

FIRST (SCOTS) PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

53 Meeting Street, Charleston, South Carolina 29401

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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 30, 2026 AT 10 A.M.



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

THE REV. DR. JAMES T. ROGERS
ASSOCIATE PASTOR

PASTOR MARY B. ROBINSON
COMMISSIONED LAY PASTOR

THE REV. DR. DANIEL W. MASSIE
PASTOR EMERITUS

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THE VISION OF GOD

PRELUDE

“Arabesque” and “Prière”

Jean Langlais

(May the beginning of the prelude serve as a call to silent meditation and prayer.
You are welcome to use this time to mark your attendance in the pew friendship pads.)

WELCOME AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISCIPLESHIP

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

MINUTE FOR MISSION

New Members Class

John White

†PASSING OF THE PEACE

CHORAL INTROIT

“Come, Sing With Joy to God”
Summer Choir

David Clark Isele

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Mary Robinson

One: Seek the Lord while he may be found; call upon him while he is near.

All: Let us seek the ways of the Lord, for his thoughts are higher than our thoughts.

One: Let us worship the God whose wisdom is greater than our wisdom and whose ways are higher than our ways.

All: We come to follow the Lord, to trust his ways, to walk in his light and to worship the living God.

†PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above”

Hymn No. 483

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 often want to take the lead. We trust our own wisdom, cling to our own plans and resist your ways when they lead somewhere we would not choose. Forgive us when our good intentions become stumbling blocks and when we make ourselves the center of the story. Teach us to follow rather than lead, to trust rather than control and to surrender our will to yours. Remind us that we do not take up our cross to earn your love, but because in Christ we have already received it. Forgive us, renew us and lead us in the way of life; 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.*

† *Those who are able, please stand.*

†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

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

THE TIME FOR TEENS

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Hank Martin

THE WORD READ

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 55: 6 - 9

(pew Bible, page 598)

New Testament Lesson: Matthew 16: 21 - 28

(pew Bible, page 798)

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

“GET BEHIND ME”

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

“In the Cross of Christ I Glory”

Hymn No. 84

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

The Rev. Dr. James T. Rogers

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

(As the offering plates are passed down each aisle, we celebrate those who contribute through various means, including electronically, by texting FIRSTSCOTS to 73256, or by scanning the QR code on the bulletin insert.)

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“The Lord’s My Shepherd ”

Bob Chilcott

Summer Choir

†DOXOLOGY

Hymn No. 592

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

*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

“Christ, Now Go Before Us”

Franz Schubert/arr. Hal H. Hopson

†POSTLUDE

“Grand Choeur in B-flat”

Théodore Dubois

† † †

The flowers today are given in appreciation of our church family. Thank you for the many years of love, friendship, prayers and support you have shown our family.
Wayne, Carolyn, Martha, and Thomas (The Jones Family)

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

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

Welcome to First (Scots)! We are glad you are here. After worship, you are invited to meet our docent at the harpsichord for a brief 10-15 minute tour and introduction to our church family.
First-time visitors will receive a welcome bag. Today's docent is Jon Carter.

ASSISTING WITH THE SERVICE TODAY

GREETERS: Jan Key, Legare Gresham
LEMONADE IN THE SHADE: Will DesChamps
USHERS: John Witty (Captain), Anne Dukes,
Matt Thomas, Chase McNair,
Mayrelle Semken, Greg McKenzie

DEACONS: Emily Topham (Lead Deacon),
Wilson Pickren
BEADLE: Whit Smith
LAY READER: Hank Martin
MEDIA MINISTRY: Matt Bucknam

ELDER ON CALL: (August 31 - September 6) - Beth Evans (843) 860-4882

DEACON ON CALL: (August 31 - September 6) - Will DesChamps (843) 316-2873

PASTOR ON CALL: (August 31 - September 6) - The Rev. Dr. James T. Rogers (843) 513-3717



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



Ricard Bordas, Director of Choral Music
Dakota Carte, Administrative Assistant
Scarlett Crawford, Church Administrator
Jennifer Cromwell, Kindergarten Director
Ashley DesChamps, Christian Education Assistant
Nathaniel Finn, Communications Coordinator
Chef Robyn Guisto, Food Services Director
Maria Massie Hagan, Youth Ministry Coordinator

Karen Kuhn, Administrative Assistant
Donna Lawson, Day Porter
Shelby Olinger, Church Accountant
Anne-Clark Peters, Communications Coordinator
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)



If you feel called, please prayerfully consider online giving, accessible using this QR code! In addition to the offering plate, pledges may be made through the website, through Realm, and in the church office.

Calendar of Events

August 31 - September 6

Monday, August 31

Monday Prayer Group, 12 - 1 p.m.

Prayer Shawl Ministry, 1 - 3 p.m.

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

Tuesday, September 1

Men's Breakfast and Bible Study, 7 a.m.

Presbyterian Women Board Meeting, 9 a.m.

Open Door Initiative, 1 - 4 p.m.

Wednesday, September 2

Kirk Choir Rehearsal 6:15 p.m.

Thursday, September 3

Line Dancing, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Thursday Tabletalk Bible Study, 12 p.m.

Open Door Initiative, 1 - 4 p.m.

RALLY DAY IS SEPTEMBER 13!



Scan for more info

We are looking for High School Sunday School teachers! Please consider teaching in any capacity. Teaching on a rotation with others is an option, too! For more information, **scan the QR code** or contact Ashley DesChamps at cedassist@first-scots.org.

Calling all Kirk Club volunteers!

If you can find the time, we have a spot for you! Please reach out to Ashley to see how you can help.



FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

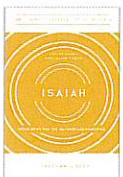
"It's never too late to set a new goal or dream a new dream."

C.S. Lewis

Only 32% of Americans could cover a \$5,000 emergency fund without borrowing. Are you one of those?

First (Scots) again will offer the nine-week Financial Peace University class this fall. Video/discussion classes are tentatively scheduled from 6:15 - 7:45 p.m. Wednesdays, September 23 - November 18.

For more information, contact Carol Rees at (618) 402-9304.



TUESDAY EVENING WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

*Isaiah - Good News for the Wayward and
Wandering by Jonathan Gibson*

Study the Old Testament prophet as he peers forward several centuries to describe Jesus Christ in precise detail. Isaiah speaks across generations to people living in an assortment of eras and situations.

When: Tuesdays from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. beginning September 15 and continuing for ten sessions.

Where: In Room 203

Contact Ruthie Edwards at halfsouthern1@gmail.com or Martha Jane Hudnall at mj.hudnall@comcast.net if you have any questions.



WEDNESDAY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Wednesday morning ladies Bible study will meet from 10 - 11:30 a.m. beginning on September 9. We are going to follow The Bible Recap - New Testament chronological reading plan with short passages with weekly video recaps from the author, Tara-Leigh Cobble.

This plan is designed to help you read, understand, and love the Bible.

Visit: www.thebiblerecap.com

Contact Amy Shubert at ashubert27@gmail.com or by phone (843) 810 - 4291.



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S FALL FELLOWSHIP

All women of the church are cordially invited to a drop-in on Tuesday, September 22 from either 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. or 6 - 7:30 p.m. at the home of Margaret Ann Pearson, **77 S. Battery Street, Charleston.**

Please join us to gather with friends while enjoying light refreshments and to learn more about PW Circles at First Scots.

For additional information contact Karolea Lucas at karolealucas@msn.com or Sally Baggett at baggettsally@gmail.com.



CANCER COMPANIONS



The Fall session of the Cancer Companions support group begins on Wednesday, September 16 at 4:00 p.m. sessions are led by Mary Robinson, Commissioned Lay Pastor, and Holly Wise, cancer survivor. We will meet in person or via Zoom for 9 sessions, ending on November 18.

For more information, **scan the QR code below** to access important details about Cancer Companions and the course calendar, or call the church office at (843) 722-8882.

"Draw near to God and He will draw near to you." James 4:8



South Carolina Presbyterian Pilgrimage



Make a friend, Be a friend, Bring a friend to
Christ

Are you seeking an awakening in your life? A reconnection with God and a renewal of your faith? A chance to release and recharge from the stressors of life? Our upcoming Pilgrimage weekend is the answer to these questions. Awaken and experience God's grace and love in a beautiful setting! Please use the **QR code below to sign up** or to invite others who may be interested.



KIRK CLUB REGISTRATION FOR 2026 - 2027



Scan to sign up!



Registration for Kirk Club is now open for 2026-2027! Kirk Club is an awesome opportunity for kids to learn, play, and make new friends.

Our first day is Wednesday, September 16 and drop off begins at 3:30 p.m. and ends at 5:40 p.m. The registration fee is \$100 per child.

Scan the QR code to register. For more information, contact Ashley DesChamps at cedassist@first-scots.org.



BUILD A HOME AND CHANGE A LIFE!

First (Scots) is preparing to build a mini-house dedicated to the memory of Bryan Dillon, son of Shary and Rob Dillon. Please volunteer! Your participation will help provide a safe and stable home for an individual in need. No prior construction experience is necessary, just a willingness to help and a positive attitude. You will be contacted when dates and times are finalized.

Scan to volunteer!



SEPTEMBER LINE DANCING CLASSES

Line Dancing classes will take place in Molly Wier Hall on all Thursday mornings from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. during the month of September. Contact Pam Arnett at pampagearnett@gmail.com if you have any questions.



PARKING NOTICE



Just a quick reminder that **parking on Sundays at First (Scots) in the church parking lot is limited**. Our current policy provides first consideration to members who require handicap parking, have mobility issues, or have other special needs, including the elderly and expectant mothers.

First (Scots) Youth Ministries



Sixth Grader Welcome Event

On Sunday, August 23 members of the youth group and youth advisors were able to surprise seventeen of our sixth graders at their homes and take them out for an afternoon of fun at Whirlin' Waters Adventure Waterpark. The event concluded at the church with a dinner with families. What a great way to welcome some of our sixth graders to youth group!

We look forward to seeing all of our sixth graders and their families at our Youth Group Kickoff Party on Sunday, September 13 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. in Molly Wier Fellowship Hall.

Confirmation Class Invitation



Eighth graders and older youth who have not completed the program are invited to be a part of the 2027 First (Scots) Confirmation Class. Confirmation is an eight-month process that prepares youth to publicly profess faith in Jesus Christ and become adult members of the church.

Those interested are invited to attend an informational meeting for youth and parents in the Kirk House (62 King Street). The upcoming informational meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 26 at 6 p.m. Confirmation class will then meet most Sundays from 10 - 11 a.m. in the Kirk House (62 King Street; second floor classroom) from September 20 through May 2, when the class will have the opportunity to be welcomed as adult members at the 11:15 a.m. service.

Scan to register!



Youth can **register** by **scanning the QR code** above and completing the Confirmation Class of 2027 JotForm by September 1 and should invite an adult to serve as their personal Confirmation Mentor. Questions? Please contact James Rogers at jrogers@first-scots.org.

Youth Group Kickoff Party

All youth in grades six through twelve and their parents are invited to attend our Youth Group Kickoff Party on Sunday, September 13 at 5 p.m. in Molly Wier Hall. We will enjoy food, play fun games, and learn about upcoming youth activities! Please add this important event to your calendar.



Youth Group Linktree

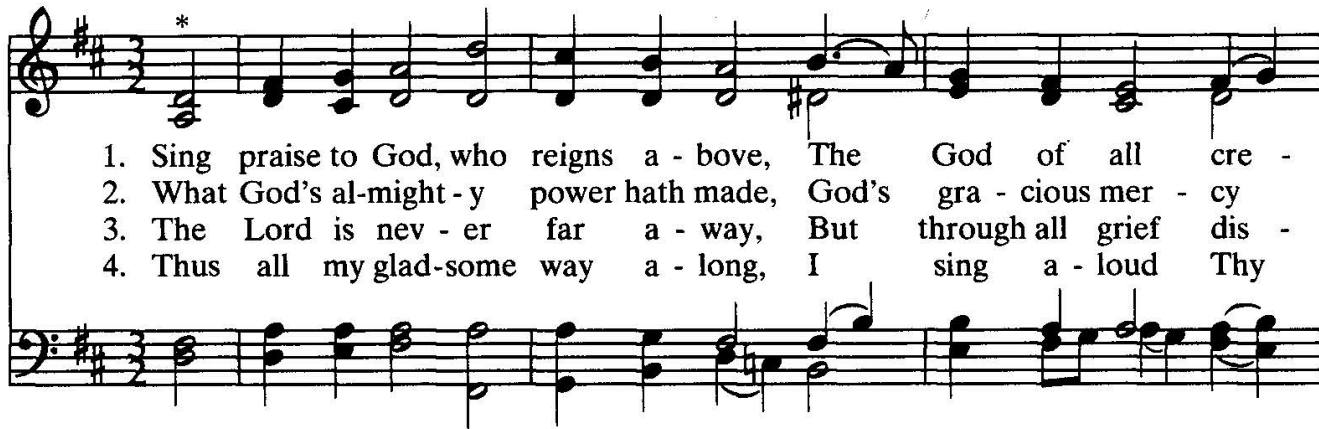


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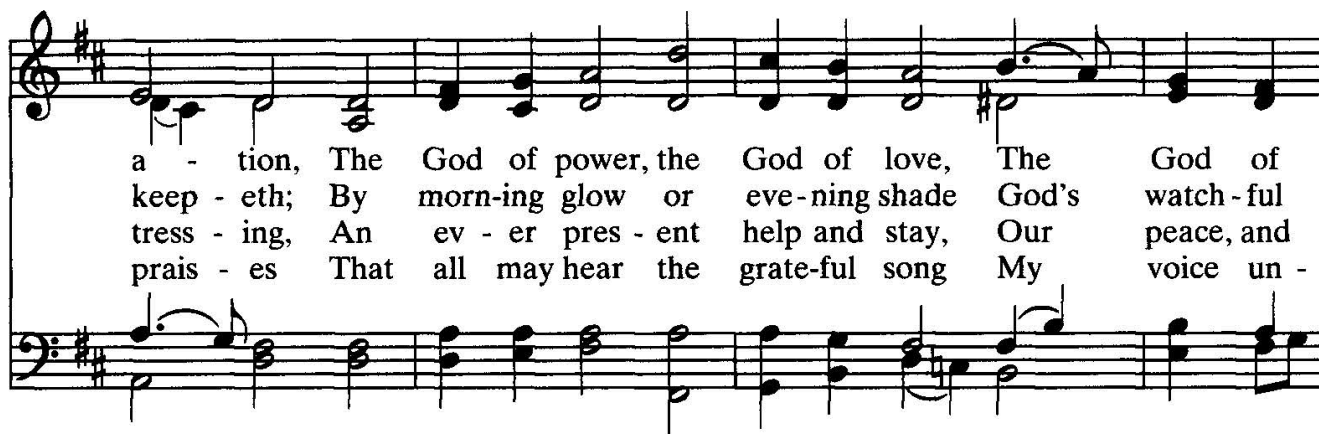
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Johann Jacob Schütz, 1675

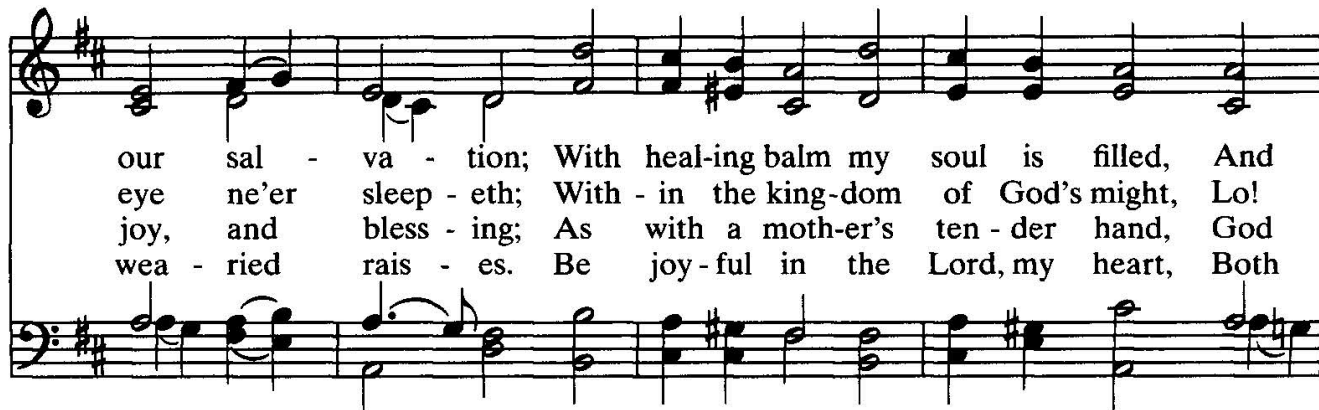
Trans. Frances Elizabeth Cox, 1864; alt.

Bohemian Brethren's *Kirchengesang*, 1566


1. Sing praise to God, who reigns a - bove, The God of all cre -
 2. What God's al-might - y power hath made, God's gra - cious mer - cy
 3. The Lord is nev - er far a - way, But through all grief dis -
 4. Thus all my glad-some way a - long, I sing a - loud Thy



a - tion, The God of power, the God of love, The God of
 keep - eth; By morn-ing glow or eve-ning shade God's watch - ful
 tress - ing, An ev - er pres - ent help and stay, Our peace, and
 prais - es That all may hear the grate-ful song My voice un -



our sal - va - tion; With heal-ing balm my soul is filled, And
 eye ne'er sleep - eth; With - in the king-dom of God's might, Lo!
 joy, and bless - ing; As with a moth-er's ten - der hand, God
 wea - ried rais - es. Be joy - ful in the Lord, my heart, Both



ev - ery faith-less mur-mur stilled:
 all is just and all is right:
 gent-ly leads the cho - sen band: To God all praise and glo - ry!
 soul and bod - y take your part:

*May be sung in unison.

This tune in a lower key, 7



God, should take Our mor - tal form for mor-tals' sake.
sharp He knew, For us the tempt - er o - ver - threw.
cross and death, For us gave up His dy - ing breath.
Spir - it here To guide, to strength - en, and to cheer.
we a - dore For - ev - er and for - ev - er - more.

Galatians 6:14

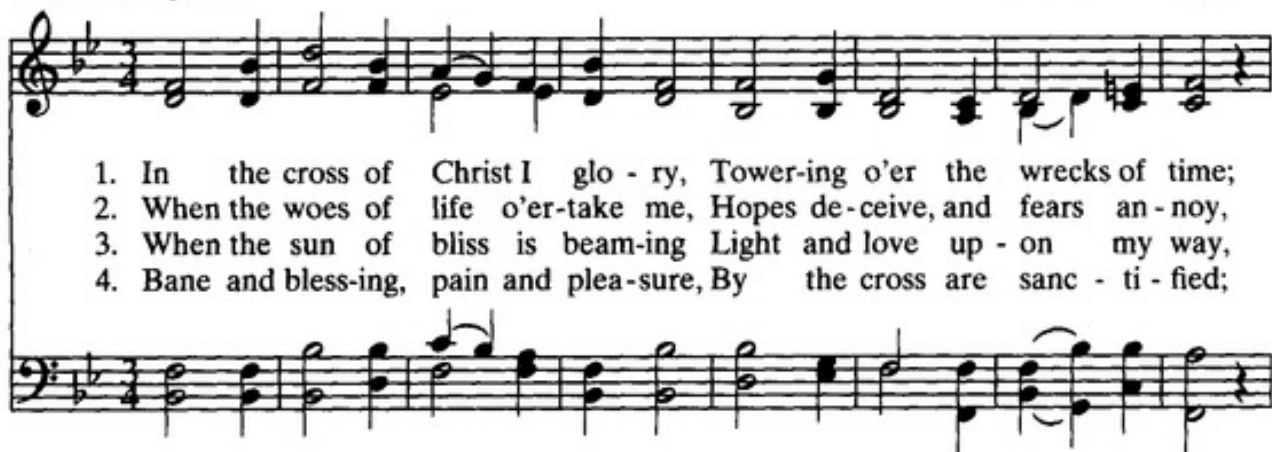
In the Cross of Christ I Glory

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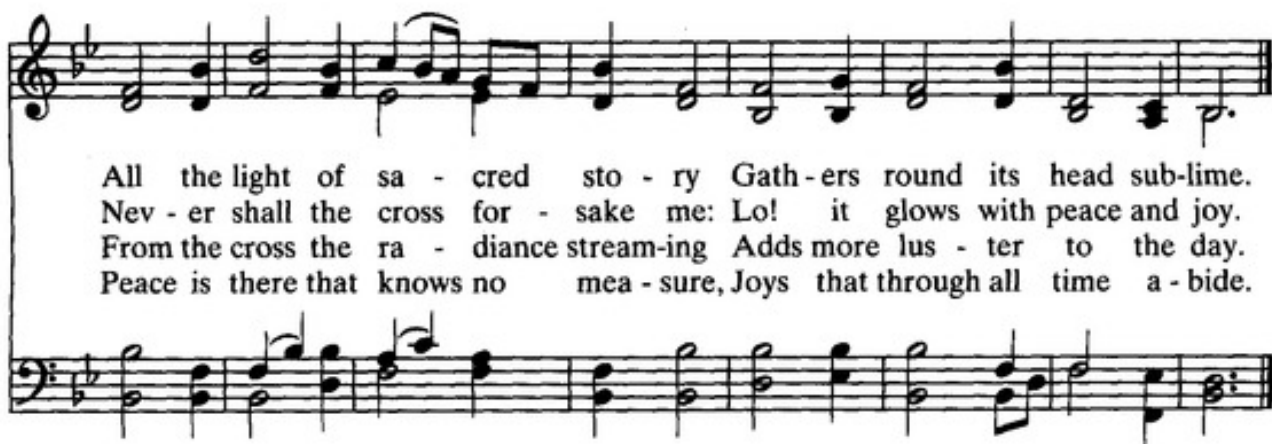
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John Bowring, 1825

Ithamar Conkey, 1849



1. In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, Tower-ing o'er the wrecks of time;
2. When the woes of life o'er-take me, Hopes de-ceive, and fears an - noy,
3. When the sun of bliss is beam-ing Light and love up - on my way,
4. Bane and bless-ing, pain and plea-sure, By the cross are sanc - ti - fied;



All the light of sa - cred sto - ry Gath - ers round its head sub-lime.
Nev - er shall the cross for - sake me: Lo! it glows with peace and joy.
From the cross the ra - diance stream-ing Adds more lus - ter to the day.
Peace is there that knows no mea - sure, Joys that through all time a - bide.

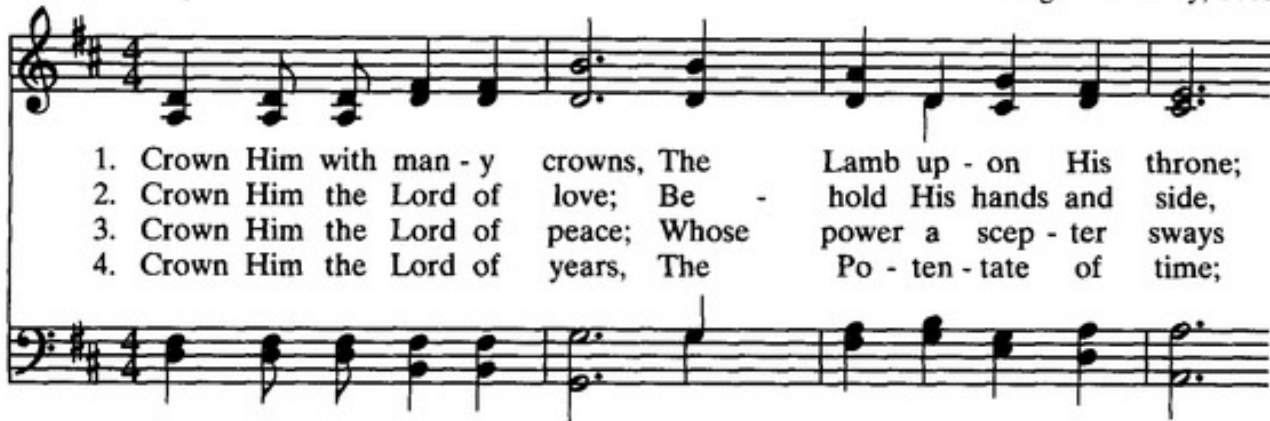
Crown Him with Many Crowns

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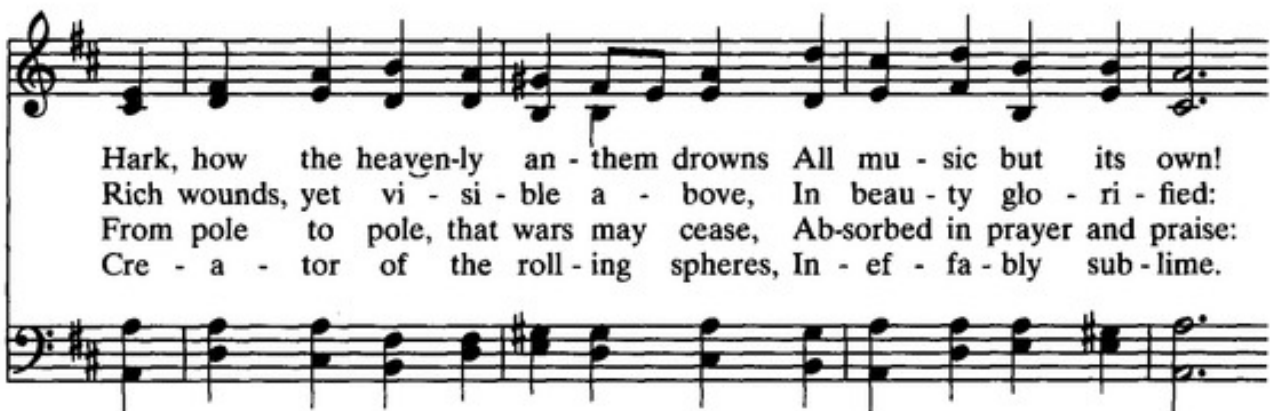
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Matthew Bridges, 1851

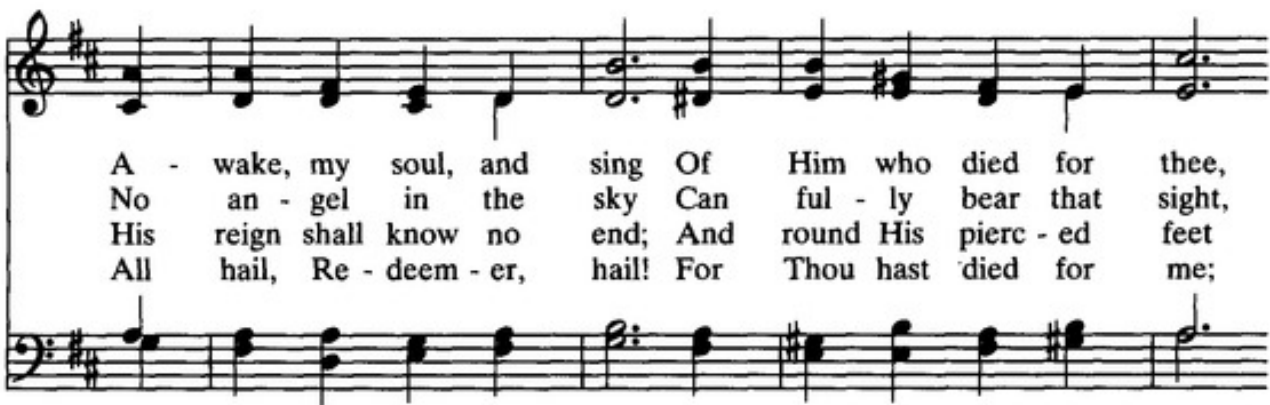
George Job Elvey, 1868



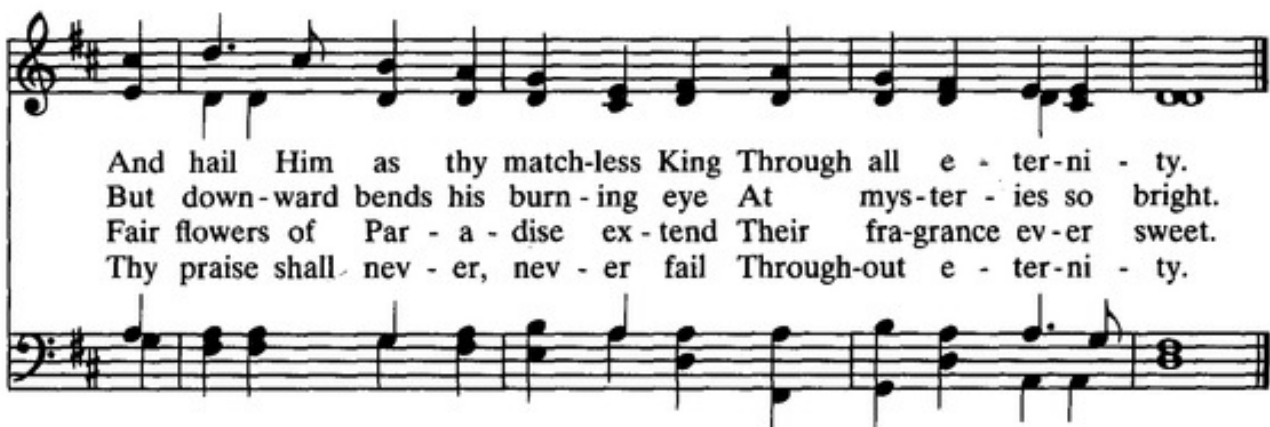
1. Crown Him with man - y crowns, The Lamb up - on His throne;
 2. Crown Him the Lord of love; Be - hold His hands and side,
 3. Crown Him the Lord of peace; Whose power a scep - ter sways
 4. Crown Him the Lord of years, The Po - ten - tate of time;



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.