

FIRST (SCOTS) PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

53 Meeting Street, Charleston, South Carolina 29401

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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 27, 2025 AT 10 A.M.



THE REV. DR. L. HOLTON SIEGLING, JR.
SENIOR PASTOR/HEAD OF STAFF

THE REV. DR. JAMES T. ROGERS
ASSOCIATE PASTOR

THE REV. DR. PETER R. B. SUTTON
ASSOCIATE PASTOR

PASTOR MARY B. ROBINSON
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THE REV. DR. DANIEL W. MASSIE
PASTOR EMERITUS

Serving God in Charleston and the world

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THE VISION OF GOD

PRELUDE

“Andante Sostenuto”

Charles-Marie Widor

(May the beginning of the prelude serve as a call to silent meditation and prayer.)

WELCOME AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISCIPLESHIP

The Rev. Dr. L. Holton Siegling, Jr.

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Presbytery S.T.E.P.S. Event

Betsy Martin

†PASSING OF THE PEACE

CHORAL INTROIT

“Praise the Lord, Be Joyful”

Franz Joseph Haydn

Katherine Clarkson, Soprano; Timmi Winston, Mezzo-Soprano

arr. Hal H. Hopson

†CALL TO WORSHIP

The Rev. Dr. James T. Rogers

One: Jesus asks, “What does it profit a person to gain the whole world and lose their soul?”

All: God alone possesses the words of eternal life, so we let go of what cannot save; we lay down what cannot last.

One: We belong, in body and soul, in life and death, to our faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.

All: We come not as those who pursue lesser things, but as those who lift our hearts to the One True God, who has given Himself to us, which is gain beyond measure.

†PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“A Mighty Fortress is Our God”

Hymn No. 260

PRAYER OF ADORATION

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

CALL TO CONFESSION (A pause for silent confession follows.)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Almighty and Everlasting God, we confess that we have prioritized the material possessions of this world over the eternal treasures of your kingdom. In our pursuit of fleeting pleasures, we have strayed from your path, neglecting your eternal and profound truths. Forgive us, O Lord, and by your mercy, turn our hearts back to you. Teach us to surrender all that is impermanent and to cling to Christ. Renew us by your Holy Spirit, that we may walk in humble obedience, living not for ourselves but for your glory; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

†GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

†CHILDREN'S HYMN

“I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”

I have decided to follow Jesus;

I have decided to follow Jesus;

I have decided to follow Jesus;

no turning back, no turning back.

The world behind me, the cross before me,

The world behind me, the cross before me;

The world behind me, the cross before me;

no turning back, no turning back.

THE WORD OF GOD

THE TIME WITH CHILDREN

The Rev. Dr. Peter R. B. Sutton

(Children through 5 years old may be dismissed to the Massie Building for Children's Church.)

THE TIME FOR TEENS

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Pam Arnett

THE WORD READ

Old Testament: Genesis 12:1-9

(pew Bible, page 8)

New Testament: Mark 8:34-38

(pew Bible, page 820)

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

"THE HIGH COST OF
GAINING THE WORLD"

The Rev. Dr. L. Holton Siegling, Jr.

THE RESPONSE TO THE WORD

†THE APOSTLES' CREED (unison)

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 Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into Hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into Heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

†HYMN OF REFLECTION

"It Is Well With My Soul"

*When peace like a river attendeth my way,
when sorrows like sea billows roll;
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
"It is well, it is well with my soul." (Refrain)*

*My sin oh, the bliss of this glorious thought!
my sin, not in part, but the whole,
is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more;
praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! (Refrain)*

*Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
let this blest assurance control:
that Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
and has shed his own blood for my soul. (Refrain)*

*O Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
the trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend;
even so, it is well with my soul. (Refrain)*

(Refrain) *It is well with my soul; it is well, it is well with my soul.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor Mary B. Robinson

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.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

(We celebrate that some choose to give electronically, by texting FIRSTSCOTS to 73256, or by scanning the QR code found on the bulletin insert.)

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"You Do Not Walk Alone"

Elaine Hagenberg

Katherine Clarkson, Soprano; Timmi Winston, Mezzo-Soprano

† *Those who are able, please stand.*

†DOXOLOGY

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Hymn No. 592

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

†PRAYER OF DEDICATION

†HYMN OF COMMITMENT

“Crown Him With Many Crowns”

Hymn No. 151

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

The Rev. Dr. L. Holton Siegling, Jr.

†BENEDICTION RESPONSE

“Amen”

Claude Debussy

†POSTLUDE

“Fanfare in D”

Nicolas Jacques Lemmens

Large print hymnals and assisted listening devices are available upon request.

*The pedestal flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Nancy Dinwiddie Hawk from the
Children and Grandchildren of John and Nancy Hawk.*

*The flowers in the choir loft are given in celebration of the wedding of Cole Shubert and Claire Drnek who were married at
First (Scots) Saturday evening.*

If you feel the Spirit of God moving you to affirm your faith in Jesus, please speak to a pastor
following the service or contact them this week at the church.

OUR SERVICE OF WORSHIP EXTENDS BEYOND THE WALLS OF THE SANCTUARY

in the form of video recording and live streaming. Your presence with us today signifies consent
to the possibility that your image may be included as part of our media broadcast.

FIRST (SCOTS) HISTORY TOURS

Please join us for a guided tour and brief history of First (Scots) following the conclusion of worship.

Please come and meet your docent at the harpsichord following the service for a 10-15 minute tour.

Today's docent is Nonie Crosby.

ASSISTING WITH THE SERVICE TODAY

GREETERS: Shary Dillon, John Robinson

LEMONADE IN THE SHADE: Lisle Henderson

USHERS: Slade Metcalf (Captain), Chris Hawk, John Metcalf, Clark Truluck, Caroline Barnes

DEACONS: Bonnie Hutson (Lead Deacon), Carolyn Gildersleeve

BEADLE: Wade Davis

LAY READER: Pam Arnett

MEDIA MINISTRY: Matt Bucknam

ELDER ON CALL: (July 28 - August 3) - Elizabeth Riddle (843) 718-7551

DEACON ON CALL: (July 28 - August 3) - Lisle Henderson (678) 428-1624

PASTOR ON CALL: (July 28 - August 3) - Pastor Mary B. Robinson (843) 872-1527



The Reverend Dr. L. Holton Siegling, Jr., Senior Pastor
The Reverend Dr. James T. Rogers, Associate Pastor
The Reverend Dr. Peter R. B. Sutton, Associate Pastor
Pastor Mary Robinson, Commissioned Lay Pastor
The Reverend Dr. Daniel W. Massie, Pastor Emeritus



Ricard Bordas, Director of Choral Music
Alison Beskin, Kirk Choristers Director
Dakota Carte, Administrative Assistant
Jack Crawford, Communications Coordinator
Scarlett Crawford, Church Administrator
Jennifer Cromwell, Kindergarten Director
Ashley DesChamps, Christian Education Assistant

Chef Robyn Guisto, Food Services Director
Karen Kuhn, Administrative Assistant
Donna Lawson, Day Porter
Shelby Olinger, Church Accountant
Meredith Sharma, Cherub and Alleluia Choir Director
Garry Stone, Facility Maintenance Coordinator
Christina Wilhoit, Handbell Choir Director

Dr. Anthony Williams, Director of Music and Organist

Welcome to First (Scots)



@firstscots1731 and @firstscotsyouth



First Scots Presbyterian Church



www.first-scots.org

If you feel called, please prayerfully consider online giving, accessible using this QR code!



Join us on the portico after the service for some lemonade in the shade!



Calendar of Events July 28 - August 3

Monday, July 28

Vacation Bible School, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Monday Prayer Group, 12 - 1 p.m.

Bridge, 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Tuesday, July 29

Vacation Bible School, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Wednesday, July 30

Vacation Bible School, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Thursday, July 31

Vacation Bible School, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Graveside Memorial Service, 10 - 10:30 a.m.

Lectio Divina, 10 - 11:30 a.m.

Friday, August 1

Vacation Bible School, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Interested in being an online greeter?

Are you interested in serving as an online greeter for the First (Scots) Facebook page on Sunday morning during the live stream service? Contact Jack or Scarlett in the church office at (843) 722-8882 to learn more!

Save the Date for S.T.E.P.S.

S.T.E.P.S.: Studying + Teaching + Equipping + Praying + Serving: is a wonderful opportunity for church members to enrich their faith and understanding of the church. S.T.E.P.S. will take place on Saturday, August 23. You can find registration information by scanning the QR code or on the presbytery website. Printed brochures have been mailed to the church. We hope to see you at S.T.E.P.S. 2025 exploring ways we can grow and share our faith.

Teach me your ways, O Lord!
Psalm 25



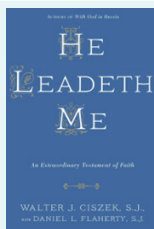
Scan this code to sign up!



Cancer Companions Book Club

First (Scots) is launching a new book club this fall, inspired by the Cancer Companions group's desire to stay connected. The group will read *He Leadeth Me* by Walter J. Cizek, a moving story of faith and endurance through 20 years in Soviet prison camps.

Ned Forney will lead the discussions in honor of his late wife Jodi, beginning with an introductory session on Wednesday, August 6 from 4-5:30 p.m. in Room 224 of the Massie Building, followed by weekly meetings starting September 10. For more information, contact Holly Wise at (843) 442-7632 or wisehh@usc.edu, Ned Forney at (843) 793-9873, or Mary Robinson at (843) 722-8882.



Sabbath 1776 Project

We're excited to announce that the Session has approved the Worship Committee's recommendation (inspired by Pat Kruger and Karolea Lucas) for a special bicentennial-themed service: the Sabbath 1776 Project. Join us on Sunday, July 5, 2026, at 10 a.m. as we glorify God through period-inspired liturgy, hymns, and preaching—worshiping as our ancestors did in 1776. Stay tuned for more details on this meaningful celebration of faith and heritage.

Usher request

Fall and Winter usher schedules are being prepared. Currently there is a need for ushers for both services. If you want to participate in the usher ministry of the church please make a note on the friendship pads on Sunday or notify Keith Blake or Karen Kuhn this month. Ushers who are currently serving should have received an email notification confirming their date. The return to services will occur on September 7th.



This year's Vacation Bible School is almost here, and we're so excited! From July 28 - August 3 from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m., our kids are going on a road trip with God! Drop off begins at 8:30 a.m. See you there!

CAROWINDS TRIP

On Tuesday, August 5 we're meeting at the Kirk House (62 King Street) at 8:30 a.m., traveling to Carowinds amusement park in Charlotte, NC, spending the day experiencing the rides and water park, and returning to the Kirk House at 11 p.m. Participants will need to pack a bag lunch to enjoy on the ride to Carowinds, bring money for dinner at Chick-fil-a on the way home, and submit a Youth Permission and Release Statement (if one isn't already on file at the church). Those that want to experience the waterpark should pack a bag that includes a swimsuit, sunscreen, towel, and money to share a locker (\$5). Registration is open now on onrealm.org or by clicking the link in the Youth Linktree.



YOUTH GROUP LINKTREE

VBS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

All middle school and high school youth are encouraged to volunteer at this year's Vacation Bible School from July 28-August 1 (8:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.). Sign up using the Youth Volunteer slot at the bottom of the VBS Volunteer SignUpGenius. Email Ansley Feussner with questions.

JOIN US FOR ONE OR BOTH OF OUR FALL GATHERINGS
HOSTED BY PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN (PW)

SEPTEMBER 23

ALL WOMEN OF THE CHURCH, VISITORS, AND FRIENDS ARE WELCOME.
REFRESHMENTS AND LIGHT BITES PROVIDED. DOOR PRIZES TOO!



TUESDAY, 9/23
10 - 11:30 A.M.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR MORNING
FELLOWSHIP IN THE SC SOCIETY
HALL AT 72 MEETING STREET.



TUESDAY, 9/23
6 - 7:30 P.M.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR AN
EVENING FELLOWSHIP AS WE
GATHER IN THE DOWNTOWN
HOME OF BETSY MARTIN

EMAIL EPMIDDLETON230@GMAIL.COM OR
SIEGLINGCHRISTY@GMAIL.COM FOR MORE INFORMATION

PLEASE INQUIRE ABOUT OUR FREE CHILDCARE OPTIONS BEFORE 9/9/25

Open Door Initiative

How many pass the gates of our historic church daily, longing for a moment of rest? The Evangelism Committee offers a new program at First (Scots), opening our sanctuary to visitors during regular weekday hours this summer, and we need your help! Volunteer to serve as hosts in our sanctuary during business hours. No special knowledge is required. Do you hear the call? Contact Rob Dillon at (843) 670-8002 or DillonR@fwgna.org.



1731 Legacy Society

The purpose of the 1731 Legacy Society is to build an endowment for the church which can deal with the ongoing needs of maintaining an almost 300-year old facility. That frees up current donations (annual stewardship) to more effectively address the day-to-day church operations. Contact Bill Prewitt at (843) 620-0158 or wmcprewitt@gmail.com to learn more.



Thanks to everyone who came out to make our very first "Coffee at the Carriage House" a success!



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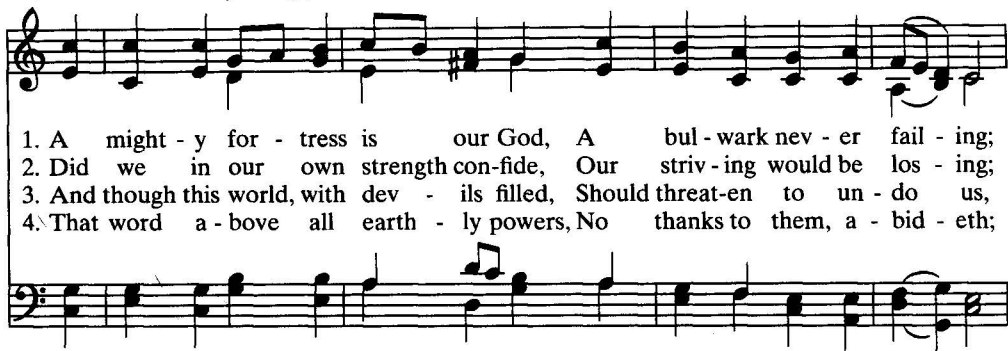
A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

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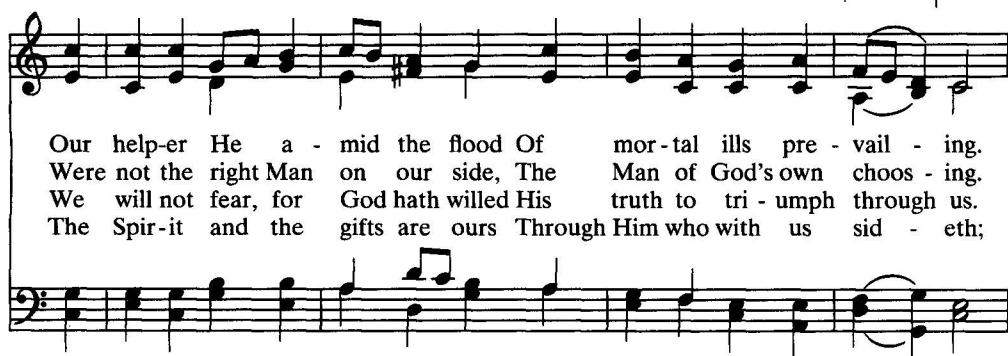
Martin Luther, 1529

Trans. Frederick Henry Hedge, 1852

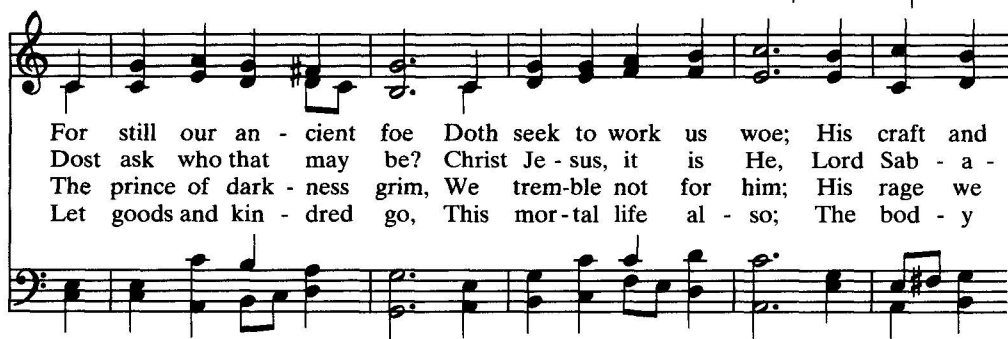
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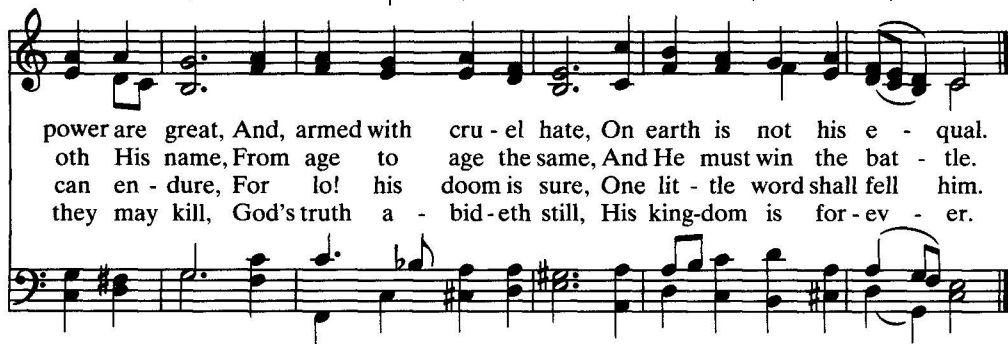
1. A might - y for - tress is our God, A bul - wark nev - er fail - ing;
 2. Did we in our own strength con - fide, Our striv - ing would be los - ing;
 3. And though this world, with dev - ils filled, Should threat - en to un - do us,
 4. That word a - bove all earth - ly powers, No thanks to them, a - bid - eth;



Our help - er He a - mid the flood Of mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing.
 Were not the right Man on our side, The Man of God's own choos - ing.
 We will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to tri - umph through us.
 The Spir - it and the gifts are ours Through Him who with us sid - eth;



For still our an - cient foe Doth seek to work us woe; His craft and
 Dost ask who that may be? Christ Je - sus, it is He, Lord Sab - a -
 The prince of dark - ness grim, We trem - ble not for him; His rage we
 Let goods and kin - dred go, This mor - tal life al - so; The bod - y



power are great, And, armed with cru - el hate, On earth is not his e - qual.
 oth His name, From age to age the same, And He must win the bat - tle.
 can en - dure, For lo! his doom is sure, One lit - tle word shall fell him.
 they may kill, God's truth a - bid - eth still, His king - dom is for - ev - er.

Unison

1 I have de-cid-ed to fol-low Je-sus, I have de-
 2 The world be-hind me, the cross be-fore me, the world be-
 3 Though none go with me, I still will fol-low, though none go
 4 Will you de-cide now to fol-low Je-sus? Will you de-

cid-ed to fol-low Je-sus, I have de-cid-ed to fol-low
 hind me, the cross be-fore me, the world be-hind me, the cross be-
 with me, I still will fol-low, though none go with me, I still will
 cide now to fol-low Je-sus? Will you de-cide now to fol-low

Je - sus— no turn-ing back, no turn-ing back.
 fore me— no turn-ing back, no turn-ing back.
 fol - low— no turn-ing back, no turn-ing back.
 Je - sus?— no turn-ing back, no turn-ing back.

It Is Well with My Soul

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1. When peace, like a riv - er, at - tend - eth my way, when sor - rows like
 2. Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let this blest as -
 3. My sin—O the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought!—my sin, not in
 4. O Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled



sea bil - lows roll; what - ev - er my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
 sur - ance con - trol, that Christ has re - gard - ed my help - less es - tate,
 part, but the whole, is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more;
 back as a scroll; the trump shall re - sound, and the Lord shall de - scend;



Refrain



“It is well, it is well with my soul.”
 and has shed his own blood for my soul. It is well
 praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! It is well
 “E - ven so”—it is well with my soul.



with my soul;
 with my soul; it is well, it is well with my soul.



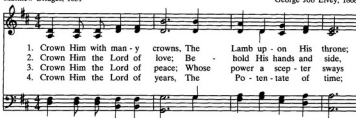
Crown Him with Many Crowns

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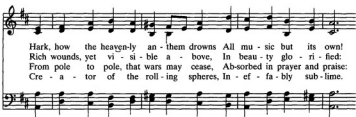
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Matthew Bridges, 1851

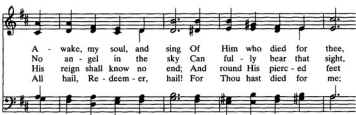
George Job Elvey, 1868



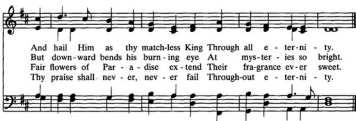
1. Crown Him with man - y crowns, The Lamb up - on His throne;
 2. Crown Him the Lord of love; Be - hold His hands and side,
 3. Crown Him the Lord of peace; Whose power a scep - ter sways
 4. Crown Him the Lord of years, The Po - ten - tate of time;



Hark, how the heav - en - ly an - them drowns All mu - sic but its own!
 Rich wounds, yet vi - si - 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.