

November 23rd, 2025

The Sunday Next Before Advent

Choral Prelude: Jubilate Deo

Psalm 100, adapted from the BCP; Music by Edward Norman.

O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands:
serve the Lord with gladness,
and come before his presence with a song.

Be ye sure that the Lord he is God:
it is he that hath made us and not we ourselves;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Go into his gates with thanksgiving,
and into his courts with praise:
be thankful and speak good of his name.

For the Lord is gracious.
His mercy is everlasting:
and his truth endures forevermore.

Opening Song: Jesus Shall Reign

Words: Isaac Watts, 1700's; Tune: *Duke Street*, by John Hatton, 1700's. Public domain.

1. Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
does its successive journeys run,
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore
till moons shall wax and wane no more.

2. People and realms of every tongue
dwell on his love with sweetest song,
and infant voices shall proclaim
their early blessings on his name.

3. Blessings abound where'er he reigns:
the prisoners leap to lose their chains,
the weary find eternal rest,
and all who suffer want are blest.

4. Let every creature rise and bring
the highest honours to our King,
angels descend with songs again,
and earth repeat the loud amen.
Amen.

Song 1: Lord Most High

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From the ends of the earth, *(echo)*
from the depths of the sea, *(echo)*
from the heights of the heavens *(echo)*
your name be praised.

From the hearts of the weak, *(echo)*
from the shouts of the strong, *(echo)*
from the lips of all people *(echo)*
this song we raise, Lord!

Chorus:

Throughout the endless ages
you will be crowned with praises, Lord Most High!
Exalted in every nation,
Sovereign of all creation,
Lord Most High, be magnified.

Song 2: Christ is Mine Forevermore

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1. Mine are days that God has numbered, I was made to walk with him.
Yet I look for worldly treasure and forsake the King of kings.
But mine is hope in my Redeemer, though I fall his love is sure
for Christ has paid for every failing.
I am his forevermore.

2. Mine are tears in times of sorrow, darkness not yet understood;
through the valley I must travel where I see no earthly good.
But mine is peace that flows from heaven and the strength in times of need.
I know my pain will not be wasted -
Christ completes his work in me.

3. Mine are days here as a stranger, pilgrim on a narrow way.
One with Christ, I will encounter harm and hatred for his name.
But mine is armour for this battle strong enough to last the war.
And he has said he will deliver
safely to the golden shore.

And mine are keys to Zion's city where beside the King I walk.
For there my heart has found its treasure -
Christ is mine forevermore.

Bridge:

Come rejoice now, O my soul, for his love is my reward!
Fear is gone and hope is sure - Christ is mine forevermore.
(repeat)

And mine are keys to Zion's city where beside the King I walk.
For there my heart has found its treasure -
Christ is mine forevermore.

Song 3: Fairest Lord Jesus

Lyrics: Anonymous, 1600's; Tune: *Crusaders' Hymn*, anonymous, 1800's. Public domain.

1. Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Thee will I cherish, thee will I honour.
Thou my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

2. Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands,
robed in the blooming garb of spring:
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,
who makes the woeful heart to sing.

3. Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight,
and all the twinkling starry host:
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer
than all the angels heav'n can boast.

4. Beautiful Saviour! Lord of the nations!
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honour, praise, adoration,
now and forevermore be thine.

Offering Song: How Deep the Father's Love

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1. How deep the Father's love for us,
how vast beyond all measure,
that he should give his only Son
to make a wretch his treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss:
the Father turns his face away
as wounds, which mar the chosen One,
bring many sons to glory.

2. Behold the Man upon a cross,
my sin upon his shoulders;
ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held him there
until it was accomplished;
his dying breath has brought me life -
I know that it is finished.

3. I will not boast in anything -
no gifts, no power, no wisdom.
But I will boast in Jesus Christ,
his death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from his reward?
I cannot give an answer.
But this I know with all my heart:
his wounds have paid my ransom.

Closing Song: Rejoice, the Lord Is King

Based on Philippians 4:4

Text: Charles Wesley, 1700's; Tune: *Darwall*, by John Darwall, 1700's. Public domain.

1. Rejoice, the Lord is King!

Your Lord and King adore.

Mortals, give thanks and sing and triumph evermore.

Lift up your heart!

Lift up your voice, rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

2. Jesus the Saviour reigns, the God of truth and love.

When he had purged our stains he took his seat above.

Lift up your heart!

Lift up your voice, rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

3. His kingdom cannot fail.

He rules o'er earth and heaven;

the keys of death and hell are to our Jesus given.

Lift up your heart!

Lift up your voice, rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

4. Rejoice in glorious hope!

Jesus, the judge, shall come and take his servants up to their eternal home.

We soon shall hear the archangel's voice,

the trump of God shall sound! Rejoice!

Choral Benediction: The Lord Bless You and Keep You

Words from Numbers 6:24-26; Music by John Rutter, 1981.

The Lord bless you and keep you;

the Lord make his face to shine upon you,

to shine upon you and be gracious, and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon you.

The Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon,

and give you peace, and give you peace;

and give you peace, and give you peace. Amen.