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Chronicles of the King

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✠ PREPARATION ✠

PRELUDE

"Prelude in F"

arr. C. Curtis

"A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth"

setting: R. Schultz

WELCOME

Stand

HYMN

"A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth"

LSB 438



1 A Lamb goes un - com - plain - ing forth, The
2 This Lamb is Christ, the soul's great friend, The
3 "Yes, Fa - ther, yes, most will - ing - ly I'll
4 Lord, when Your glo - ry I shall see And



guilt of sin - ners bear - ing And, lad - en with the
Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, Whom God the Fa - ther
bear what You com - mand Me. My will con - forms to
taste Your king - dom's plea - sure, Your blood my roy - al



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out com-plaint, That spot-less life to of - fer, He bears the
 from their dread Of guilt and con-dem - na - tion. The wrath and
 up His Son, De - sir - ing our sal - va - tion. O Love, how
 be my crown; With these I need not hide me. And there, in



stripes, the wounds, the lies, The mock - er - y, and
 stripes are hard to bear, But by Your pas - sion
 strong You are to save! You lay the One in -
 gar - ments rich - ly wrought, As Your own bride shall



yet re - plies, "All this I glad - ly suf - fer."
 they will share The fruit of Your sal - va - tion."
 to the grave Who built the earth's foun - da - tion.
 we be brought To stand in joy be - side You.

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607-76; tr. The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941, alt.
 Tune: Wolfgang Dachstein, c. 1487-1553

OPENING SENTENCES

Psalm 51:15; 70:1

- P** O Lord, open my lips,
- G** and my mouth will declare Your praise.
- P** Make haste, O God, to deliver me;
- G** make haste to help me, O Lord.

**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.
 Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our salvation.**

COLLECT

- P** Let us pray.
 Almighty and gracious God, Your good will seeks that all would be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth. Magnify the power of the Gospel within the hearts of Your people, that rejoicing in Your deliverance, they may learn to be wise, discerning, and faithful as they live their lives within Your goodness and mercy and

fulfill Your bidding; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

PSALM

Psalm 45; antiphon: v. 17



- ¹My heart overflows with a pleasing theme;
I address my verses | to the king;*
my tongue is like the pen of a | ready scribe.
- ²You are the most handsome of the sons of men;
grace is poured up- | on your lips;*
therefore God has blessed you for- | ever.
- ³Gird your sword on your thigh, O | mighty one,*
in your splendor and | majesty!
- ⁴In your majesty ride out victoriously
for the cause of truth and meekness and | righteousness;*
let your right hand teach you | awesome deeds!
- ⁵Your arrows are sharp
in the heart of the king's | enemies;*
the peoples fall | under you.
- ⁶Your throne, O God, is forever and ever.
The scepter of your kingdom is a scepter of up- | rightness;*
⁷you have loved righteousness and hated | wickedness.
- Therefore God, your God, has anointed you
with the oil of gladness beyond your com- | panions;*
⁸your robes are all fragrant with myrrh and aloes and | cassia.
- From ivory palaces stringed instruments | make you glad;*
⁹daughters of kings are among your ladies of honor;
at your right hand stands the queen in gold of | Ophir.
- ¹⁰Hear, O daughter, and consider, and in- | cline your ear:*
forget your people and your | father's house,
¹¹and the king will desire your | beauty.*
Since he is your lord, | bow to him.

¹²The people of Tyre will seek your fa- | vor with gifts,*
the richest of the | people.

¹³All glorious is the princess in her chamber, with robes interwoven | with gold.*

¹⁴In many-colored robes she is led to the king,
with her virgin companions following be- | hind her.

¹⁵With joy and gladness they are | led along*
as they enter the palace | of the king.

¹⁶In place of your fathers shall | be your sons;*
you will make them princes in | all the earth.

¹⁷I will cause your name to be remembered in all gener- | ations;*
therefore nations will praise you forever and | ever.

KYRIE

P O Lord,
C have mercy.

P O Christ,
C have mercy.

P O Lord,
C have mercy.

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.**

APOSTLES' CREED

**☩ I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.**

Sit

FIRST READING

2 Chronicles 17:1–6; 18:1–3; 19:1–7

¹Jehoshaphat his son reigned in his place and strengthened himself against Israel. ²He placed forces in all the fortified cities of Judah and set garrisons in the land of Judah, and in the cities of Ephraim that Asa his father had captured. ³The LORD was with Jehoshaphat, because he walked in the earlier ways of his father David. He did not seek the Baals, ⁴but sought the God of his father and walked in his commandments, and not according to the practices of Israel. ⁵Therefore the LORD established the kingdom in his hand. And all Judah brought tribute to Jehoshaphat, and he had great riches and honor. ⁶His heart was courageous in the ways of the LORD. And furthermore, he took the high places and the Asherim out of Judah.

¹Now Jehoshaphat had great riches and honor, and he made a marriage alliance

with Ahab. ²After some years he went down to Ahab in Samaria. And Ahab killed an abundance of sheep and oxen for him and for the people who were with him, and induced him to go up against Ramoth-gilead. ³Ahab king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat king of Judah, "Will you go with me to Ramoth-gilead?" He answered him, "I am as you are, my people as your people. We will be with you in the war."

¹Jehoshaphat the king of Judah returned in safety to his house in Jerusalem. ²But Jehu the son of Hanani the seer went out to meet him and said to King Jehoshaphat, "Should you help the wicked and love those who hate the LORD? Because of this, wrath has gone out against you from the LORD. ³Nevertheless, some good is found in you, for you destroyed the Asherahs out of the land, and have set your heart to seek God."

⁴Jehoshaphat lived at Jerusalem. And he went out again among the people, from Beersheba to the hill country of Ephraim, and brought them back to the LORD, the God of their fathers. ⁵He appointed judges in the land in all the fortified cities of Judah, city by city, ⁶and said to the judges, "Consider what you do, for you judge not for man but for the LORD. He is with you in giving judgment. ⁷Now then, let the fear of the LORD be upon you. Be careful what you do, for there is no injustice with the LORD our God, or partiality or taking bribes."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

G **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

Revelation 2:18–28

¹⁸"And to the angel of the church in Thyatira write: 'The words of the Son of God, who has eyes like a flame of fire, and whose feet are like burnished bronze.

¹⁹"I know your works, your love and faith and service and patient endurance, and that your latter works exceed the first. ²⁰But I have this against you, that you tolerate that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess and is teaching and seducing my servants to practice sexual immorality and to eat food sacrificed to idols. ²¹I gave her time to repent, but she refuses to repent of her sexual immorality. ²²Behold, I will throw her onto a sickbed, and those who commit adultery with her I will throw into great tribulation, unless they repent of her works, ²³and I will strike her children dead. And all the churches will know that I am he who searches mind and heart, and I will give to each of you as your works deserve. ²⁴But to the rest of you in Thyatira, who do not hold this teaching, who have not learned what some call the deep things of Satan, to you I say, I do not lay on you any other burden. ²⁵Only hold fast what you have until I come. ²⁶The one who conquers and

who keeps my works until the end, to him I will give authority over the nations,
²⁷and he will rule them with a rod of iron, as when earthen pots are broken in
pieces, even as I myself have received authority from my Father. ²⁸And I will give
him the morning star.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

THIRD READING

Matthew 7:24–27

²⁴“Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a
wise man who built his house on the rock. ²⁵And the rain fell, and the floods came,
and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been
founded on the rock. ²⁶And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not
do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. ²⁷And the rain
fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it
fell, and great was the fall of it.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Sit

HYMN

“The Church’s One Foundation”

LSB 644



1 The Church’s one foun - da - tion Is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
2 E - lect from ev - ’ry na - tion, Yet one o’er all the earth;
3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der The world sees her op - pressed,
4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion And tu - mult of her war
5 Yet she on earth has u - nion With God, the Three in One,



She is His new cre - a - tion By wa - ter and the Word.
Her char - ter of sal - va - tion: One Lord, one faith, one birth.
By schisms rent a - sun - der, By her - e - sies dis - tressed,
She waits the con - sum - ma - tion Of peace for - ev - er - more
And mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion With those whose rest is won.



From heav'n He came and sought her To be His ho - ly bride;
 One ho - ly name she bless - es, Par - takes one ho - ly food,
 Yet saints their watch are keep - ing; Their cry goes up, "How long?"
 Till with the vi - sion glo - rious Her long - ing eyes are blest,
 O bless - ed heav'n-ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by Your grace



With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.
 And to one hope she press - es With ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
 And soon the night of weep - ing Shall be the morn of song.
 And the great Church vic - to - rious Shall be the Church at rest.
 That we, like saints be - fore us, May see You face to face.

Text: Samuel J. Stone, 1839-1900, alt.
 Tune: Samuel S. Wesley, 1810-76
 Text and tune: Public domain

SERMON

OFFERING

VOLUNTARY

"I Will Arise and Go to Jesus"

arr. R. Sawyer

Stand

OFFERTORY

"Create in Me"

LSB 956



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;



VERSICLES

LSB, p. 286

P Hear my prayer, O Lord;

C **let my cry come to You.**

P In the day of my trouble I call upon You,

C **for You answer me.**

P Hide Your face from my sins,

C **and blot out all my iniquities.**

P Create in me a clean heart, O God,

C **and renew a right spirit within me.**

P Cast me not away from Your presence,

C **and take not Your Holy Spirit from me.**

P Restore to me the joy of Your salvation,

C **and uphold me with a willing spirit.**

P Because Your steadfast love is better than life,

C **my lips will praise You.**

P For You have been my help,

C **and in the shadow of Your wings I will sing for joy.**

P Teach me Your way, O Lord, that I may walk in Your truth;

C **unite my heart to fear Your name.**

P I give thanks to You, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,

C **and I will glorify Your name forever.**

P May all who seek You rejoice and be glad in You.

C **May those who love Your salvation say evermore, "God is great!"**

P Save Your people and bless Your heritage!

C Be their shepherd and carry them forever.

P Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer;

C listen to my plea for grace.

PRAYERS

P Let us pray.

O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul. Keep us faithful unto death so that we may receive the crown of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

P Merciful Father, deliver us from all unholy associations and keep us from surrendering Your truth to the will of the moment, so that we may be steadfast and immovable in Christ amid all temptations and distractions. Guard our hearts against trusting in ourselves and our own accomplishments that we be completely dependent upon Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

P Father of all mercies and God of all consolation, deliver Your people from the afflictions of the flesh so that they might trust in You only and do the work of Your kingdom for the cause of Your glory. Hear us especially for [names]. Keep them in the grasp of Your grace and make us mindful of their plight so that we may support them in their hour of need; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

BENEDICAMUS

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

BLESSING

P The Lord bless us, defend us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.

G Amen.

HYMN

"Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways"

LSB 707



1 Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways To keep His stat - utes still!
2 Or - der my foot - steps by Thy Word And make my heart sin - cere;
3 As - sist my soul, too apt to stray, A strict - er watch to keep;
4 Make me to walk in Thy com - mands—'Tis a de - light - ful road—



Oh, that my God would grant me grace To know and do His will!
Let sin have no do - min - ion, Lord, But keep my con - science clear.
And should I e'er for - get Thy way, Re - store Thy wan - d'ring sheep.
Nor let my head or heart or hands Of - fend a - gainst my God.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.
Tune: William H. Havergal, 1793–1870
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DISMISSAL

P Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

"The Joy of the Lord"

G. Sewell

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