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*Worship for the Last Sunday of the Church Year  
November 17 & 20, 2022*

**Opening Hymn: #207 "The Day Is Surely Drawing Near"**

**1 The day is surely drawing near**

**When God's Son, the Anointed,**

**Shall with great majesty appear**

**As judge of all appointed.**

**All mirth and laughter then shall cease**

**When flames on flames will still increase,**

**As Scripture truly teaches.**

**2 A trumpet loud shall then resound**

**And all the earth be shaken.**

**Then all who in their graves are found**

**Shall from their sleep awaken**

**And with the living in that hour**

**By the Almighty's boundless pow'r**

**Be changed at his commanding.**

**3 A book is opened then to all,**

**A record truly telling**

**What each has done, both great and small,**

**When he on earth was dwelling,**

**And ev'ry heart be clearly seen,**

**And all be known as they have been**

**In thoughts and words and actions.**

**4 Then woe to those who scorned the Lord  
And sought but carnal pleasures,  
Who here despised his precious Word  
And loved their earthly treasures!  
With shame and trembling they will stand  
And at the judge's stern command  
To Satan be delivered.**

### **Invocation**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

### **Confession of Sins**

P: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children.

**C: But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment.**

P: Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

**C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin and take away my guilt.**

P: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

**C: Amen.**

### **Song of Praise**

**All: (sing) 5 My Savior paid the debt I owe  
And for my sin was smitten;  
Within the Book of Life I know  
My name has now been written.  
I will not doubt, for I am free,  
And Satan cannot threaten me;  
There is no condemnation!**

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

## **Prayer of the Day**

P: Eternal God, merciful Father, you have appointed your Son as judge of the living and the dead. Enable us to wait for the day of his return with our eyes fixed on the kingdom prepared for your own from the foundation of the world; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## **Epistle: Revelation 21:1-7**

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, because the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. And the sea no longer existed. <sup>2</sup>And I saw the Holy City, the New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

<sup>3</sup>And from the throne I heard a loud voice that said, "Look! God's dwelling is with people. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people. God himself will be with them, and he will be their God. <sup>4</sup>He will wipe away every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or sorrow or crying or pain, because the former things have passed away."

<sup>5</sup>The one who was seated on the throne said to me, "Look, I am making everything new!" He also said, "Write, for these words are trustworthy and true." <sup>6</sup>And he said to me:

It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega,  
the Beginning and the End. To anyone who is thirsty,  
I will give freely from the spring of the water of life.

<sup>7</sup>The one who is victorious will inherit these things.  
I will be his God, and he will be my son.

## **Verse of the Day** (*sung to tune of CW, #207*)

**All: (sing) 6 O Jesus Christ, do not delay,  
But hasten our salvation;  
We often tremble on our way  
In fear and tribulation.  
Your saints are waiting patiently;  
Come soon, Redeemer; make us free  
From ev'ry evil. Amen.**

## Gospel: John 14:1-9

"Do not let your heart be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. <sup>2</sup>In my Father's house are many mansions. If it were not so, I would have told you. I am going to prepare a place for you. <sup>3</sup>And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and take you to be with me, so that you may also be where I am. <sup>4</sup>You know where I am going, and you know the way."

<sup>5</sup>"Lord, we don't know where you are going," Thomas replied, "so how can we know the way?"

<sup>6</sup>Jesus said to him, "I am the Way and the Truth and the Life. No one comes to the Father, except through me. <sup>7</sup>If you know me, you would also know my Father. From now on you do know him and have seen him.

<sup>8</sup>"Lord," said Philip, "show us the Father, and that is enough for us."

<sup>9</sup>"Have I been with you so long," Jesus answered, "and you still do not know me, Philip? The one who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'?"

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

**C: Praise be to you, O Christ!**

**Hymn: #728 "Jerusalem the Golden" (See Pages 17 & 18)**

**Sermon: Isaiah 65:17-25**

<sup>17</sup>Watch this! I am about to create new heavens and a new earth.

**The former things will not be remembered.**

They will not come to mind.

<sup>18</sup>**Instead, rejoice and celebrate forever, because of what I am creating.**

Watch this! I am about to create Jerusalem to be a source of gladness, **and her people will be a source of joy.**

<sup>19</sup>I also will be glad because of Jerusalem,

**and I will rejoice over my people.**

The sound of weeping will not be heard in her again,

**nor will the sound of crying.**

<sup>20</sup>There will never again be an infant there who lives for only a few days,

**or an elderly man who does not fill out all his days,**



heav'n - ly hosts, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry.

The glorious company of apostles praise you. The noble fellowship of

proph - ets praise you. The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.

Throughout the world the ho - ly Church ac - claims you:

Father of majesty unbounded, your glorious, true, and on - ly Son,

and the Holy Spirit, ad - vo - cate and guide. You, Christ, are the King of

glo - ry, the eternal Son of the Fa - ther. When you became man to

set us free, you humbled yourself to be born of a vir - gin. You overcame the

sting of death and opened the kingdom of heaven to all be - liev - ers.

You sit at the right hand of God in the glory of the Fa - ther.



We believe that you will come to be our judge.



Come then, Lord, and help your people, bought with the price of



your own blood, and bring us with your saints to glory ever-lasting.

## Offering

### Prayer of the Church for the Last Sunday of the Church Year

P: At the close of this church year, dear Lord, we are reminded of the many spiritual blessings you've bestowed on us so freely. Through all the changing scenes of life—whether we faced joy or grief, in times of peace or when we had problems, when we had plenty or were in want—you were there with your reassuring presence and your unfailing promises to dry our tears and calm our fears.

**C: Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations...from everlasting to everlasting you are God.**

P: For many of our brothers and sisters in faith the church year now past was their last in this world. For coming to be their Savior, we thank you, dear Lord. For calling them to faith and keeping them in faith by your Spirit, we thank you, dear Lord. For coming back to take them to be with you in heaven and for awarding to them by grace the crown of everlasting life, we thank you, Lord.

**C: Teach us to number our days aright, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom and finally be saved.**

P: Heavenly Father, we confess with sorrow the many sins we committed in the past church year—our negligence in worship and prayer, and our failure to confess with our lives the faith that is in us. You have weighed us in the scale of your just demands, and found us wanting. Surely we deserve only your anger and punishment. If you kept a record of our sins, we would surely be lost. But you sent your Son to save us and we claim his righteousness as our own by faith.

**C: The LORD is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge.**

P: Around us we see signs that we are living in the last days: wars, famine, earthquakes, false prophets, spiritual apathy. Use these signs to remind us that we do not know the day or hour when Christ will come again. Keep us faithful to your Word; send your Spirit to strengthen our faith so that we are always prepared for your Son's return as Judge of the living and the dead.

**C: May your unfailing love come to me, O LORD, your salvation according to your promise. Amen.**

### **Lord's Prayer**

**C: 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us;**

**And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

### **Hymn: #417 "I'm but a Stranger Here"**

**1 I'm but a stranger here; Heav'n is my home.**

**Earth is a desert drear; Heav'n is my home.**

**Danger and sorrow stand Round me on ev'ry hand.**

**Heav'n is my fatherland; Heav'n is my home.**

**2 What though the tempest rage, Heav'n is my home.**

**Short is my pilgrimage; Heav'n is my home.**

**And time's wild, wintry blast Soon shall be overpast;**

**I shall reach home at last; Heav'n is my home.**

**3 There at my Savior's side—Heav'n is my home—**

**I shall be glorified; Heav'n is my home.**

**There are the good and blest, Those I love most and best,**

**And there I, too, shall rest; Heav'n is my home.**

**4 Therefore I murmur not; Heav'n is my home.  
Whate'er my earthly lot, Heav'n is my home.  
And I shall surely stand There at my Lord's right hand.  
Heav'n is my fatherland; Heav'n is my home.**

**Prayer**

P: Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**Benediction**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

**Closing Hymn: #727 "There Is a Higher Throne" (See Pages 19 & 20)**

**Members, Visitors & Guests—Welcome to St. Matthew's!**

May today's tour of the eternal home prepared for us in heaven by God's grace in Christ serve to strengthen in our little while of suffering here and lead us to long for the day when we will be there! If you are visiting our service, please sign a "care card" in the church pew or our guest book and come back to visit again soon.

Attendance Last Week—246 (31/215)

Bible Class –

Offering Last Week—\$8,856.22

Sunday School – 17

*(Meeting our 2022 Ministry Plan requires weekly offerings of \$14,078.00.)*

*"Hasten, O God, to save me; O LORD, come quickly to help me"*

*Psalm 70:1.*

**Announcements:**

1. **The Thanksgiving arrangement** on the altar is given to the glory of God by the Jack and Diane Schroeder family.

2. **Thursday Service** Please keep in mind that our final Thursday evening service for 2022 is this week's service on Thursday, November 17. There will be no Thursday evening service on Thanksgiving Day nor will there be Thursday evening services during the month of December. Please keep in mind, however, our Thanksgiving Eve and Thanksgiving Day services and our Wednesday evening Advent services!
3. **Thanksgiving Services** Thanksgiving is right around the corner! There will be two opportunities for members of St. Matthew's to gather in God's house to give thanks to the Lord and Giver of all. We have a Thanksgiving Eve Service scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 23; and a Thanksgiving Day Service which will begin at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, November 24. The students of St. Matthew's school will sing in the Thanksgiving Eve Service making for a very full house in that service, but please do not forget the Thanksgiving Day Service if Wednesday evening doesn't work for you.
4. **Wednesday Evening Confirmation Class** Wednesday evening confirmation class will be dismissed at 6:00 this week and throughout the Advent season. The early dismissal will allow students to attend the Thanksgiving Eve service and our Wednesday evening Advent services.
5. **St. Matthew's Annual Pie Night** Come join us Wednesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> in the Fellowship Hall following the Thanksgiving Eve church service for a piece of your favorite pie and a time of Christian fellowship with your St. Matthew's family.
6. **Bible Class** Bible class will resume today at 9:15 a.m. We will continue a study of the Book of Ecclesiastes. Bible class meets in the fellowship area downstairs. Please join us as we "Book Through the Bible."
7. **Woman's Bible Class** – The Women's Bible Study (Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m.) have started the new book "More Prepared to Answer" by Mark Paustian. Each lesson stands alone so feel free to join at any time. Hope to see you there! *Debbie Lenser.*

8. **Advent Service** Don't forget that during the Advent season (which begins on Sunday, November 27<sup>th</sup>) we have three special Wednesday evening Advent services. These special worship opportunities are intended to give God's people some extra opportunities to make the most important preparation of all for Christmas—the preparation of our hearts. The first of our three midweek Advent services will be held on November 30. The theme for this year's services is "*Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel.*" We will look at the three "O Antiphons" that are missing from that hymn. Our Advent services begin at 6:30 p.m. Each service will be preceded by a fellowship meal which is held in the fellowship area downstairs beginning at 5:00 p.m.
9. **Advent Services** *Pastor Lehmann has been kind enough to provide the following information about the "O Antiphons" which will serve as the basis for our upcoming midweek Advent services.*

What is an antiphon? Even more, what is an 'O' Antiphon??

Antiphon (ἀντίφωνον) comes from two Greek words anti (ἀντί "opposite") and phōnā (φωνή "voice"). "Phōn" is the root for such English words as phonics, telephone, microphone, etc. Singing an anti-phon is an ancient practice of singing a "response song" (an "opposite" song) by a choir or congregation to a psalm or other Scriptural text, spoken or chanted by a soloist (cantor, pastor, small ensemble). This was nothing new in New Testament worship because the Old Testament Hebrews regularly sang the psalms in antiphony, meaning a cantor or choir sang the first half of a verse and the congregation, or another choir, sang the second half.

What developed in the early centuries of Christian worship is that sentences from Scripture were read/chanted at certain points of the service, often after a psalm and especially in Vespers (evening) worship. The antiphon (response song) might be a verse from Scripture or a somewhat poetic sentence that reflected the meaning of the psalm for the season of the church year.

As time passed, a "storehouse" of antiphons was developed for different church seasons and daily services. A special category was the seven "O Antiphons" for Advent, with one antiphon for each day of evening Vespers during the final week before Christmas Eve, Dec. 17-23. They were called "O Antiphons" because each antiphon

was addressed to the Second Person of the Trinity in a formal manner, calling on Him with different names from the O.T. that carried images of the coming Messiah. Following that formal address, a specific request was given, as well as a statement of praise. The most familiar “O Antiphon” is “O Immanuel, come!” or “Oh come, oh come Immanuel,” which derived from the antiphon assigned to the day before Christmas Eve, Dec. 23.

The other “O Antiphons” were:

December 17 – O Sapientia – O Wisdom

December 18 – O Adonai – O Lord and Ruler

December 19 – O Radix Jesse – O Root of Jesse

December 20 – O Clavis David – O Key of David

December 21 – O Oriens – O Dawn (Dayspring)

December 22 – O Rex Gentium – O King of the Gentiles

December 23 – O Immanuel, Rex – O Immanuel, King

10. **Ladies Evening Guild** wants you to **SAVE THE DATE** for Advent by Candlelight!!! Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. will be our event to help women focus on Christ during the busy holiday season. This is an opportunity to invite friends, neighbors and relatives to attend the event to hear, through narration, readings, prayer and music, the joyous coming of Christ. We eagerly wait and prepare our hearts for the celebration of his birth AND the time when he comes again. Join us by signing up on the bulletin board.
11. **Call for Mrs. Ashley Phillips** We would like to inform the congregation that Mrs. Ashley Phillips has returned her Call to teach at Immanuel Lutheran School in Greenville, Wisconsin. Please continue to keep Immanuel Lutheran school in your prayers as they try to fill their teacher vacancy.
12. **Service Opportunity for the Fellowship/Outreach Committee**  
- Assists in planning and implementing various outreach activities such as Christmas for Kids, Summer Bible Camp, Easter for kids, Trunk or Treat as well as congregational activities such as the Fall Festival, Pie Night and other special church celebrations. Meetings take place on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:30 in the library. All members are welcome. Contact Steve Sage at (608) 295-1691 or email at [sagesinjvl@aol.com](mailto:sagesinjvl@aol.com).

13. **Christmas for Kids!** Please consider volunteering for **Christmas for Kids on Saturday, December 10, 2022 (8:45-11:45 a.m.)**. In order to make this event successful we need your help! If you are interested in teaching, helping, or setting up please contact Cathy Sonntag or Ashley Phillips or sign up on the board in the Narthex.
14. **Christmas for Kids Registration has begun. Early registration is needed for planning.** Please sign your child (age 4 through 6<sup>th</sup> grade) up by **Sunday, December 4**. Signup sheets are located in the narthex (next to the mailboxes) and you can also signup ONLINE at [www.stmathewsjanessville.org](http://www.stmathewsjanessville.org) by clicking the link Event and following the directions. Please take extras (to give to neighbors & friends). Since this program is an outreach event, we strongly encourage invitation of your child's friends and neighbors. Enrollment can also be done by calling the church at 608-752-1304.
15. **Meals on Wheels** – St. Matthew's will deliver "Meals on Wheels" Nov. 28<sup>th</sup> thru Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>. We have two routes with two people needed per route (one person to drive, one person to deliver the meal). Meals are picked up at Mercy Hospital at 11:00 a.m. Please see the signup sheet on the lower bulletin board if you are able to help. If you have any questions or are a first-time volunteer, please contact Sally Wellnitz (752-2037). Thank you!
16. **60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Our School** – We have a wonderful opportunity to thank our God for allowing us to proclaim His Word to children at St. Matthews for 60 years. Through the last 60 years, we have been able to reach out to approximately 4000 children with the truths of God's Word. 4750 children have come to know of Jesus saving love. We thank God for His marvelous grace! To thank God for this special blessing, we would like to initiate a special thank offering to offer gifts of love towards the reduction of our debt on our school building. A 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary envelope is available in the narthex and may be placed into the collection plate in the narthex at any time. Total offerings given so far are \$2,028.55.

17. **Voters' Meeting** Thank you to all who took time to attend last Sunday's voters' meeting. The following action was taken at the meeting:

\* The voters approved the purchase of 200 copies of the new *Christian Worship 21* hymnal along with the "Service Builder" software that is required to put hymnals and liturgy from the new book into our service folders. Gifts on hand that were designated for the purchase of the hymnals will cover the cost.

\* Elections for vacant council positions were held. Phillip Fry was elected to serve as chairman of our Building and Grounds committee, while George Ehlers was elected to serve as chairman of the Board of Elders. We thank Brandon Phillips and Rich Hatfield, who have completed their terms in office, for their faithful service. One position—that of treasurer remains to be filled. Briton Peterson has completed his term, but we did not have anyone willing to be nominated for election to that office. If there are any men willing to consider serving as treasurer, please speak with our congregation chairman, Jim Daley. If we cannot find men willing to take the position, we will open the position to any women who would be able and willing to consider the position. This would require a change to the job description as it is found in our Constitution, but our congregation clearly needs a treasurer. If you would like more information about the treasurer position, you may speak to either Jim Daley or our current treasurer, Briton Peterson.

\* The treasurer's report revealed that we have some challenges ahead as the year draws to a close. Here is a break-down of our offerings by area through the end of October:

	<u>Needed</u>	<u>Received</u>	<u>Difference</u>
General Fund/Debt	\$528,400.00	\$484,700.00	-\$43,700.00
WELS	\$47,100.00	\$47,100.00	0
Lakeside LHS	<u>\$40,200.00</u>	<u>\$40,200.00</u>	<u>0</u>
	\$615,700.00	\$572,000.00	<b>- \$43,700.00</b>

A couple of things to keep in mind as you consider those numbers. First, while our offerings to our Lord are falling short of fully funding our ministry plan, they are running ahead of last year at the same point: 2021 offerings totaled \$466,500.00/this year \$484,700.00. For this increase we are grateful. Also, a year ago our deficit at this point in the year was approximately the same as this year, but God's people rose to the occasion and with God's blessing we were able to overcome our shortfall and end the year with a balance. Finally, while our offerings are falling short of fully funding our ministry plan...they are still very generous offerings and we thank the members of St. Matthew's for their generosity. Above all, however, we thank our gracious God whose boundless love in Christ has warmed the hearts of his people here to give so freely.

\* The voters also approved a ministry plan for next year. The plan calls for total offerings of \$766,205 for 2023. This comes out to be a 4.7% increase over the plan for the current year and will require weekly offerings of \$14,735. (Our offerings to this point this year are running 3.9% ahead of last year at the same point.) The increase covers our commitments to Lakeside of \$48,300 and Mission of \$56,600 which are the same as 2022. It also gives our called workers and office manager an 8% increase and hourly workers a 5% increase. It also covers the 8% increase in health insurance premiums that St. Matthews covers for our called workers. Finally, it does allow for an anticipated increase in utilities for 2023. May the goodness of God that we will celebrate during the upcoming Thanksgiving, Advent, and Christmas seasons inspire all of us to give ourselves fully to doing the Lord's work with the certainty that our labor in the Lord is never in vain.

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### **Assisting with Worship**

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**Organist:**

Kathi Hendee

**Ushers:**

8:00 a.m. – Rich Hatfield, Michael Borchardt, Ryan Borchardt

10:30 a.m. – Steve Sage, David Johnson, Jason Carlson

**Next Week Ushers:**

Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. – George Ehlers, Bob Williams, Mike Fox  
Thursday, 9:00 a.m. – Tim Stirmel, Connor Stirmel, Austin Schultz  
8:00 a.m. – Gerald Wellnitz, Richard Stout, Nathan Stout, Evan Burnside  
10:30 a.m. – Fred Shadoski, Russ Scott

**CODS:**

6:30 p.m. – Briton Peterson  
8:00 a.m. – Trevor Sanchez  
10:30 a.m. – Steve Sage

**Next Week CODS:**

Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. – George Ehlers  
Thursday, 9:00 a.m. – Doug McIlvain  
Sunday, 8:00 a.m. – Jim Daley  
Sunday, 10:30 a.m. – Brandon Phillips

**Church Cleaning:**

November 26, 2022 – Mark Schulz & David Schumann families  
December 3, 2022 – Todd Schwark & Russ Scott families

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**This Week at St. Matthew's**

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**Sunday**

Worship 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.  
SS/Bible Class 9:15 a.m.

**Tuesday**

Sr. Choir 5:45-6:45 p.m.

**Wednesday**

Women's Bible Study 9:30 a.m.  
Confirmation Class  
5:00-6:00 p.m.

**Wednesday (continued)**

Thanksgiving Eve Service 6:30 p.m.  
Pie Social 7:30 p.m.

**Thursday**

Thanksgiving Day Service 9:00 a.m.

**Sunday**

Worship with Lord's Supper  
8:00 & 10:30 a.m.  
SS/Bible Class 9:15 a.m.

Thanksgiving Eve – 6:30 p.m.

Thanksgiving Day – 9:00 a.m.

Advent Services – November 30, December 7 & 14

Sunday School Christmas Service – December 18, 10:30 a.m.

Christian Day School Service – Friday, December 23, 6:30 p.m.

Christmas Eve Service – Saturday, December 24, 6:30 p.m.

Christmas Day Service – Sunday, December 25, 9:00 a.m.

New Year's Day Service – Sunday, January 1, 9:00 a.m.

1 Je - ru - sa - lem the gold - en, With  
 2 Oh, sweet and bless - ed coun - try, The  
 3 The Christ is ev - er with them; The

milk and hon - ey blest— The sight of it re -  
 home of God's e - lect! Oh, sweet and bless - ed  
 day - light is se - rene. The pas - tures of the

fresh - es The wea - ry and op - pressed: I  
 coun - try That ea - ger hearts ex - pect, Where  
 bless - ed Are ev - er rich and green. There

know not, oh, I know not What joys a - wait us  
 they who with their lead - er Have con - quered in the  
 is the throne of Da - vid; And there from care re -

there, What ra - dian - cy of glo - ry, What  
 fight For - ev - er and for - ev - er Are  
 leased, The shout of them that tri - umph, The

bliss be - yond com - pare: To sing the hymn un -  
 clad in robes of white. Je - sus in mer - cy  
 song of them that feast. To God en - throned in

end - ing With all the mar - tyr throng, A -  
 bring us To that dear land of rest Where  
 glo - ry The Church's voic - es blend, The

midst the halls of Zi - on Re - sound - ing full with song.  
 sings the host of heav - en Your glo - rious name to bless.  
 Lamb for - ev - er bless - ed, The Light that knows no end.

## There Is a Higher Throne

1 There is a high - er throne than all this  
 2 And there we'll find our home, our life be -

world has known, Where faith - ful ones from ev - 'ry tongue  
 fore the throne. We'll hon - or him in per - fect song

will one day come. Be - fore the Son we'll stand,  
 where we be - long. He'll wipe each tear-stained eye

made fault - less through the Lamb; Be - liev - ing  
 as thirst and hun - ger die. The Lamb be -

hearts find prom - ised grace; sal - va - tion comes.  
 comes our Shep - herd-King; we'll reign with him.

*Refrain*

Hear heav-en's voic - es sing; their thund-'rous an-them rings. Through

em - 'rald courts and sap - phire skies their prais - es rise.

All glo - ry, wis - dom, pow'r, strength, thanks, and hon - or are to

God our King who reigns on high for - ev - er - more.

