

PRELUDE

◇ A time of quiet preparation

Oh, Be Joyful in the Lord/ D. Wolford
Toccata on "Coronation"/ R. Hughes

WORDS OF GREETING

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WE APPROACH GOD

IN WORD

Psalm 96:1-3, 7-9 (NIV)

Leader: Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.

People: **Sing to the Lord, praise his name;
proclaim his salvation day after day.**

Leader: Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous deeds among all peoples.

People: **Ascribe to the Lord, O families of nations,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.**

Leader: Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;
bring an offering and come into his courts.

People: **Worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness;
tremble before him, all the earth.**

IN PRAYER

*WE PRAISE OUR GOD

HYMN OF PRAISE 62 (vss. 1-4)

Sing to the Lord, Sing His Praise

*WE CONFESS OUR SIN

from *Reformation Theology*

People: **God of love, it is your will that we should love you with
heart, soul, mind, strength, and our neighbor as ourselves,
but we are not sufficient for these things. We confess that
our affections continually turn away from you: from purity
to lust, from freedom to slavery, from compassion to indif-
ference, from fullness to emptiness. Have mercy on us.
Order our lives by your holy Word, and make your com-
mandments the joy of our hearts. Conform us to the image
of your loving Son, Jesus, so that we may shine before the
world to your glory. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Leader: Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in
Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit
of life set me free from the law of sin and death.

*WE EXALT OUR LORD

WORSHIP SONGS

Leader: Therefore, with minds that are alert and fully sober, set your
hope on the grace to be brought to you when Jesus Christ is
revealed at his coming. As obedient children, do not conform
to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance. But
just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it
is written: "Be holy, because I am holy." I Peter 1:13-16 (NIV)

WE GREET ONE ANOTHER

WELCOME TO VISITORS

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS

OFFERING/ CHORAL OFFERTORY

You Are Holy/ P. Harling

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

2 Kings 11:1-21

(NIV)¹ When Athaliah the mother of Ahaziah saw that her son was dead, she
proceeded to destroy the whole royal family. ²But Jehosheba, the daughter of
King Jehoram and sister of Ahaziah, took Joash son of Ahaziah and stole him
away from among the royal princes, who were about to be murdered. She put
him and his nurse in a bedroom to hide him from Athaliah; so he was not
killed. ³He remained hidden with his nurse at the temple of the LORD for six
years while Athaliah ruled the land.

⁴In the seventh year Jehoiada sent for the commanders of units of a hun-
dred, the Carites and the guards and had them brought to him at the temple of
the LORD. He made a covenant with them and put them under oath at the tem-
ple of the LORD. Then he showed them the king's son. ⁵He commanded them,
saying, "This is what you are to do: You who are in the three companies that
are going on duty on the Sabbath—a third of you guarding the royal palace, ⁶a
third at the Sur Gate, and a third at the gate behind the guard, who take turns
guarding the temple— ⁷and you who are in the other two companies that nor-
mally go off Sabbath duty are all to guard the temple for the king. ⁸Station

yourselves around the king, each of you with weapon in hand. Anyone who approaches your ranks is to be put to death. Stay close to the king wherever he goes.”

⁹The commanders of units of a hundred did just as Jehoiada the priest ordered. Each one took his men—those who were going on duty on the Sabbath and those who were going off duty—and came to Jehoiada the priest. ¹⁰Then he gave the commanders the spears and shields that had belonged to King David and that were in the temple of the LORD. ¹¹The guards, each with weapon in hand, stationed themselves around the king—near the altar and the temple, from the south side to the north side of the temple.

¹²Jehoiada brought out the king’s son and put the crown on him; he presented him with a copy of the covenant and proclaimed him king. They anointed him, and the people clapped their hands and shouted, “Long live the king!”

¹³When Athaliah heard the noise made by the guards and the people, she went to the people at the temple of the LORD. ¹⁴She looked and there was the king, standing by the pillar, as the custom was. The officers and the trumpeters were beside the king, and all the people of the land were rejoicing and blowing trumpets. Then Athaliah tore her robes and called out, “Treason! Treason!”

¹⁵Jehoiada the priest ordered the commanders of units of a hundred, who were in charge of the troops: “Bring her out between the ranks and put to the sword anyone who follows her.” For the priest had said, “She must not be put to death in the temple of the LORD.” ¹⁶So they seized her as she reached the place where the horses enter the palace grounds, and there she was put to death.

¹⁷Jehoiada then made a covenant between the LORD and the king and people that they would be the LORD’s people. He also made a covenant between the king and the people. ¹⁸All the people of the land went to the temple of Baal and tore it down. They smashed the altars and idols to pieces and killed Mattan the priest of Baal in front of the altars.

Then Jehoiada the priest posted guards at the temple of the LORD. ¹⁹He took with him the commanders of hundreds, the Carites, the guards and all the people of the land, and together they brought the king down from the temple of the LORD and went into the palace, entering by way of the gate of the guards. The king then took his place on the royal throne. ²⁰All the people of the land rejoiced, and the city was calm, because Athaliah had been slain with the sword at the palace.

²¹Joash was seven years old when he began to reign.

SERMON

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WE COME TO THE LORD’S TABLE

PREPARATION

THE INVITATION

THE BREAD AND THE CUP

Please Note: An elder is available in the rear of the sanctuary during communion to pray with you regarding any needs or issues in your life.

WE REMEMBER THOSE IN NEED

THE LOVE OFFERING/CLOSING HYMN **449** (vss 1-3)

We Rest on Thee

*WORDS OF PEACE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

Andante Maestoso/ A. Corelli

Names You Will Encounter in Today’s Sermon

Ahaziah “*Jehovah possesses*” - son of Jehoram and Athaliah
- king of Judah c. 843 BC

Athaliah “*afflicted of the Lord*” - daughter of Ahab and Jezebel of Israel

Jehoiada “*Jehovah knows*” - High Priest

Jehoram “*Jehovah is exalted*” - king of Judah c. 850-843 BC

Jehosheba “*Jehovah has sworn*” - daughter of King Jehoram

- half-sister to King Ahaziah

- wife of Jehoiada the priest

Jehu “*Jehovah is he*” - king of Israel c. 843-816 BC

Joash “*whom Jehovah gave*” - son of King Ahaziah

- king of Judah c. 843-803 BC