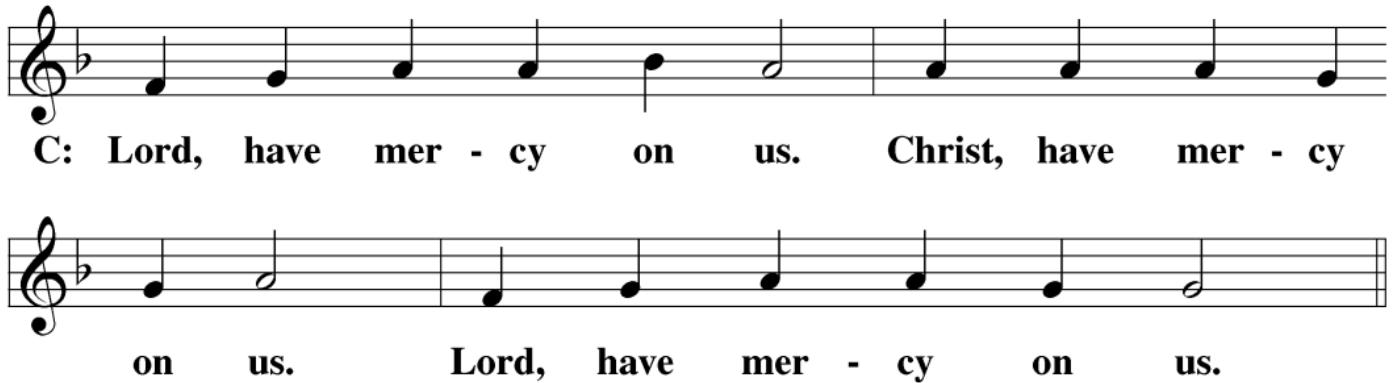
C: A - men.

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

LORD, HAVE MERCY (*Kyrie*)

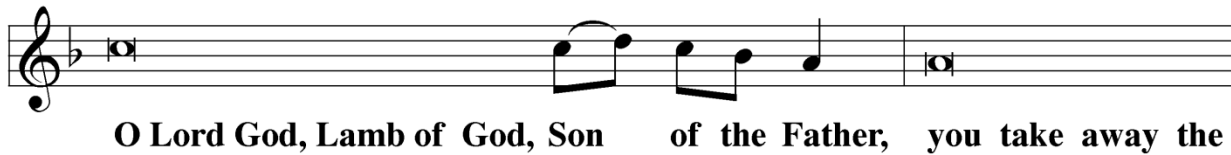
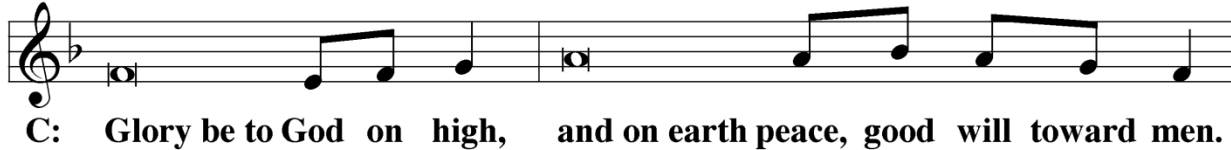


M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.



PRAYER AND PRAISE

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord:



sin of the world; re - ceive our prayer. You sit at the right hand of
 God the Father; have mercy on us. For you on - ly are holy;
 you on - ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Spirit,
 are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And al - so with you.

M: Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, by your victory you have broken the power of the evil one. Fill our hearts with joy and peace as we look with hope to that day when every creature in heaven and earth will acclaim you King of kings and Lord of lords to your unending praise and glory; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: A - men.

BE SEATED



THE WORD

FIRST LESSON: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 23,24

¹¹ “For thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. ¹² As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. ¹³ And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. ¹⁴ I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵ I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord GOD. ¹⁶ I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice.

²³ And I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be

their shepherd. ²⁴ And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them. I am the LORD; I have spoken.

PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 47

Refrain



Let the peo - ple praise you, O God.



Let all the peo - ple praise you.

Psalm tone



Clap your hands, all you nations;^{*}
shout to God with cries of joy.

How awesome is the LORD Most High,^{*}
the great King over all the earth!

God reigns over the nations;^{*}
God is seated on his holy throne. ***Refrain***

God has ascended amid shouts of joy,^{*}
the LORD amid the sounding of trumpets.

Sing praises to God, sing praises;^{*}
sing praises to our King, sing praises.

For God is the King of all the earth;*
sing to him a psalm of praise.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son*
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,*
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Refrain

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SECOND LESSON: 1 Corinthians 15:20-28

²⁰ But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹ For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. ²² For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. ²³ But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴ Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. ²⁵ For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶ The last enemy to be destroyed is death. ²⁷ For “God has put all things in subjection under his feet.” But when it says, “all things are put in subjection,” it is plain that he is excepted who put all things in subjection under him. ²⁸ When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to him who put all things in subjection under him, that God may be all in all.

VERSE OF THE DAY (sung by the soloist)

Alleluia! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End. Alleluia! (Revelation 22:13)

STAND

After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



C: Glo - ry be to you, O Lord!

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 27:27-31

²⁷ Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole battalion before him. ²⁸ And they stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, ²⁹ and twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on his head and put a reed in his right hand. And kneeling before him, they mocked him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" ³⁰ And they spit on him and took the reed and struck him on the head. ³¹ And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him and led him away to crucify him.



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

NICENE CREED

**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,**

**was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin
Mary,
and became fully human.**

**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,
who in unity with the Father and the Son is
worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy Christian 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.**

BE SEATED

HYMN OF THE DAY: #217 “The Head that Once Was Crowned”



1 The head that once was crowned with thorns Is
2 The high - est place that heav'n af - fords Is
3 The joy of all who dwell a - bove, The
4 To them the cross, with all its shame, With
5 They suf - fer with their Lord be - low; They



crowned with glo - ry now; A roy - al di - a -
his, is his by right, The King of kings and
joy of all be - low To whom he man - i -
all its grace, is giv'n; Their name, an ev - er -
reign with him a - bove, Their pro - fit and their



dem a - dorns The might - y vic - tor's brow.
Lord of lords And heav'n's e - ter - nal light,
fests his love And grants his name to know.
last - ing name; Their joy, the joy of heav'n.
joy, to know The myst - 'ry of his love.

6 The cross he bore is life and health,
Though shame and death to him;
His people's hope, his people's wealth,
Their everlasting theme.

Text: Thomas Kelly, 1769–1855.

Tune: ST. MAGNUS (CM) Jeremiah Clarke, c. 1674–1707.

SERMON

STAND

PSALM 51 RESPONSE (page 20)



C: 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 un - to me the joy of your sal - va -
tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH FOR CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

M: To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power for ever and ever!

C: Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory.

M: You are worthy, O Christ our King, to receive honor and glory and praise, for you created all things and by your will they were created and have their being.

C: Alleluia! For our Lord God Almighty reigns!

M: You are worthy, O Christ our King, to receive honor and glory and praise because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased us for God. From every tribe and language and people and nation, you have called us into your kingdom and have made us priests to serve you, our God and Father.

C: Help us live as royal priests.

M: We give thanks to you, O Christ our Shepherd-King, because you have searched for us and found us. Lead us to the green pastures and quiet waters of your saving love, so that we may enjoy peace and comfort for our souls.

C: Heal our hearts when they are broken with sin and guilt. Strengthen us when we are weak.

M: We give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty, because you have taken your great power and have begun to reign. Come with your mighty power to break and defeat every evil plan and purpose of the devil, of the ungodly influences and ideas of the world, and of our own sinful nature. Use your power to calm the unrest among nations and peoples so that your kingdom may spread and grow.

C: Strengthen our confidence in knowing that your kingdom will never be destroyed.

M: O Christ our King, you have supremacy over all. You will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples with equity. You have destroyed death and brought life and

immortality to light through the gospel. Reign in our hearts that we may serve you more faithfully and speak more boldly to others of your saving love.

C: Praise be to the Lord God, who alone does marvelous deeds. May the whole earth be filled with his glory.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

M: Look, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him. The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he will reign for ever and ever, King of kings and Lord of lords.

C: The Lord God Almighty reigns! Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory! Amen.

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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.

RESPONSIVE READING: SAINTS TRIUMPHANT

On this Sunday, we commemorate with the Word of God the members and friends of St. Peter's who died with the sign of faith since the last End Times.

M: I am resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies;

C: And whoever lives and believes in me will never die.
(John 11:25-26)

Patricia Francis Fucik (94) December 15, 2019

M: Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God.

C: Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. *(Colossians 3:1-2)*

Betty Richards (86) January 1, 2020

M: I know that my Redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand upon the earth.

C: And after my skin has been destroyed, yet in my flesh I will see God. *(Job 19:25-26)*

Sandra Sill-McDonell (72) May 7, 2020

M: I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and believes in him who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned;

C: He has crossed over from death to life. (*John 5:24*)

Eugene Pydynkowski (85) August 14, 2020

M: I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.

C: Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness. (*2 Timothy 4:7-8*)

Mary Jane Good (92) August 24, 2020

M: In that day they will say, "Surely this is our God;

C: We trusted in him, and he saved us." (*Isaiah 25:9*)

Brandon Hages (38) August 28, 2020

M: Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God.

C: Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. (*Colossians 3:1-2*)

Patricia Toner (64) September 22, 2020

Ryan Honke (33) September 28, 2020

Please use this time for personal preparation or meditation before the Lord's Supper. A form to assist you can be found on page 156 in the front part of the hymnal.



THE SACRAMENT (Page 21)

PREFACE

M: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.



C: We lift them up un - to the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



C: It is good and right so to do.

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who preserves his Church to the end of time when he will come again as king to judge all people and take his own to glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (*Sanctus*)



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:

heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -

na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -

na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my (+) body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is the new testament in my (+) blood, which is poured out for you for the

forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

M: The peace (+) of the Lord be with you always.



O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD (*Agnus Dei*)

C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
grant us your peace. A - men.

BE SEATED

DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION ANTHEM: “There is a Higher Throne”

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There is a higher throne than all this world has known,
Where faithful ones from every tongue will one day come.
Before the Son we'll stand, made faultless through the Lamb;
Believing hearts find promised grace—salvation comes.

(Refrain) Hear heaven's voices sing, their thunderous anthem rings;
Through emerald courts and sapphire skies their praises rise.
All glory, wisdom, power, strength, thanks, and honor are
To God our King, who reigns on high forevermore.

And there we'll find our home, our life before the throne.
We'll honor Him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with Him.
(Refrain)

DISTRIBUTION HYMN:

#344 “At the Name of Jesus”

At the Name of Jesus



1 At the name of Je - sus Ev - 'ry knee shall
 2 At his voice cre - a - tion Sprang at once to
 3 Hum - bled for a sea - son To re - ceive a
 4 Bore it up tri - um - phant With its hu - man
 5 In your hearts en - throne him; There let him sub -



bow, Ev - 'ry tongue con - fess him King of
 sight, All the an - gel fa - ces, All the
 name From the lips of sin - ners Un - to
 light, Through all ranks of crea - tures To the
 due All that is not ho - ly, All that



glo - ry now; 'Tis the Fa - ther's plea -
 hosts of light, Cher - u - bim in heav -
 whom he came, Faith - ful - ly he bore
 cen - tral height, To the throne of God -
 is not true. Crown him as your cap -



sure We should call him Lord, Who from
 en, Stars up - on their way, All the
 it Spot - less to the last, Brought it
 head, To the Fa - ther's breast, Filled it
 tain In temp - ta - tion's hour; Let his



the be - gin - ning Was the might - y Word.
 heav'n - ly or - ders In their great ar - ray.
 back vic - to - rious When from death he passed;
 with the glo - ry Of that per - fect rest.
 will en - fold you In its light and pow'r.

6 Christians, this Lord Jesus
 Shall return again
 In his Father's glory,
 With his angel train;
 For all wreaths of empire
 Meet upon his brow,
 And our hearts confess him
 King of glory now.

THANKSGIVING (page 24)

STAND

SONG OF SIMEON (*Nunc dimittis*)

C: Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing
to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre-
pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the
Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of your peo-ple Is - ra - el.

M: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

C: And his mercy endures for - ev - er.

O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

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THIS WEEK AT ST. PETER'S

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| Today | - 9:30 AM Divine Service
-10:45 AM Sunday School and Adult Bible Class
- 11:45 AM Christmas Tree decorating, Kellogg Park |
| Tuesday | - 7:00 PM Board of Elders Meeting |
| Wednesday | - 10:00 AM Online Bible Class
-7:00 PM Thanksgiving Eve Service |
| Saturday | - 9:00 AM Decorating the Church Sanctuary for Christmas |
| Sunday | - 9:30 AM Divine Service
-10:45 AM Sunday School and Adult Bible Class |

Serving our congregation: Altar Guild November 29 – Thea Bude;
Ushering: Thanksgiving Eve: Team 2 (no communion)
Sunday November 29: Team 3

IMPORTANT PLEASE NOTE: We ask that you disperse in the sanctuary (practice social distancing). For Holy Communion we will have smaller communion tables so that you are able to spread out along the communion rail. Offerings will be gathered at the entrance to the sanctuary. Pastor and communion assistants will practice handwashing and/or other safe practices; in addition, the officiants will wear masks for the distribution. Because of the increase in COVID-19 cases, all are asked to wear a face covering while in the church. Ushers will assist by ushering you from the pew following the service. Please do not gather in the narthex. The church building will receive a thorough cleaning and disinfecting every week. If you are unable to attend yet, Pastor Schaefer will be glad to make arrangements with you for private Communion. We are posting the entire service on our website after each service.

The Wednesday morning Bible Class will start studying a new group of books of the Bible on November 25: 1 and 2 Peter, and 1, 2, and 3 John. If you wish to join the Zoom meeting, please contact Pastor Schaefer to be included.

Christmas tree in Kellogg Park - St. Peter's will decorate a tree in Kellogg Park with the gospel message about Christ. Helpers are needed to decorate on November 22 following Bible class. A few step stools would be helpful. For more information, contact Lois Bude at loheotbu@hotmail.com.

Christmas Poinsettias – Order forms are available in the narthex if you wish to purchase Christmas poinsettias for our sanctuary. Instructions for ordering are on the form.

Christmas Decorations – Please join us at 9:00 AM Saturday, November 28 to put up the festival decorations for Advent and Christmas. Don't forget your masks!

PASTORAL CARE & MERCY – Please remember with prayers, cards and visits those whose needs have been reported.

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King of Glory



*King of glory, King of peace, I will love thee;
and that love may never cease, I will move thee.
Thou hast granted my request, thou hast heard me.
Thou didst note my working breast,
thou hast spared me.*

*Wherefore with my utmost art I will sing thee;
and the cream of all my heart I will bring thee.
Though my sins against me cried, thou didst clear me;
and alone, when they replied, thou didst hear me.
Seven whole days, not one in seven, I will praise thee.
In my heart, though not in heaven, I can raise thee.
Small it is in this poor sort to enroll thee;
e'en eternity's too short to extol thee.*

- John Donne [1573-1631])