

Reformation Sunday

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

OCTOBER 29, 2023

10:30 A.M.

PEACE BE WITH YOU

As pastors of Catonsville Presbyterian Church, we know that this is a community of love, care, and true welcome. We pray that you will experience our hospitality and our delight in your presence.

Not only do we welcome you and your family, but we seek to welcome the full range of experiences, identities, and feelings that you carry. Our life together is often marked by a desire to thoughtfully engage God's world and our own humanity. We're compelled by the reality that the Christian life is often full of doubt, fear, loneliness, shortfalls, and uncertainty, in the same way that it can be full of beauty, belonging, love, and hope.

Whoever you are today, whoever you have been, and whoever you have yet to be: you are welcome in this space. We hope to meet you this morning, and if not, we hope to say hello in the coming days. If you are interested in learning more about our ministry at Catonsville Presbyterian Church, consider opening your phone's camera and following the QR code on this page. We'll send a short email with some ways to get connected this week and in the weeks to come.



Once again, welcome. You are a beloved child of God.

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WELCOME TO WORSHIP

ABOUT OUR CONGREGATION

We actively engage our intellects and our hearts in what we believe to be true: that God's peace, justice, and radical love are good news for every corner of our lives. We seek to be a place of freedom and liberation, where people of all ages and backgrounds deepen their connection to God and others while making a tangible difference in our Catonsville community and throughout the world.

Rooted in this faith, our congregation proudly affirms the gifts, callings, and God-given identities of LGBTQIA+ members, friends, and guests. God invites all of us to explore and discover the person God has created and known before all time.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRIES

Educational ministries are currently held on the second week of each month. These Second Sundays include childcare and youth programming beginning at 10:00 a.m. and multi-age church school for those in kindergarten through fifth grade. Visit catonsvillepres.org/ministries/families to learn more.

Today, you can find children's bulletins, books, and activities in the back of the sanctuary. The Fellowship Hall is available for families to use if desired. The service can be heard in the room and there's plenty of space for active children.

WELCOMING ALL GOD'S PEOPLE

Catonsville Presbyterian Church recognizes that people of all ages have varying abilities and needs. If you meet or see someone with differing needs, whether an adult or a child, please recognize that underlying conditions may occasionally cause behavior that might be misrepresented as inappropriate. Please reach out. Ask if there is a way you might assist and otherwise be understanding and supportive.

If you or a family member has special needs, please speak to one of the pastors or the Deacon of the Day. We want to fully appreciate each individual's gifts and talents and help you to feel a part of this faith community.

Poiesis: from Ancient Greek *ποίησις*, meaning “to make.” It is the process of emergence of something that did not previously exist, a “bringing-forth.”

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott
("A Mighty Fortress is Our God"),
Johann Pachelbel

Ein feste Burg, ist unser Gott is one of the most famous hymns of all Christendom. Martin Luther penned this hymn, "A Mighty Fortress is our God," sometime around 1529. The text is a paraphrase of some elements found in Psalm 46, and in its earliest printing was labeled, "*Ein Trost Psalm*," meaning a psalm of comfort. *God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.*

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 46:1-3, 11; Psalm 124:8

(The congregation responds aloud with the bold text)

God is our refuge and strength,
always ready to help in times of trouble.

**So we will not fear, even if earthquakes come,
and the mountains crumble into the sea.**

Let the oceans roar and foam.
Let the mountains tremble as the waters surge!

**The Lord Almighty is here among us;
the God of Israel is our fortress.**

Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.
Come, let us worship God!

† HYMN # 624

"I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art"

PRAYER OF ADORATION

† Please rise in body or in spirit

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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God of mercy,

**we lament that even good actions of reform and renewal
had often unintended negative consequences.**

Kyrie eleison.

Lord have mercy.

**We bring before you
the burdens of the guilt of the past
when our forbears did not follow your will;
when they were not one in the truth of the gospel.**

Christe eleison.

Christ have mercy.

**We confess our own ways of thinking and active
that perpetuate the divisions of the past.**

**As communities and as individuals,
we build many walls around us:
mental, spiritual, physical, political walls
that result in discrimination and violence.**

Forgive us, Lord.

Kyrie eleison.

Lord have mercy.

Silent prayer of confession

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Christ is the way, the truth, and the life.

He is our peace,
who breaks down the walls that divide,

who gives us, through the Holy Spirit,
ever-new beginnings.

In Christ, we receive forgiveness and reconciliation,
and we are strengthened
for a faithful and common witness in our time.

Thanks be to God!

† **RESPONSE OF PRAISE: HYMN # 582**

“Glory to God, Whose
Goodness Shines on Me”

† **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

LIFE IN COMMUNITY



Come in your faith, and in your doubt! If you are joining us for the first time, we invite you to share your information by scanning the QR code. We would love to connect.

Upcoming events and recent announcements are available in the back of the bulletin and on our website at catonsvillepres.org.

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP

Greg Mayes

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Guide us, O God, by your Word and Spirit, that in your light we may see light,
in your truth find wisdom, and in your will discover your peace, through Jesus
Christ our Lord. Amen.**

† Please rise in body or in spirit

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 98
Pages 551-552 of the Old Testament

HYMN # 371

“New Songs of Celebration Render”

SCRIPTURE

Ephesians 2:1-10
Pages 192 of the New Testament

SERMON

“The Poetics of Protest”
Ken Kovacs

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

We give out of abundance, whatever that may be. If you would like to contribute financially to Catonsville Presbyterian Church, scan the QR code or use the offering plates in the rear of the sanctuary.



OFFERTORY

Psalm 96: Sing to the Lord a New Song,
David Hurd

Refrain:

Sing to the Lord a new song, sing to the Lord, all the whole earth.

Sing to the Lord a new song, sing to the Lord, all the whole earth.

Sing to the Lord and bless God’s Name; proclaim the good news of God’s salvation from day to day.

Declare God’s glory among the nations, and God’s wonders among all peoples.

For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; God is more to be feared than all gods.

As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; but it is the Lord who made the heavens.

Continued on following page.

Oh, the majesty and magnificence of God's presence! Oh, the power and the splendor of God's sanctuary!

Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples; ascribe to the Lord honor and power.

† DOXOLOGY # 607

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

† PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Giver of all good gifts, how can we thank you for your never-ending love? Even our very lives are not enough. Accept these offerings as tokens of our gratitude and signs of our hope in the realm you have promised: the kingdom that is both here and on the way. And so, we wait in hope, in Jesus name we pray. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE 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 forgive 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.**

† HYMN # 275

“A Mighty Fortress is Our God”

† BENEDICTION

† POSTLUDE

Sing Praise to Him, Neil Harmon

This lively setting of the hymn tune MIT FREUDEN ZART by organist and composer Neil Harmon is in mixed meter, alternating between 6/8 and 4/4. The piece is in ritornello form, meaning that one will hear an interlude which returns after each hearing of the melody. The melody will be heard in the soprano first, and second in the pedal, after which the ritornello returns once more and concludes with a triumphal flourish.

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

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Organist and Assistant
Director of Music

SOURCES

Image: Reformed “Paradise” Temple or Church, Lyon, France (16th century).

Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon from *Common Prayer: From Conflict to Communion, Lutheran-Catholic Common Commemoration of the Reformation in 2017*. Written by the Liturgical Task Force of the Lutheran-Roman Catholic Commission on Unity.

Glory to God: The Presbyterian Hymnal (Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 2013).

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LEARNING & GROWING

Find resources and articles available at catonsvillepres.org/belonging

God's Glorious Creation

November 5 and 19 | Led by Mark Buehlman | 9:00 a.m. in the Library

God is longing for us to connect with God's glorious creation, and to be good stewards of it. The two November classes will cover a couple of areas of God's creation: the "just right" timing of climate, and the breathtaking design of plants, animals, and natural systems. As part of the sessions, we will discuss some of the science involved, human impacts, and ways we and the church can protect and help restore these systems. Led by Mark Buehlman, author, speaker, inventor, and teacher, who has over 45 years of diverse environmental experience. Most recently, he worked for 11 years as an Adjunct Professor at the Community College of Baltimore County, where he taught Environmental Science and Environmental Law.

Thursday Morning Bible Study

Thursday, November 2 | 10:30 a.m. in the Library

This fall, we're exploring the Letter to the Ephesians. Just bring your Bible and join us at 10:30 a.m. (in the library or via Zoom). We finish promptly at noon. Visit catonsvillepres.org/belonging to view the schedule or access the Zoom meeting.

Note: Bible study will take a fall break on November 16 and 23.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Memorial Service for Peggy Carr

The memorial service for Peggy Carr will be held on Saturday, November 4, at 11:00 a.m. in the sanctuary followed by inurnment at the columbarium. Visitation is planned for the night prior on Friday, November 3 between 3-5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. at Sterling-Ashton-Schwab-Witzke Funeral Home (1630 Edmonson Ave).

Trick or Treat Trail

Everyone is invited to the Woodlands after worship today for the kids' Trick or Treat Trail! There will be plenty of candy for our youngest costumed members, and we hope you can spend time enjoying this fellowship opportunity for all ages.

Adopt a Turkey

Once again, we are partnering with Grace AME to provide a Thanksgiving meal to our neighbors experiencing food insecurity. For the past several years, Catonsville Presbyterian Church has worked with Grace AME to provide food for the Thanksgiving holiday to those in need. You can contribute in one of three ways:

1. Bring nonperishable food contributions to worship with you on Sundays.
2. Drop off contributions at the October 20 or November 2 food collections.
3. Contribute financially online at catonsvillepres.org/give

Clothing Drive for Westside Men's Shelter

Deacons are collecting winter clothing for the Westside Men's Shelter. The shelter is in need of new or gently used coats, hats, gloves, long underwear, and warm boots. Collection bins in the sanctuary, Fellowship Hall, and on the Church House porch will be available for donations from November 1, 2023 through January 31, 2024. One of the Deacons will deliver the donations each week to the shelter. There are three ways you can give:

1. Drop off items in the collection bins
2. Make a financial gift through the online giving form by selecting "Westside Men's Shelter" from the available funds.
3. Make a check out to CPC and include "Westside Men's Shelter Clothing" in the memo line.

Contemplative Prayer and Meditation

The Contemplative Prayer and Meditation group will be gathering in person several times in the coming months. The next in-person meeting will be on Monday, November 6 at 7:00 p.m. Regular Zoom meetings will continue on Mondays at 7:00 p.m. as scheduled.

Messenger Deadline

The upcoming winter Messenger will be published on or about December 1 and cover the seasons of Advent, Christmastide, and Epiphany. All submissions must be received no later than November 10. Please let Michael Cuppett know if you would like to contribute.

Books for Adult Education

Copies of *American Idolatry: How Christian Nationalism Betrays the Gospel and Threatens the Church* by Andrew L. Whitehead are available for purchase for \$10. Whitehead shows how Christians harm their neighbors when they embrace the idols of power, fear, and violence. He uses two key examples--racism and xenophobia--to demonstrate that these idols violate core Christian beliefs. Through stories, he illuminates expressions of Christianity that confront Christian nationalism and offers a faithful path forward. Copies can be picked up in the church office or on Sunday mornings.

Fellowship Hour Hosts

Hosts are needed for Fellowship Hour each Sunday. If you are willing to serve for 30-45 minutes on a Sunday this fall or winter, please contact Stephanie Stevens (shfemrite@gmail.com)

Trivia Night

On Friday, December 8 at 7:00 p.m., we will be hosting a trivia night with dessert! Get ready to participate in Christmas trivia, with categories such as Christmas Music, Holiday Traditions, and Exegetical Analysis of the Nativity from the Synoptic Gospels (just kidding - that category is for Ken and Dorothy!) Please contact the Stephanie Stevens (shfemrite@gmail.com) with any questions.

Christmas at Sea

The Mission Committee asks for the congregation’s support and participation in the Christmas at Sea project through the Baltimore International Seafarers’ Center (BISC). We will prepare Christmas gift bags for seafarers arriving on cargo ships into the Port of Baltimore. Lee Van Koten, who died in early 2022, was instrumental in forging our involvement with BISC. Lee wrote, “Christmas is always a lonely one” for seafarers, far from their home and loved ones. These bags are a small token of appreciation for their efforts to keep the world economy functioning.” We hope to continue Lee’s legacy with a goal of making at least 60 gift bags.

You can get involved in several ways:

1. Financially sponsor a bag for \$15 by selecting “Seafarers Christmas at Sea” from the funds drop-down menu or by writing a check (please specify “Christmas at Sea” in the memo).
2. Make a bag by filling a one-gallon Ziploc bag with approved items.

Stop by our table in the Fellowship Hall any Sunday in November to get details, see a sample, and pick up a bag to fill. We’ll assemble gift bags after worship on December 3 during the Advent gathering.

GIVING UPDATE

We publish these numbers every week out of our gratitude for your financial giving. Thank you for your generosity towards our ministry and life together!

Actual income	\$ 647,386
Actual expense	\$ - 650,312
Total	\$ -2,926
<i>Per capita</i>	<i>\$ 1,860</i>

EVENTS THIS WEEK

The most accurate and up-to-date calendar is available on our website at catonsvillepres.org/events.

Day	Event	Location/time	Contact
Today	Worship	Sanctuary, 10:30 a.m.	Church Office office@catonsvillepres.org
	Trick or Treat Trail	Woodlands, after worship	Jenny Hutton jenhutton2010@gmail.com
	Worship Committee	France Room, after worship	Howie Nixon hlnixon2@gmail.com
Mon.	Bridges Circle	Brightview, 4 p.m.	Tracy Lantz tklantz@verizon.net
	Contemplative Prayer	Zoom, 7 p.m.	Brenda Logue naylogue@aol.com
Wed.	Session	Library, 7 p.m.	David Hutton dhutton1@verizon.net
Thurs.	Bible Study	Library/Zoom, 10:30 a.m.	Ken Kovacs kkovacs@catonsvillepres.org
	Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary 7:00 p.m.	Greg Knauf gknauf@catonsvillepres.org
Fri.	Food Collection	Small parking lot, 4-6 p.m.	Jenny Hutton jenhutton2010@gmail.com
Sat.	Memorial for Peggy Carr	Sanctuary, 11 a.m.	Church Office office@catonsvillepres.org
Next Sun.	Adult Education	Library, 9 a.m.	Ken Kovacs kkovacs@catonsvillepres.org
	All Saints' Sunday	Sanctuary, 10:30 a.m.	Church Office office@catonsvillepres.org



**STEPHEN
MINISTRY**

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I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art 624

1 I greet thee, who my sure Re-deem-er art,
 2 Thou art the King of mer-cy and of grace,
 3 Thou art the life, by which a-lone we live,
 4 Thou hast the true and per-fect gen-tle-ness;
 5 Our hope is in no oth-er save in thee;

my on-ly trust and Sav-ior of my heart,
 reign-ing om-ni-po-tent in ev-ery place:
 and all our sub-stance and our strength re-ceive;
 no harsh-ness hast thou and no bit-ter-ness.
 our faith is built up-on thy prom-ise free;

who pain didst un-der-go for my poor sake;
 so come, O King, and our whole be-ing sway;
 sus-tain us by thy faith and by thy power,
 O grant to us the grace we find in thee,
 Lord, give us peace, and make us calm and sure,

I pray thee from our hearts all cares to take.
 shine on us with the light of thy pure day.
 and give us strength in ev-ery try-ing hour.
 that we may dwell in per-fect u-ni-ty.
 that in thy strength we ev-er-more en-dure.

The original French text, sometimes attributed to John Calvin, seems to be a Protestant reworking of a Roman Catholic hymn, not a typical practice for him. Yet this text and tune (adapted from GENEVAN 124) clearly date from the early years of the Reformed tradition.

SERVICE MUSIC

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Glory to God,
Whose Goodness Shines on Me

Capo 3: (G) (D) (G) (D) (G) (D) (Em) (D)
B^b F B^b F B^b F Gm F

1 Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,
2 World with - out end, with - out end. A - men.

(D) (G) (C) (G) (Em7) (A7)
F B^b E^b B^b Gm7 C7

and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,
World with - out end, with - out end. A - men.

(A7) (D) (F#) (Bm)
C7 F A Dm

and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.
World with - out end, with - out end. A - men.

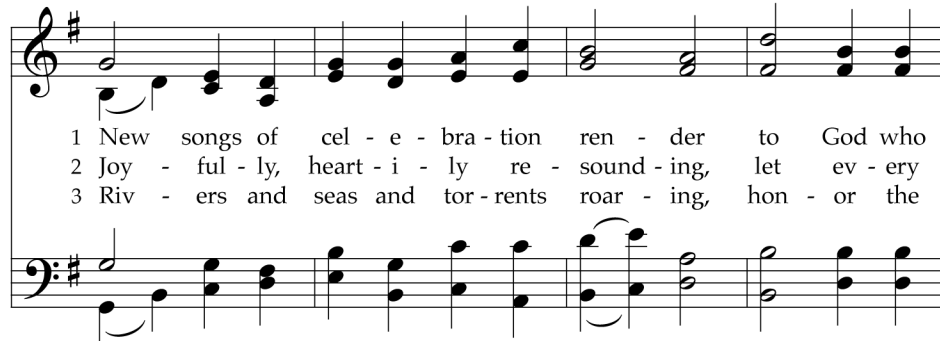
(Bm7) (D) (Bdim7) (Em7) (Dm)(A7) (D)
Dm7 F Ddim7 Gm7 Fm C7 F

As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now and ev - er shall be. A - men.

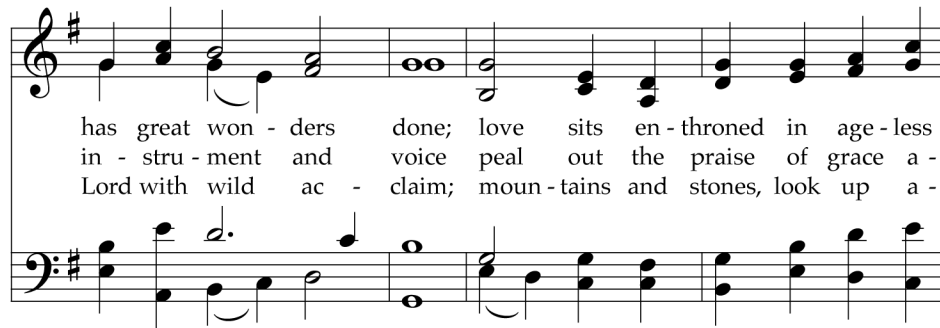
A NEW HEAVEN AND A NEW EARTH

371 New Songs of Celebration Render

(Psalm 98)



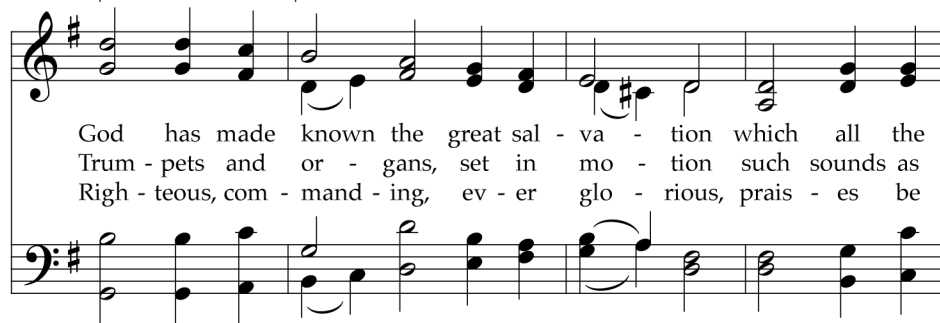
1 New songs of cel - e - bra - tion ren - der to God who
2 Joy - ful - ly, heart - i - ly re - sound - ing, let ev - ery
3 Riv - ers and seas and tor - rents roar - ing, hon - or the



has great won - ders done; love sits en - throned in age - less
in - stru - ment and voice peal out the praise of grace a -
Lord with wild ac - claim; moun - tains and stones, look up a -



splen - dor; come and a - dore the might - y One.
bound - ing, call - ing the whole world to re - joice.
dor - ing, and find a voice to praise God's name.



God has made known the great sal - va - tion which all the
Trum - pets and or - gans, set in mo - tion such sounds as
Righ - teous, com - mand - ing, ev - er glo - rious, prais - es be

This Genevan tune (created for Psalm 118 but also used for Psalm 98 in the 1562 edition of the Genevan Psalter) has worked successfully with several English texts. Here it sets a 20th-century paraphrase of Psalm 98 that owes much of its effectiveness to the author's skill with multisyllabic words.

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A NEW HEAVEN AND A NEW EARTH

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of two systems. The first system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line starts with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The piano accompaniment has a bass clef and the same key signature. The lyrics are: "saints with joy con - fess. God has re - vealed to ev - ery make the heav - ens ring; all things that live in earth and sung that nev - er cease: just is our God, whose truth vic -". The second system also has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line continues with the lyrics: "na - tion truth and un - end - ing righ - teous - ness. o - cean, sound forth the song; your prais - es bring. to - rious es - tab - lish - es the world in peace." The piano accompaniment continues with chords and single notes.

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sung that nev - er cease: just is our God, whose truth vic -

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o - cean, sound forth the song; your prais - es bring.
to - rious es - tab - lish - es the world in peace.

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1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul-wark nev - er
 2 Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be
 3 And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un -
 4 That word a - bove all earth - ly powers, no thanks to them, a -

fail - ing. Our help - er he, a - mid the flood of
 los - ing, were not the right man on our side, the
 do us, we will not fear, for God hath willed his
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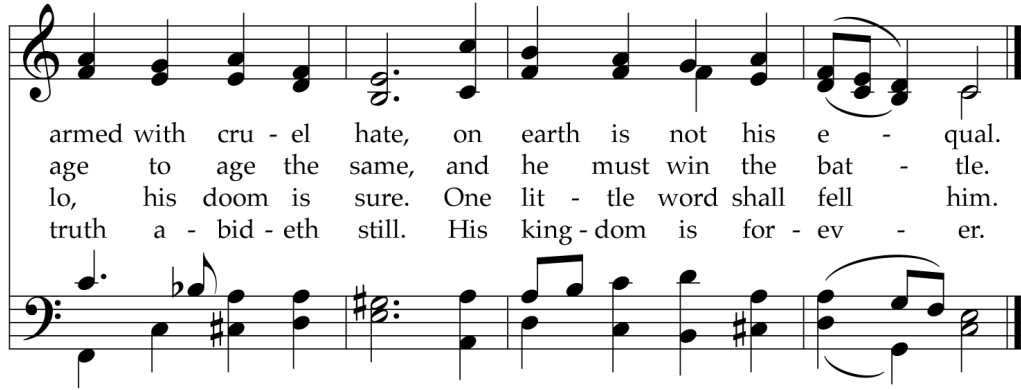
mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing. For still our an - cient foe doth
 man of God's own choos - ing. Dost ask who that may be? Christ
 truth to tri - umph through us. The Prince of Dark - ness grim, we
 him who with us sid - eth. Let goods and kin - dred go, this

seek to work us woe. His craft and power are great, and
 Je - sus, it is he. Lord Sab - a - oth his name, from
 trem - ble not for him. His rage we can en - dure, for
 mor - tal life al - so. The bod - y they may kill; God's

Long before Isaac Watts began to Christianize the Psalms, Martin Luther had already done so when he created the text and tune for this, his most famous hymn, which is based on Psalm 46. Luther encouraged metrical versions of psalms as well as chanted psalms and new hymns.

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JESUS CHRIST: ASCENSION AND REIGN



armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual.
age to age the same, and he must win the bat - tle.
lo, his doom is sure. One lit - tle word shall fell him.
truth a - bid - eth still. His king - dom is for - ev - er.