

**Christ the King Sunday
Morning Prayer and Sermon**

New Goshenhoppen United Church of Christ



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“Sharing the light, faith and love of Jesus with all people.”

November 23, 2025

8:00 a.m. In Person in Sanctuary

10:30 a.m. In Person in Sanctuary and Livestream

Welcome to New Goshenhoppen. . .

Max Lucado writes in the "Cure for the Common Life":

The bank sent me an overdraft notice on the checking account of one of my daughters. I encourage my college-age girls to monitor their accounts. Even so, they sometimes overspend.

What should I do? Send her an angry letter? Admonition might help her later, but it won't satisfy the bank. Phone and tell her to make a deposit? Might as well tell a fish to fly. I know her liquidity. Zero. Transfer the money from my account to hers? Seemed to be the best option. After all, I had \$25.37. I could replenish her account and pay the overdraft fee as well. Since she calls me Dad, I did what dads do. I covered my daughter's mistake.

When I told her she was overdrawn, she said she was sorry. Still, she offered no deposit. She was broke. She had one option, "Dad, could you..." "Honey," I interrupted, "I already have." I met her need before she knew she had one.

Long before you knew you needed grace, your Father did the same. He made an ample deposit. Before you knew you needed a Savior, you had one. And when you ask him for mercy, he answers, "Dear child. I've already given it."

Today concludes the Christian Year C and next Sunday begins a new Christian Year A with the 1st Sunday of Advent. Today is Christ the King Sunday when we celebrate the reign of Jesus Christ over all creation.

We Praise and Confess
The * invites you to rise in body or spirit.

Prelude

Chiming of the Trinity

Call to Worship

---Psalm 24:7-8, 10 NIV

Lift up your heads, O you gates;
be lifted up, you ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.

Who is this King of glory?

The LORD Almighty—

he is the King of glory.

*Hymn of Praise: No. 268

Crown Him with Many Crowns - Diademata

*Greeting

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the
communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Confession and Forgiveness

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from whom 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 Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is
not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just
will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silent Confession and Reflection

Righteous God,
you have crowned Jesus Christ as Lord of all.
We confess that we have not bowed before him
and are slow to acknowledge his rule.
We give allegiance to the powers of this world
and fail to be governed by justice and love.
In your mercy, forgive us.
Raise us to acclaim him as ruler of all,
that we may be loyal ambassadors,
obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon ---based on Revelation 5:5, 9-10, NIV

Do not weep!
See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has
triumphed. With his blood he has purchased people for God
from every tribe and language and people and nation.
He has made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our
God, and they will reign on the earth.
Thanks be to God!

Praise
O Lord, open our lips.
And our mouth shall show forth Your praise.

*Song of Praise: No. 273 ***He Is King of Kings*** - Spiritual

*Collect

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray. . .

We Hear and Respond

From the Prophets

Jeremiah 23:1-6

"Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture!" declares the LORD. ² Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who care for my people: "You have scattered my flock and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. Behold, I will attend to you for your evil deeds, declares the LORD. ³ Then I will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. ⁴ I will set shepherds over them who will care for them, and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, neither shall any be missing, declares the LORD.

⁵ "Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ⁶ In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely. And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The LORD is our righteousness.' ¹

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Canticle – *The Song of Zechariah*

St. Luke 1:68-79

⁶⁸ "Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,
for he has visited and redeemed his people

⁶⁹ **and has raised up a horn of salvation for us
in the house of his servant David,**

⁷⁰ as he spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets from of old,

⁷¹ **that we should be saved from our enemies
and from the hand of all who hate us;**

¹ *Revised Common Lectionary* (Bellingham, WA: Faithlife, 2009).

⁷² to show the mercy promised to our fathers
and to remember his holy covenant,
⁷³ **the oath that he swore to our father Abraham, to grant us**
⁷⁴ that we, being delivered from the hand of our enemies,
might serve him without fear,
⁷⁵ **in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.**
⁷⁶ And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High;
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways,
⁷⁷ **to give knowledge of salvation to his people**
in the forgiveness of their sins,
⁷⁸ because of the tender mercy of our God,
whereby the sunrise shall visit us from on high
⁷⁹ **to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow**
of death,
to guide our feet into the way of peace.” ²

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

Epistle Lesson

Colossians 1:11-20

¹¹ being strengthened with all power, according to his glorious
might, for all endurance and patience with joy; ¹² giving thanks to
the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the
saints in light. ¹³ He has delivered us from the domain of darkness
and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴ in whom
we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.
¹⁶ For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible
and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or
authorities—all things were created through him and for him. ¹⁷ And
he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ And he
is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the
firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent.

² *Revised Common Lectionary*: (Bellingham, WA: Faithlife, 2009).

¹⁹ For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰ and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross. ³

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*Gospel Acclamation: No. 227

Jesus, Remember Me

*The Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ

St. Luke 23:33-43

Hear the Gospel of Christ.

Glory to Christ our Savior.

³³ And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴ And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." And they cast lots to divide his garments. ³⁵ And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!" ³⁶ The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine ³⁷ and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" ³⁸ There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

³⁹ One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!" ⁴⁰ But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?" ⁴¹ And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong." ⁴² And he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." ⁴³ And he said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise." ⁴

This is the Gospel of Christ.

Praise to Christ our Lord.

³ *Revised Common Lectionary* (Bellingham, WA: Faithlife, 2009).

⁴ *The Holy Bible: English Standard Version* (Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles, 2016), Lk 23:33–43.

Three Men. . .Three Words

*Affirmation of Faith

Apostles’ Creed

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to hell.**

**The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended to heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From there 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.**

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Morning Prayer

Our Savior’s Prayer [using **debts** and **debtors**]

Welcome and Announcements

Offering Our Gifts, Tithes and Offerings
Give via PayPal, a Credit Card, or Debit Card by
scanning the QR code with your camera



*Offertory Response: No. 606

The Doxology

*Offertory Prayer

*Praise: No. 276

Sing a New Song Unto the Lord

Following the Light of Christ into the World

***We go. . .
To share the light, faith and love of Jesus
with all people!***

*Dismissal with Blessing

*Postlude

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NOVEMBER 23, 2025

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WELCOME VISITORS ~ we're glad you are joining us for worship!

WiFi PASSWORD: Network: NewGoshGuest, password: **wearethechurch**

NEXT SUNDAY please read Matthew 24:36-44.

2026 OFFERING ENVELOPES are available for pickup. They are arranged alphabetically and are located on the upper level near the elevator.

REFORMATION SISTERS' THANKSGIVING WORSHIP - NOVEMBER 23:

New Goshenhoppen Church will host the Reformation Sister Congregations this afternoon beginning at 4:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary with Thanksgiving Worship. We are grateful to have our beloved Conference Minister – Rev'd William P. Worley as our guest preacher in one of his final duties in the PSEC.

ADVENT PRAYER VIGIL: This year's Advent Prayer Vigil will take place on Sat., Nov. 29th from noon to 10:00 p.m. The theme is "Darkness Then Light." Please consider signing up in the lower-level Narthex to join us for a half hour in prayer in the Sanctuary. If you are interested in praying from home, please call the Church Office so information can be sent to you.

THE ADVENT WORKSHOP will be held on the first Sunday of Advent, Nov. 30 from 3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. The samples and sign-up board are in the Fellowship Hall and the Social Room. Don't miss this fun event! There will be crafts for all ages. Adults and children alike can make beautiful decorations or gifts with the guidance of a craft leader. Helpers are needed, so if you are interested, please contact Bev Benner.

ADVENT DEVOTIONAL BOOKLETS entitled “**Darkness Then Light**” are available to the congregation as you journey through the Advent Season. You’ll find them on the table at the Main Entrance and in the lower narthex.

CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING: On Sunday, November 30 beginning at 6:00 p.m., the Youth Groups will be presenting New Goshenhoppen’s Third Annual Christmas Tree Lighting event! A 9-foot Norway spruce has been planted in the front of the church property. Please join us for carols and the reading of the Christmas story. It promises to be a special tradition!

THE GIVING TREE: Help share the joy of the Christmas season by adding to the Giving Tree. All the items on the tree will be given to Open Link and donated to needy families in our area. The suggested gifts are:

- Stocking stuffers
- New toys
- Hats, gloves, and scarves for teens
- Gifts for preteens and teens (10 years and older)
- Movie Passes for Grand Theater
- Gift cards to local stores and restaurants
- Gift cards for Weis, Walmart, etc.



The Giving Tree will be located in the Social Room from November 1 to December 1. If you are donating a gift certificate, gift card, or a pass, please fill out a "gift placeholder" and place on the Giving Tree. The "gift placeholder" can be found in a box near the Giving Tree or in the Church Office. The actual certificate can be handed into the Church Office or given to any Women's Fellowship officer Sandy Hardy, Delores Schuler, or Amy Treichler.

FIRST MONDAY MEAL: It's the most busy time of the year....let us cook for you! Monday, December 1 BPW (Business and Professional Women) will serve up a wholesome dinner of chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans and pudding. Take-out style serving from 6:00 -7:00 p.m. If you'd rather dine in, join the Rotary Club at Pennsburg UCC for baked ham, potato casserole, green beans and ice cream. Dinner there is served promptly at 6:00 p.m. All are welcome!

SUNDAY SCHOOL DECORATING PARTY: The Sunday School will be getting ready for Christmas on Saturday, December 6th, beginning at 9:30 a.m. With the help of their teachers, all Sunday School students will be decorating their rooms and class Christmas trees. We will also practice for the Sunday School Worship Service, which will be held on Sunday, December 21. At 11:30 a.m., the students will be served lunch. The lunch will consist of hot dogs, various snacks, applesauce, and drinks. Pick-up is 12 Noon.

COOKIES GALORE--MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7th--The Senior High Youth Group is back in business and once again holding their beloved tradition of providing you with all your Christmas cookie needs! They'll have the cookies, the containers, and the scale. You bring your sweet tooth and support of our youth. Donations of cookies will be appreciated. Please drop them off by Saturday, December 6th in the church kitchen and mark them with the words "Cookies Galore." The sale will be held on Sunday, December 7th in Fellowship Hall during these times: 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP: On Monday, December 8th, we will gather in the Social Room at 11:00 a.m. for a brief business meeting, then carpool to Glick's Greenhouse in Oley to enjoy their annual poinsettia show. In addition to the lovely 1,500 poinsettias and themed floral displays, they offer live music and entertainment, and complimentary hot dogs and popcorn. There is NO admission fee. Please join us as we enjoy the beauty of the Christmas season.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP MONTHLY OUTREACH: Open Link appreciates our yearly contributions of Christmas gift wrap such as wrapping paper, gift bags, gift tags, tissue paper, bows, and tape. Please place your items in the container in the Social Room.

TASK FORCE NOMINEES: Nominees for the Task Force can be submitted to the Church Office. Please review the qualifications. If you need a form to review and submit, extras will be available on the center table in the upstairs Narthex and at the Elevator entrance to the Sanctuary. Nominations should be submitted by December 15, 2025.

THE HEART OF THE ZOO: Born and raised in East Greenville and New Goshenhoppen U.C.C., Charles (Chuck) Bieler wrote his delightful memoir The Heart of the Zoo after his 50+ years of working at the San Diego Zoo and its Wildlife Park. His storied career is an interesting read! Chuck, a veteran, moved with his California Bride and was looking for a job. Starting out with no animal experience, he became the leader of a team that grew the Zoo and Park into world-renowned and highly respected institutions. Building relationships as far away as Europe and China, Chuck's ideas and determination paved the way forward for international cooperation and sharing of animals. (Thank him for the pandas!!) Anyone may borrow The Heart of the Zoo. You can find it atop the Young Adults bookcase in our Library. Please return it when you are finished to the same place for others to enjoy. Any questions- see Terry Dworkin (or Marlene DeLong. Spoiler alert- she's IN the book!!)

BULLETINS are presented in memory of the birthday anniversary of Harold (Butch) Steinman by wife, Diane; and sponsored by Deb & Tom Brauner.

ALTAR FLOWERS are presented in memory of father, Orion E. Kline by Nancy & Mark Mullen; and in honor of grandchildren, Ellie, Peter, Tommy, Kieran, Teagan, and Kaidan by PopPop Fisher and in memory of wife, Bonnie by Conrad Fisher.

THE FLOWERS IN FRONT OF THE PULPIT are in remembrance of the wedding anniversary of parents, Carl & Dorothy Wahl and beloved husband, Darcy by Linda Sheaffer.

ATTENDANCE: 11/16/25 – 8:00 a.m. 53; 10:30 a.m. 50; Livestream 47; Sunday School 46.

OPERATING INCOME 11/16/25: Current & Benevolences including EFT \$7,678; Building, Improvement & Maintenance including EFT \$697.

FINANCE COMMITTEE NEWS:

Year to Date Income	\$584,443.19
Less Investment Withdrawals	<u>\$59,424.00</u>
	\$525,019.19
Year to Date Expenses	\$584,567.99
Special Income	\$149,765.00
Capital Campaign Income	\$24,269.87
Special Project BIM Expenses	\$58,515.15
Meadows Paid Back Year to Date	\$92,500.00

COOKBOOK UPDATE: Thank you to everyone who has contributed recipes to the Anniversary Cookbook. Your efforts are what will make this a successful project. The recipe box is once again placed in the Social Room. Please think of us as you prepare all your favorite holiday dishes. Deadline for contributions will be the end of the year 2025.

HEALTH AND WELFARE AND MILLER KEYSTONE would like to say "Thanks" to all who made our November Blood Drive a success. Approximately 21 pints of Blood were collected! This is a great accomplishment for those in need. Stay tuned for the final official count and our next drive in the new year!

CHRISTMAS EVE AT NEW GOSHENHOPPEN: Christmas Eve worship – Wednesday, December 24 – will be at **3:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.** with ***Candles, Carols, and Communion.*** The 3:00 p.m. service will include music by the Senior Choir under the direction of Peter Hemperly and accompanied by Susan Hemperly. Pastor's Christmas message is entitled ***A Predictable Christmas.*** Each service will have a 10 minute festive organ prelude to set the tone for Christmas Eve worship. Christmas at New Goshenhoppen is always a mysterious and joyful worship experience.

★ December 13, 2025 ★ National Wreaths Across America Day



**Help Lt. Matthew Smith Chapter DAR
honor local heroes!**

Sponsor a wreath today to be placed on a
veteran's grave this December at New
Goshenhoppen UCC Cemetery

Scan the QR code to make a donation online or
visit www.wreathsaacrossamerica.org/PA0792



#KeepMovingForward

Orders may be placed online using the above QR Code. If you prefer to mail in an order, forms are located on the bulletin board in the Social Room and also at the back of the Sanctuary. One form is for a "Grave Specific" wreath and the other form is for a general donation of a wreath to an unspecified veteran. Please use the correct form for your order.

SCOUTING NEWS

Cub Scouts is for boys and girls Kindergarten to 5th grade. If interested in joining, please call or text Kyle Moyer at 610-360-0924.

Scouts BSA is for 11 to 18 year olds. If interested in joining, please call or text Scott Spaar at 484-431-3178.

The Scouts have several fundraisers that they are inviting the congregation to participate in. A bulletin board with order forms/information is located on the lower level just outside the Church Office. Please take a look and help support our local Scouting troops that meet here at New Goshenhoppen Church on Tuesday evenings.

Fundraisers include:

Repperts Candy Fundraiser - Orders and money are due Tuesday, December 2nd. Order form/money may be placed in an envelope marked "Scouts-Repperts Candy" and placed in the black lock box outside the main entrance of the Church OR given to the Church Office.

Pick Up: Wednesday, December 10, 2025, in the Church Office.

WAWA shortie coupons - money due November 25th. *Note:* WAWA is stopping this program and coupons are only good until 12/31/25. Order form/money may be placed in an envelope marked "Scouts-WAWA shortie coupons" and placed in the black lock box outside the main entrance of the Church OR given to the Church Office.

Pick Up: Wednesday, December 3, 2025, in the Church Office.

R & K Subs and Pretzel Sandwiches forms and money due November 25th. A sub costs 7.00/ea. and Pretzel sandwich costs 6.00/ea. Order form/money may be placed in an envelope marked "Scouts-R&K Subs" and placed in the black lock box outside the main entrance of the Church OR given to the Church Office.

Pick Up: Tuesday, December 2 at 6:30 p.m. at New Goshenhoppen Church (during regular Scout meeting).

ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sun.	8:00 a.m.	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School (Christian Education Building)
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service (Sanctuary & Livestreamed)
	4:00 p.m.	Community Thanksgiving Service following by Thanksgiving Dinner (Sanctuary/Fellowship Hall)
Mon.	6:30 p.m.	Consistory (Bible Fellowship Room)
Tues.	8:00 a.m.	Quilting (Pathfinder Room)
	6:30 p.m.	Cub Scouts (lower-level classrooms)
Thurs. & Fri.		Office Closed – <i>Happy Thanksgiving!</i>
Sat.	12:00 noon-10:00 p.m.	Advent Prayer Vigil (Sanctuary)
Sun.	8:00 a.m.	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School (Christian Education Building)
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service (Sanctuary & Livestreamed)
	3:30 p.m.	Advent Workshop (Fellowship Hall)
	6:00 p.m.	Third Annual Advent Christmas Tree lighting

Thank you to our Service Participants

8:00 a.m. Narthex: Bruce Adam
 Roberts' Church Office: Lois Anastas
 Elevator: Delores Schuler
 Upper Narthex: Donna Fried
 Liturgist/Acolyte: Emy Moyer

10:30 a.m. Narthex: Terry Dworkin
 Roberts' Church Office: Cindy Roma
 Elevator: Thomas Bancroft
 Upper Narthex: Sandy George
 Liturgist/Acolyte: Sue Jacobs

POINSETTIA ORDERS AND MEMORIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

How lovely the chancel and apse look when adorned with red poinsettia plants announcing the birth of our Lord and Savior. Orders are now being taken at a cost of **\$11.00 per plant**. Kindly, only one plant per order form. Also, the money for each poinsettia order needs to accompany the order form. You may give the order forms/money to the Church Office (215-679-2041). **The deadline for ordering poinsettia plants is SUNDAY, December 7.** (The florist requires our order by December 8, so no add-ons will be accepted.) **Anyone making memorial contributions to be included in the Christmas Eve bulletin needs to do so by SUNDAY, December 14.** Please indicate on your check or on a piece of paper if you wish for your memorial contribution to be printed in the CHRISTMAS EVE BULLETIN; otherwise it will be placed in the Sunday weekly worship bulletin.

In lieu of poinsettia plants, donations may be made toward supporting Open Link and Helping Hands, two local mission projects. Thank you for your support of these outreach endeavors and also for the beautification of New Goshenhoppen Church at this special time of the year.

NOTE: Poinsettia plants may be removed after the 9:00 p.m. Christmas Eve service OR picked up on Christmas Day (between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Enter through the Main entrance--nearest the elevators--and pick up poinsettia plants in the Sanctuary).

PLEASE, ONLY ONE PLANT PER ORDER FORM

Your Name _____ Phone Number _____

Plant ()

Mission Project ()

Check One:

() In Memory of _____

By _____

() In Honor of _____

By _____

() Presented by _____

Crown Him with Many Crowns 268

1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
 2 Crown him the Lord of love; be - hold his hands and side;
 3 Crown him the Lord of peace, whose power a scep - ter sways
 4 Crown him the Lord of years, the po - ten - tate of time;

hark, how the heaven-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own!
 rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied:
 from pole to pole, that wars may cease, ab - sorbed in prayer and praise.
 cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fa - bly sub - lime.

A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
 no an - gel in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,
 His reign shall know no end; and round his pierc - ed feet
 All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For thou hast died for me;

and hail him as thy match - less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 but down - ward bends his burn - ing eye at mys - ter - ies so bright.
 fair flowers of par - a - dise ex - tend their fra - grance ev - er sweet.
 thy praise shall nev - er, nev - er fail through - out e - ter - ni - ty.

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
 SMD

273 He Is King of Kings

Refrain

He is King of kings; he is Lord of lords, Je - sus Christ, the

first and last, no one works like him. O he is no one works like him.

1 He built his throne up in the air; and
2 He pitched his tents on Ca-naan ground; no one works like him; and
3 I know that my Re-deem-er lives; and

called his saints from ev - ery - where;
broke op - pres - sive king - doms down; no one works like him. O he is
by his love sweet bless - ing gives;

This African American spiritual is a classic example of how praise of God rises out of human experience. The repeated response "no one works like him" shows confidence that the sovereign, liberating Christ abounds with the very attribute the singers need in order to survive.

Jesus, Remember Me

227

Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.

Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.

This chant-like setting, intended for repeated singing, comes from the ecumenical monastic community in Taizé, France. Based on the prayer of the penitent thief crucified with Jesus (Luke 23:42), this text is a poignant expression of the desire to be present with Christ in glory.

TEXT: Taizé Community, 1981
 MUSIC: Jacques Berthier, 1981
 Text and Music © 1981 Les Presses de Taizé (admin. GIA Publications, Inc.)

REMEMBER ME
 Irregular

606 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Doxology

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.

**Or "God"*

TEXT: Thomas Ken, 1695, 1709
MUSIC: Genevan Psalter, 1551

OLD HUNDREDTH
LM

Sing a New Song unto the Lord 276

(Psalm 98)

Refrain

G D D#dim Em Am7

Sing a new song un - to the Lord; let your song be

D G D7/A G G D

sung from moun - tain's high. Sing a new song

D#dim Em Am7 D7 G *Fine*

un - to the Lord, sing-ing hal - le - lu - jah!

G D7/A Am/G D/F# Em

1 Shout with glad - ness! Dance for joy! O come be -

2 Rise, O chil - dren, from your sleep; your Sav - ior

3 Glad my soul for I have seen the glo - ry

Am7 D7sus D7 G D7/A

fore the Lord. And play for God on

now has come. He has turned your

of the Lord. The trum - pet sounds; the

Am/G D C Am7 Dsus D *to Refrain*

glad tam - bou-rines, and let your trum - pet sound.

sor - row to joy, and filled your soul with song.

dead shall be raised. I know my Sav - ior lives.

This loose paraphrase effectively conveys the joyful tone of Psalm 98, largely by incorporating allusions to many other Scriptures, such as Psalm 149:3, Romans 13:11, Psalm 16:9, 1 Corinthians 15:52, and Job 19:25. These familiar echoes help to give the text depth and breadth.

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