

ALL SAINTS Presbyterian Church

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 6, 2023

OUR LORD CALLS US TO WORSHIP HIM

Membership of Mr. Alex Rivera

† *Pastor*: Let us worship God! We are gathered in the name of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. Let us give thanks to the Lord.

Congregation: We give thanks to the Lord.

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Make a joyful shout to the LORD, all you lands! Serve the LORD with gladness; come before His presence with singing. Know that the LORD, He is God;

It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves; we are His people and the sheep of His pasture.

Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, and bless His name.

For the LORD is good; His mercy is everlasting, and His truth endures to all generations.

Psalm 100



Lift up your hearts...

We lift them up to the Lord!

† COLLECT & LORD'S PRAYER

**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 debts,
as we have forgiven our debtors
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For Thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory forever. Amen.**

† **Congregational Singing**

Come, Christians, Join to Sing—insert

OUR LORD CLEANSSES US FROM OUR SIN

A Corporate Reading of Our Lord's Instruction

How blessed is everyone who fears the LORD, who walks in His ways.

When you shall eat of the fruit of your hands, you will be happy and it will be well with you.

Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine within your house, your children like olive plants around your table.

Behold, for thus shall the man be blessed who fears the LORD.

Psalm 128



AN INVITATION TO CONFESS
OUR SINS:

† The congregation is invited to stand

‡ CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER
We Confess Our Sins, Together & Individually

Heavenly Father, we come to You through Your Son who is the Resurrection and the Life. Death could not hold Him. In Your Son, we have hope and forgiveness and life. The death sentence which we deserve has been laid upon Him. Still, we sin, and our sins are ever before You. As Your adopted and received children, we come before You to confess our sins. We do not trust that our confession is complete, but we trust that Your pardon is sure. We do not trust in our efforts to renew ourselves, but we trust You to give us a steadfast spirit. Hear us now, as we continue in prayer, confessing our sins...

[We pause in prayer, and then conclude together...]

O Lord, we give You thanks for Your kindness and abundant pardon; provided through Your Son who has died for us, taking the penalty which was our due, and You have received us in Him. Now grant, most merciful Lord, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, and this to the glory of Thy holy name. Amen.

† CONGREGATIONAL SINGING: *Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God*—415

† ABSOLUTION: Our Assurance of Forgiveness is declared
“In the Name of God the Father, Son, & Holy Spirit”
“Thanks be to God!”

† CONGREGATIONAL SINGING: *The Lord Hear Thee in Troubled Times* [Psalm 20]—28-29



THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

We join together praying for the church, one another, and the world

OUR LORD TEACHES US FROM HIS WORD

Scripture Lesson from
the Old Testament
Esther 3

Scripture Lesson from
the Epistles
1 Corinthians 1:18-25

“This is the Word of the Lord”
“Thanks be to God!”

† Gospel Lesson—Luke 16:1-9

“This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ”
“Praise be to Christ!”

† CONGREGATIONAL SINGING: *Gloria Patri*—436

Sermon Text
Acts 1:6-11

Sermon
(Re)introducing Postmillennial Spirituality
Pastor Steve Jeffery

† CONGREGATIONAL SINGING: *Before Thee Let My Cry Come Near* [Psalm 119]—158

IN GRATEFUL RESPONSE

We Present the Lord's Tithes & Our Offerings

† CONGREGATIONAL SINGING: *The Doxology*
As the offering is brought forward, we lift our hearts, hands, and voices in thankful praise...

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Dedication

OUR LORD INVITES US TO HIS TABLE

2 Timothy 2:19; 1 Corinthians 5:7-8

† *Pastor*: Christians, we confess this as true,

“The solid foundation of God stands, having this seal:

“**The Lord knows those who are His,**” and,

“**Let everyone who names the name of Christ depart from iniquity.**”

For Christ our Passover was sacrificed for us.

**Let us keep the feast, not with the leaven of malice and wickedness,
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.**

The gifts of God for the people of God

Thanks be to God!

Lift up your hearts,

We lift them up to the Lord!

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

We commune with the Lord & with one another

The Lord's Supper should not be observed in individual homes.

† CONGREGATIONAL SINGING: *The Son of God Goes Forth to War*—282

OUR LORD COMMISSIONS US

† Benediction & Singing

Bind unto Myself Today (St. Patrick's Breastplate)— 351-352 (verses 8 & 9)

Christ be with me, Christ within me,
Christ behind me, Christ before me,
Christ beside me, Christ to win me,
Christ to comfort and restore me.
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,
Christ in hearts of all that love me,
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.

I bind unto myself the name,
The strong name of the Trinity,
By invocation of the same,
The Three in One, and One in Three.
Of whom all nature hath creation;
Eternal Father, Spirit, Word:
Praise to the Lord of my salvation,
Salvation is of Christ the Lord

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CALENDAR

TODAY

New member—Mr. Alex Rivera will be presented for membership just prior to our service.

Forum—After worship, all are invited to join us in the Fellowship Hall for an informal time of fellowship and Q & A regarding our church, the service, and/or the sermon. Coffee will be available. We'll finish no later than 1:30 p.m. with some quick cleanup.

Please note: Overflow seating is in the Fellowship Hall. The Parlor has been converted to our nursery with many comfortable rockers available for nursing mothers and is reserved for ladies only.

THIS WEEK

Exploratory Meetings—The Session of All Saints is hosting a series of exploratory meetings to evaluate the likelihood of a church plant in the Granbury area. Our second meeting will be held at the 1894 Building of the Acton Baptist Church in Granbury **this Tuesday, August 8th, from 6:30-7:30 p.m.** **If you plan to attend this meeting, please email Pastor Niell at pastor@allsaintskirk.org because we need an accurate count for seating.** We welcome your prayers for the Lord's guidance and favor in this endeavor.

Wednesday Night Bible Study — Fellowship Hall 7:00 p.m. —Pastor Jeffery will continue our Bible Study series this week titled: *Men Aren't from Mars, Women Aren't from Venus, So Why Does It Sometimes Feel Like They Are?* Doors open at 6:30 p.m. (bring your own food and drink if you wish); study starts promptly at 7:00 p.m. and will end around 8:15 with fellowship and clean up done by 8:30 p.m.

NEXT SUNDAY

New members—The Bradford family will be presented for membership just prior to our service next Sunday.

Baptisms and Reception—Charlotte Leigh and Otto William Bradford will be baptized at the beginning of our service next week. A reception will be held in the Fellowship Hall after our service

PLEASE NOTE:

Deacon Nominations — Sunday, August 6th through Sunday, September 10th—As you prayerfully consider nominating someone, please meditate on the biblical qualifications found in 1 Timothy 3. Please also consider Pastor Jeffery's recent teaching on diaconal ministry found on our website. Once you have gained the consent of someone you wish to nominate, you may email the Session at session@allsaintskirk.com

Ladies Fellowship Brunch — Saturday, August 26, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.—If you haven't received details by email and would like to come, please contact Nicole Jeffery, nicole.jeffery@gmail.com

The Lord's Supper

The Lord's Supper is observed every Lord's Day at All Saints, and we warmly invite to the Lord's Table all who are baptized disciples of the Lord Jesus, under the authority of Christ and His body, the Church, and this includes covenant children. By eating the bread and drinking the wine with us, you are acknowledging that you are a sinner, without hope except in the sovereign mercy of God, and that you are trusting in Jesus Christ alone for salvation. You also acknowledge to the overseers of this congregation that you are in covenant with God, being an active member of a congregation which belongs to the Triune God and is marked by the Word and sacraments. If you have any questions about your participation, please speak to one of the elders before or after the service.

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Come, Christians, Join to Sing

1. Come, Chris - tians, join to sing Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 2. Come, lift your hearts on high, Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 3. Praise yet our Christ a - gain, Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

loud praise to Christ our King; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 let prais - es fill the sky; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 life shall not end the strain; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

let all, with heart and voice, be - fore his throne re - joice;
 he is our Guide and Friend; to us he'll con - de - scend;
 on heav - en's bliss - ful shore, his good - ness we'll a - dore,

praise is his gra - cious choice. Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 his love shall nev - er end. Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 sing - ing for - ev - er - more, "Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!"

Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God

Psalm 51:10-12

From a melody by J. A. Freylinghausen, 1704
adapted, Harold W. Gilbert

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of five systems, each with a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The key signature is three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are: "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 Thy pres - ence: and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va - tion: and up - hold me with Thy free Spir - it."

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Gloria Patri

GLORIA PATRI (Irreg.)
Charles Meineke, 1844

2nd century

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the

Ho - ly Ghost; As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er

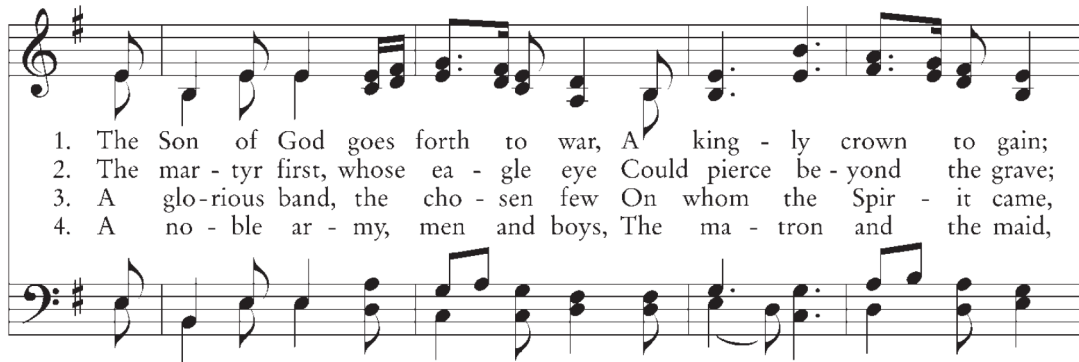
shall be, world with - out end. A - men, a - men.

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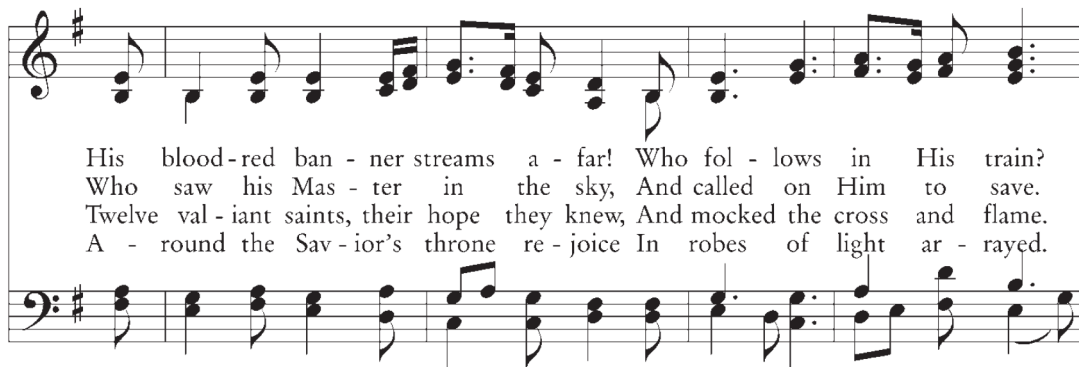
The Son of God Goes Forth to War

GREYOAKS (C.M.D.)
Gregory D. Wilbur, 1994

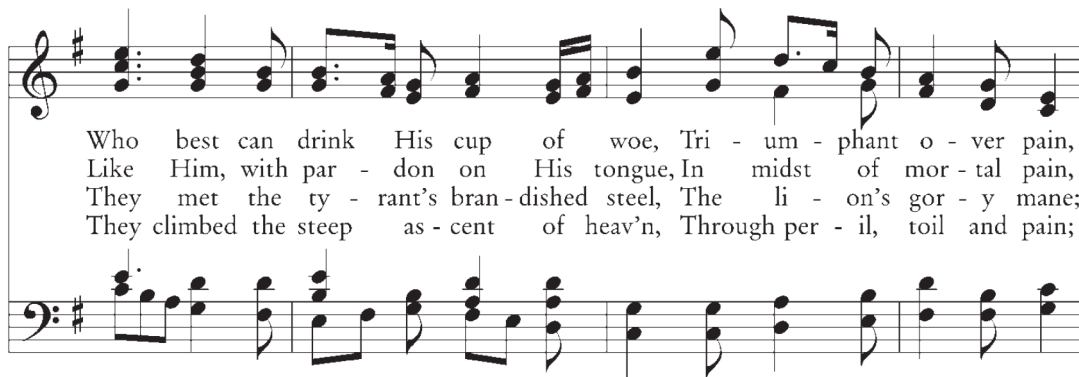
Reginald Heber, 1827



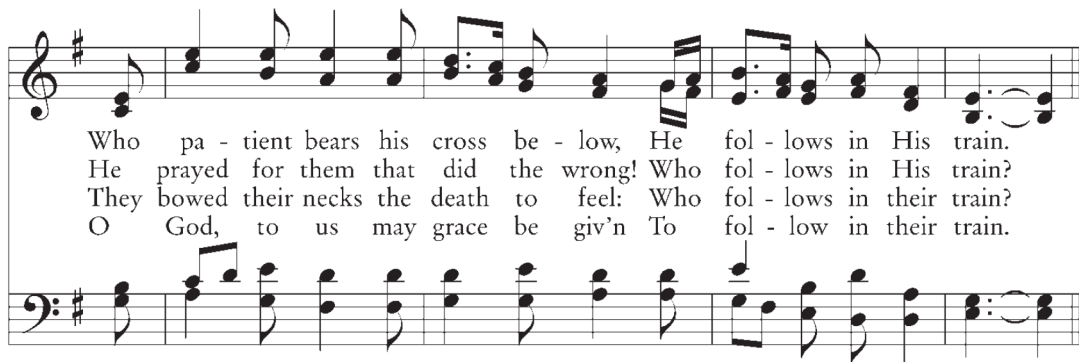
1. The Son of God goes forth to war, A king - ly crown to gain;
2. The mar - tyr first, whose ea - gle eye Could pierce be - yond the grave;
3. A glo - rious band, the cho - sen few On whom the Spir - it came,
4. A no - ble ar - my, men and boys, The ma - tron and the maid,



His blood - red ban - ner streams a - far! Who fol - lows in His train?
Who saw his Mas - ter in the sky, And called on Him to save.
Twelve val - iant saints, their hope they knew, And mocked the cross and flame.
A - round the Sav - ior's throne re - joice In robes of light ar - rayed.



Who best can drink His cup of woe, Tri - um - phant o - ver pain,
Like Him, with par - don on His tongue, In midst of mor - tal pain,
They met the ty - rant's bran - dished steel, The li - on's gor - y mane;
They climbed the steep as - cent of heav'n, Through per - il, toil and pain;



Who pa - tient bears his cross be - low, He fol - lows in His train.
He prayed for them that did the wrong! Who fol - lows in His train?
They bowed their necks the death to feel: Who fol - lows in their train?
O God, to us may grace be giv'n To fol - low in their train.