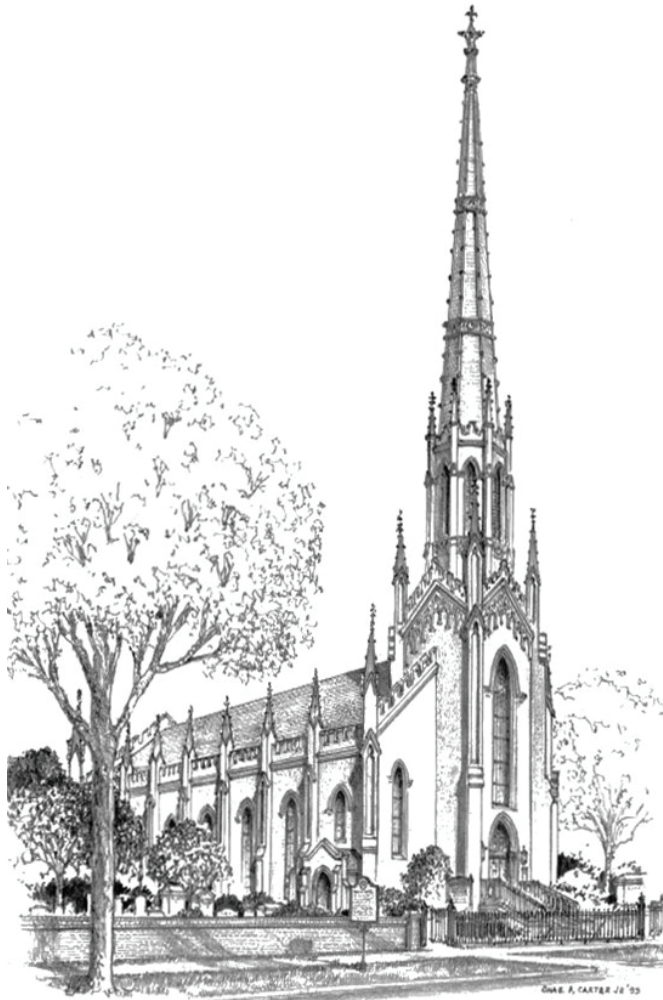


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Lord's Day, August 9, 2026

8:30 A.M. & 11:15 A.M.

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Praise the Lord all the earth!
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Let the sea roar and all that is therein,
The round world and all they that dwell there.
Lift your voices, floods and tempests.
Mountains, clap your hands for joy.

Let the fields laugh and sing, with waving corn,
And let all the trees of the forest be joyful!

Jacob Will, bass

CALL TO WORSHIP

+ **HYMN 21** *Sing Praise to the Lord!*

LAUDATE DOMINUM

Please find the music on page 6 of your bulletin.

Capers Beach, trumpet

+ **INVOCATION AND LORD’S PRAYER**

Our Father, which 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.

+ CONFESSION OF FAITH

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.

+ GLORIA PATRI

LADY STREET

Glory be to God the Father,
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Most holy and most gracious God, as we gather in worship today, we confess that even in our times of worship, as in our daily lives, our love for You has not been with all our hearts, all our souls, or all our minds. We have far too often worshiped You with our lips, when our hearts have been far from You. Even in our confessions of sin, we too often say these prayers without praying these prayers. Forgive us, O God, and have mercy upon us, for we know that You seek those who worship You in spirit and in truth. Give us Your sanctifying grace this day, that we may love You more, and praise You according to Your excellent greatness. O merciful and compassionate Lord, create in us a clean heart, and renew a right spirit within us, then open our lips, and our mouths will declare Your praise. Be pleased, O God, to make our worship this day Your own holy dwelling place, and be enthroned upon our praises. All this we ask through the merits and intercession of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

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(Psalm 103:8–12, ESV)

MORNING PRAYER

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GERMANY

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Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear that music ringing;
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What though my joys and comforts die? I know my Savior liveth.
What though the darkness gather round? Songs in the night He giveth.
I lift my eyes—the cloud grows thin, I see the blue above it;
And day by day, this pathway smooths since first I learned to love it.

The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing;
All things are mine since I am His—how can I keep from singing?

+ **DOXOLOGY**

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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+ **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

SCRIPTURE LESSON

2 Chronicles 29:1–11, 25–30
(ESV Standard Bible page 380; Children's Bible page 488)

SERMON “Investing in Worship”

Dr. Mark Ross

PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD OF GOD

+ **HYMN 14** *New Songs of Celebration Render*

RENDEZ A DIEU

Please find the music on pages 8 & 9 of your bulletin.

+ **BENEDICTION**

+ **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE HYMN 730** *Benediction*

EVENING PRAYER

May the grace of Christ our Savior
And the Father's boundless love,
With the Holy Spirit's favor,
Rest upon us from above.

Thus may we abide in union
With each other and the Lord,
And possess, in sweet communion,
Joys which earth cannot afford.

POSTLUDE *Fugue in C Major, BWV 531*

J. S. Bach

Mr. Thomas Russell, organist

Sing Praise to the Lord!

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Praise the LORD. Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens.
Ps. 150:1

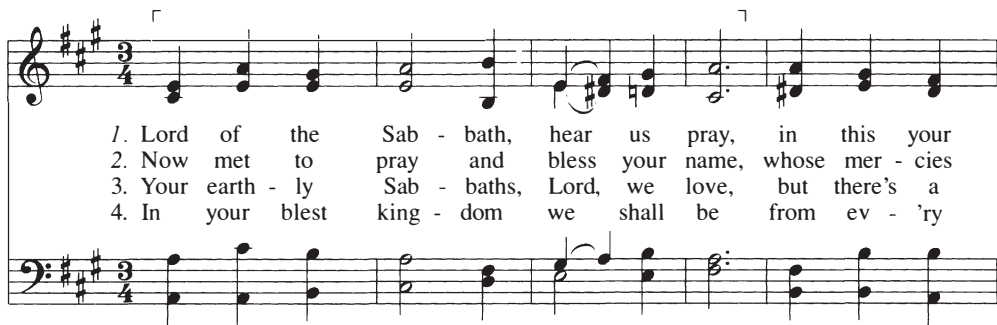
1. Sing praise to the Lord! Praise him in the height;
2. Sing praise to the Lord! Praise him on the earth
3. Sing praise to the Lord! All things that give sound,
4. Sing praise to the Lord! Thanks - giv - ing and song

re - joice in his word, you an - gels of light.
in tune - ful ac - cord, you saints of new birth.
each ju - bi - lant chord, re - ech - o a - round.
to him be out - poured all a - ges a - long!

You heav - ens, a - dore him by whom you were made,
Praise him who has brought you his grace from a - bove;
Loud or - gans, his glo - ry tell forth in deep tone,
For love in cre - a - tion, for heav - en re - stored,

and wor - ship be - fore him in bright - ness ar - rayed.
praise him who has taught you to sing of his love.
and trum - pets, the sto - ry of what he has done.
for grace of sal - va - tion, sing praise to the Lord!

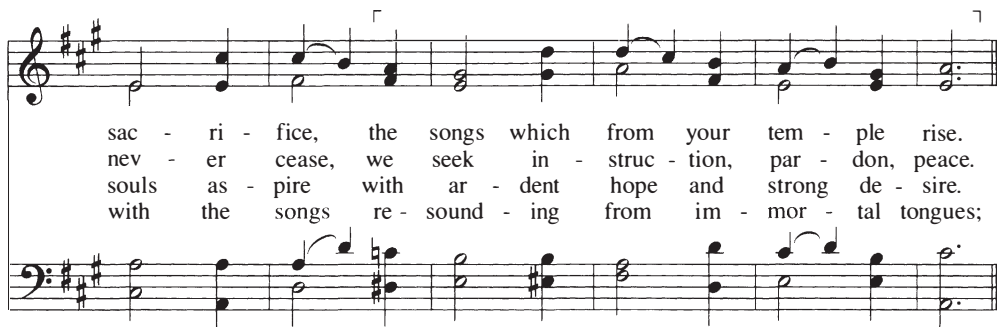
Lord of the Sabbath, Hear Us Pray

The Son of Man is Lord of the Sabbath. Matt. 12:8


1. Lord of the Sab - bath, hear us pray, in this your
 2. Now met to pray and bless your name, whose mer - cies
 3. Your earth - ly Sab - baths, Lord, we love, but there's a
 4. In your blest king - dom we shall be from ev - 'ry



house, on this your day; and own, as grate - ful
 flow each day the same, whose kind com - pas - sions
 no - bler rest a - bove; to that our la - b'ring
 mor - tal trou - ble free; no sighs shall min - gle



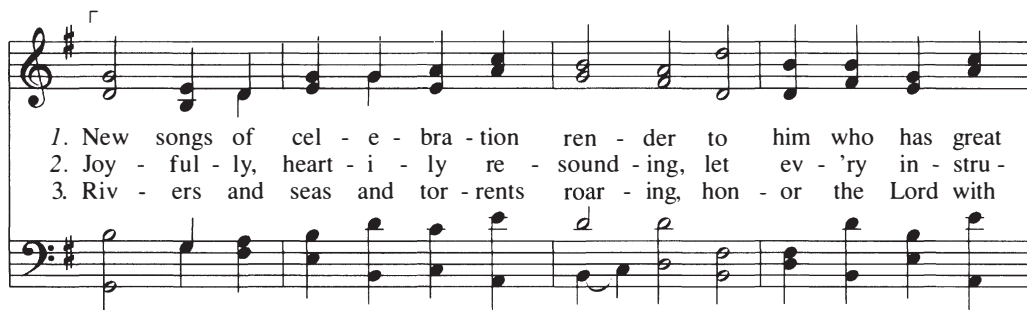
sac - ri - fice, the songs which from your tem - ple rise.
 nev - er cease, we seek in - struc - tion, par - don, peace.
 souls as - pire with ar - dent hope and strong de - sire.
 with the songs re - sound - ing from im - mor - tal tongues;

5. No rude alarms of raging foes;
 no cares to break the long repose;
 no midnight shade, no waning moon,
 but sacred, high, eternal noon.

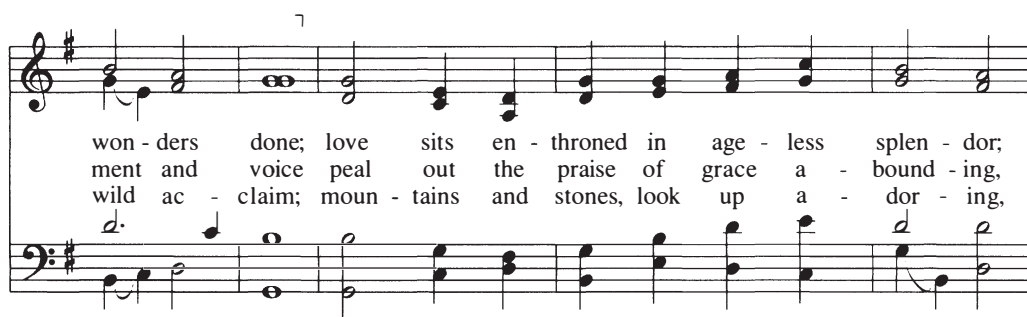
6. O long-expected day, begin,
 dawn on these realms of woe and sin!
 Break, morn of God, upon our eyes;
 and let the world's true Sun arise!

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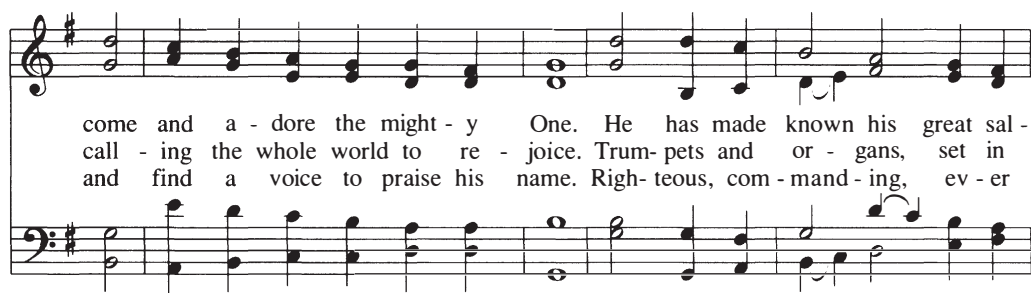
Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth, burst into jubilant song with music. Ps. 98:4



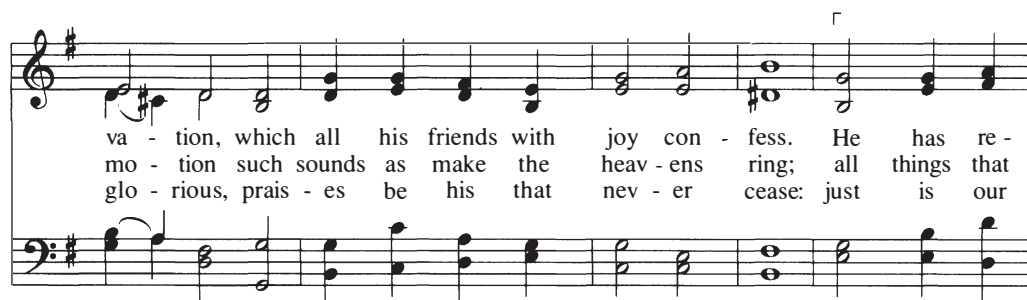
1. New songs of cel - e - bra - tion ren - der to him who has great
2. Joy - ful - ly, heart - i - ly re - sound - ing, let ev - 'ry in - stru -
3. Riv - ers and seas and tor - rents roar - ing, hon - or the Lord with



won - ders done; love sits en - throned in age - less splen - dor;
ment and voice peal out the praise of grace a - bound - ing,
wild ac - claim; moun - tains and stones, look up a - dor - ing,



come and a - dore the might - y One. He has made known his great sal -
call - ing the whole world to re - joice. Trum - pets and or - gans, set in
and find a voice to praise his name. Righ - teous, com - mand - ing, ev - er



va - tion, which all his friends with joy con - fess. He has re -
mo - tion such sounds as make the heav - ens ring; all things that
glo - rious, prais - es be his that nev - er cease: just is our

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vealed to ev - 'ry na - tion his ev - er - last - ing righ - teous - ness.
 live in earth and o - cean make mu - sic for your might - y King.
 God, whose truth vic - to - rious es - tab - lish - es the world in peace.

From Psalm 98
 Erik Routley, 1972

RENDEZ A DIEU 9.8.9.8.D.
Strasbourg Psalter, 1545
 Arr. in Louis Bourgeois's *Genevan Psalter*, 1551; alt. 1990

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SERMON NOTES

“Investing in Worship”

2 Chronicles 29:1–11, 25–30 | Dr. Mark Ross

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Installation Service for Rev. Dr. Jonatan Simons

Associate Professor of Systematic Theology
Erskine Theological Seminary

“Jesus Christ, Builder of the Church”
Matthew 16:13–20 | Dr. Mark Ross

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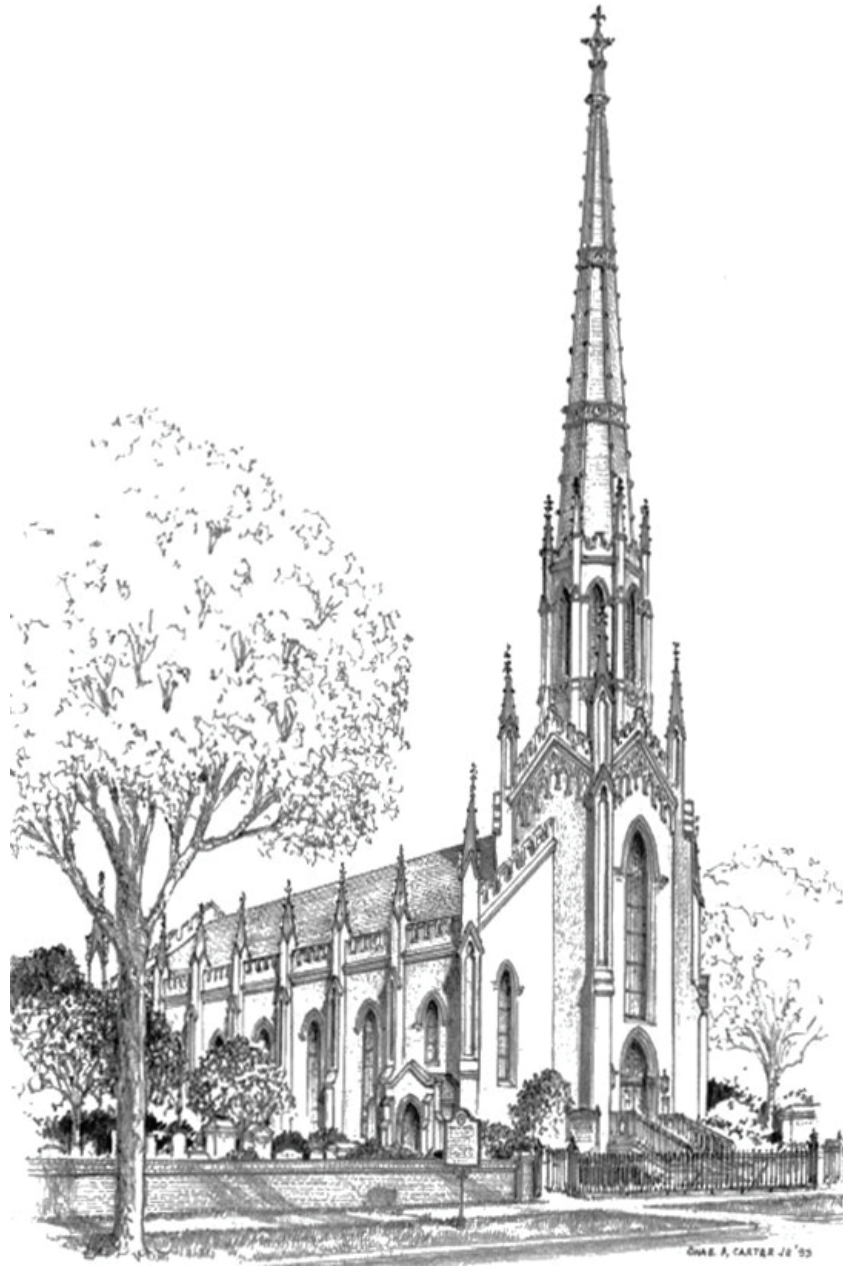
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You angels of light.
You heavens, adore him
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And worship before him,
In brightness arrayed.

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Tell forth in deep tone,
And trumpets, the story
Of what he has done.

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MORNING PRAYER

+ **HYMN 390** *Lord of the Sabbath, Hear Us Pray*

GERMANY

Lord of the Sabbath, hear us pray,
In this your house, on this your day;
And own, as grateful sacrifice,
The songs which from your temple rise.

Now met to pray and bless your name,
Whose mercies flow each day the same,
Whose kind compassions never cease,
We seek instruction, pardon, peace.

Your earthly Sabbaths, Lord, we love,
But there's a nobler rest above;
To that our lab'ring souls aspire
With ardent hope and strong desire.

In thy blest kingdom we shall be
From ev'ry mortal trouble free;
No sighs shall mingle with the songs
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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

2 Chronicles 29:1–11, 25–30

¹ Hezekiah began to reign when he was twenty-five years old, and he reigned twenty-nine years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Abijah the daughter of Zechariah. ² And he did what was right in the eyes of the Lord, according to all that David his father had done.

³ In the first year of his reign, in the first month, he opened the doors of the house of the Lord and repaired them. ⁴ He brought in the priests and the Levites and assembled them in the square on the east ⁵ and said to them, "Hear me, Levites! Now consecrate yourselves, and consecrate the house of the Lord, the God of your fathers, and carry out the filth from the Holy Place. ⁶ For our fathers have been unfaithful and have done what was evil in the sight of the Lord our God. They have forsaken him and have turned away their faces from the

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habitation of the Lord and turned their backs. ⁷ They also shut the doors of the vestibule and put out the lamps and have not burned incense or offered burnt offerings in the Holy Place to the God of Israel. ⁸ Therefore the wrath of the Lord came on Judah and Jerusalem, and he has made them an object of horror, of astonishment, and of hissing, as you see with your own eyes. ⁹ For behold, our fathers have fallen by the sword, and our sons and our daughters and our wives are in captivity for this. ¹⁰ Now it is in my heart to make a covenant with the Lord, the God of Israel, in order that his fierce anger may turn away from us. ¹¹ My sons, do not now be negligent, for the Lord has chosen you to stand in his presence, to minister to him and to be his ministers and make offerings to him.”

²⁵ And he stationed the Levites in the house of the Lord with cymbals, harps, and lyres, according to the commandment of David and of Gad the king’s seer and of Nathan the prophet, for the commandment was from the Lord through his prophets.

²⁶ The Levites stood with the instruments of David, and the priests with the trumpets. ²⁷ Then Hezekiah commanded that the burnt offering be offered on the altar. And when the burnt offering began, the song to the Lord began also, and the trumpets, accompanied by the instruments of David king of Israel. ²⁸ The whole assembly worshiped, and the singers sang, and the trumpeters sounded. All this continued until the burnt offering was finished. ²⁹ When the offering was finished, the king and all who were present with him bowed themselves and worshiped. ³⁰ And Hezekiah the king and the officials commanded the Levites to sing praises to the Lord with the words of David and of Asaph the seer. And they sang praises with gladness, and they bowed down and worshiped.

SERMON

Dr. Mark Ross

“Investing in Worship”

PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD OF GOD

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RENDEZ A DIEU

New songs of celebration render
To him who has great wonders done;
Love sits enthroned in ageless splendor;
Come and adore the mighty One.
He has made known his great salvation,
Which all his friends with joy confess.
He has revealed to ev'ry nation
His everlasting righteousness.

Joyfully, heartily resounding,
Let ev'ry instrument and voice
Peal out the praise of grace abounding,
Calling the whole world to rejoice.
Trumpets and organs, set in motion
Such sounds as make the heavens ring;
All things that live in earth and ocean,
Make music for your mighty King.

Rivers and seas and torrents roaring,
Honor the Lord with wild acclaim;
Mountains and stones look up adoring,
And find a voice to praise his name.
Righteous, commanding, ever glorious,
praises be his that never cease:
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