

## Thy Kingdom Come

Why pray this prayer? Does not God rule the universe? How else could it operate? How else would it exist? The Lord has established His throne in the heavens, and His kingdom rules over all. He does as He pleases in the armies of heaven and on the earth. Why, then, pray, “Thy kingdom come”?

God is Lord of all. And yet it is His will that within the bounds of His control a lesser kingdom, rebellious against His will, should be permitted for a time. With much longsuffering, God allows the forces of evil to work their pleasure until His own designs are fulfilled. Then He will call a halt to the forces of evil and will banish them. And all things will submit to His rule. Christ, the Prince of Peace, will cast out the prince of darkness. Chaos will give place to order. Joy will banish sorrow. Freedom and relief will replace oppression and suffering. This is the day for which creation groans. It will break with the dawning of the Sun of righteousness.

The kingdom of God is future to the extent that the rule of God is yet to assert itself against the reign of evil so as to destroy it forever. It is the time of the undoing of the works of the devil through the work of Christ.

We are to pray for the coming of God’s kingdom because it pleases God to fulfil His plans partly through the cry of His people—in response to it. He wills to be received by them gladly. He wills to be honored by their ready admission that the kingdom of hell was the heaviest of burdens and the most galling of yokes; that sin was not liberty but slavery; that we can come to our own only in that submission to the Creator for which we were designed. We turned from Him willingly. Heartily we must once more own His rule. And if we truly believe in the blessing of His kingdom, we will join in the chorus that for centuries has echoed the cry, “Thy kingdom come!” It will show that we have had enough of wandering and going astray.

# *Thy kingdom come.*

*Matthew 6:10*

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MORNING WORSHIP – 11:00 A.M.

# THE LORD CALLS US TO HIMSELF

Salutation and Call to Worship

\*Hymn of Praise # 368

*“The Ends of All the Earth Shall Hear”*

\*Invocation

\*Hymn of Praise # 172

*“Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder”*

## CONFESSION OF SIN AND THE LORD'S ASSURANCE

The Law of God

Matthew 22:37-40

### Confession of Sin (Congregation in Unison)

Almighty God, we are unworthy to come into your presence, because of our many sins. We do not deserve any grace or mercy from you, if you dealt with us as we deserve. We have sinned against you, O Lord, and we have offended you. And yet, O Lord, as we acknowledge our sins and offenses, so also do we acknowledge you to be a merciful God, a loving and favorable Father, to all who turn to you. And so we humbly ask you, for the sake of Christ your son, to show mercy to us, and forgive us all our offenses. Forgive the sins of our youth, and the sins of our old age. By your Spirit, O God, take possession of our hearts, so that, not only the actions of our life, but also the words of our mouths, and the smallest thought of our minds, may be guided and governed by you. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

### Assurance of Forgiveness

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1John 1:9)

## OFFERING OURSELVES IN THANKSGIVING AND PRAYER

Worship in Giving

Hymn of Thanksgiving # 32

*“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”*

Worship in Prayer

Interlude

Reception of New Member

\*Congregation Standing

We extend a cordial welcome to each visitor!

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## THE LORD FEEDS US FROM HIS WORD

\*Hymn of Preparation # 140

*“O Word of God Incarnate”*

Sermon Text

Luke 24:1-12

Sermon

HE IS RISEN

\*Hymn of Response # 274

*“Thine Be the Glory”*

## THE LORD DISMISSES US WITH HIS BLESSING

\*Gloria Patri (Praising our Gracious Lord)

# 734

\*The Lord's Benediction

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### Announcements

Today, 10:00am. Adult Sunday School class. We are studying the book of Colossians.

Today, 12:30pm. A potluck luncheon will be held in the church. All are welcome.

Today. Kat Chen will be publicly received into the membership of our church by reaffirmation of faith. Kat has been examined by our session and approved for church membership. May the Lord make Kat a blessing to us and us to her.

Tuesday, 7:30pm. Weekly Bible Study at the church or via Zoom. Our Bible study at the church begins with dinner at 7:00pm, followed by a time of study at 7:30pm. For information on attending the study via Zoom, please send an email to Pastor Wayne at wforkner86@mac.com.

Sunday, February 2. We remember the Lord's death in the Communion service during morning worship. Our Communion service is open to those who have been, or are now, communicant members of an evangelical church. But those who are not communicant members of our Church are asked to meet with the elders of the Church before partaking of the Lord's Supper. It is required that they meet with the elders only once.