

THE TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

MARKET SQUARE

Presbyterian Church

20 South Second Street ▪ Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

NOVEMBER 9, 2025 ▪ 11:00 A.M.



HE IS NOT
THE GOD
OF THE
DEAD,
BUT OF
THE
LIVING.

LUKE 20:38A NRSV



OUR MISSION

To proclaim and live the Good News of Jesus Christ by welcoming friend and stranger alike into our diverse and inclusive family of faith regardless of race, class, national origin, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, or worldly condition of any kind as we celebrate our gifts, work for justice, peace, and a sustainable environment, reach out in mission, and witness to God's transforming love.

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Children's Ministry

Children of all ages are always welcome! There are two shelves in our Narthex (at the back of the Sanctuary) with sequin boards, crayons, markers, coloring sheets, and puzzles as well as a few library books that go along with the theme of the worship service. On typical Sundays immediately following the children's sermon (around 11:15 a.m.), education for children K-6 is offered in the Children's Education Room (Level 4). On Sundays, nursery care is available for children (infants through 5-year-olds) in the nursery on the fourth floor. The nursery is staffed by Sidney Dame, our nursery caregiver, and volunteers.

Visitors

We are glad you joined us for worship today! Please take a moment to sign the yellow visitor card located in your pew and place it in the offering plate or hand to an usher. If you want to learn more about our church, the best place to start is our website at marketsquarechurch.org and our Facebook page at facebook.com/MarketSquareChurch.

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When you see this symbol † preceding a part of the worship service, please rise in body or spirit.

***Bold type** denotes parts spoken or sung by the congregation.*

WE APPROACH GOD

TOLLING OF THE BELL

Let us use this time during the opening voluntary to quiet our conversations and open our hearts and minds in preparation for worshipping God. Please silence your electronic devices at this time.

WELCOME

The Reverend Stanley J. Jenkins

VOLUNTARY

Sapséniye Sodélal

Pavel Chesnokov (1877 – 1944)

Spaseniye sodjelal ye si po sriedje zjemli, Bozhe. Alliluiya.
Salvation is created in the midst of the earth, O God. Alleluia.

CHORAL INTROIT

Come, and Let Us Sweetly Join

Charles Wesley (1707 – 1788), text
Tobias Friedrich (1706 – 1736), music

Come, and let us sweetly join Christ to praise, in hymns divine,
give we all, with one accord, glory to our common Lord.

† CALL TO WORSHIP (*Psalms 98*)

Ruling Elder Dale Laninga

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

People: We will break forth into joyous song, and sing praises.

Leader: Sing praises to the Lord;

People: Make a joyful noise with trumpet and the sound of the horn.

Leader: Let the sea roar, and all that fills it, the world and those who live in it.

People: The floods clap their hands and the hills sing out together;

Leader: Let us join in the joyful song of creation.

† PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 49

The God of Abraham Praise

LEONI

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The Reverend Allison R. Smith

Gracious God, we confess that we are too easily influenced by peddlers of despair and alarm, too quick to sink into numbness and apathy, too tired to imagine another way. Our hopes have crumbled, and our hearts are faint. Breathe new life into us, we pray. Help us to be mindful of your promises, your faithfulness, and your presence as we face the challenges of our lives. Restore our vision and give us courage to live in your truth.

† SILENCE

† KYRIE

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, Christ, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy.

† ASSURANCE OF PARDON

† GLORIA

Glo-ry to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Spir-it: as it was in the be - gin-ning, is now, and will be for ev - er. A-men. A - men. A - men.

† PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.
People: And also with you.

As the congregation passes the peace, children are invited forward for the Time with Our Children.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

ANTHEM

My God Is a Rock

Alice Parker (1925 – 2023) &
Robert Shaw (1916 – 1999)

My God is a rock in a weary land weary land,
in a weary land.

My God is a rock in a weary land
shelter in a time of storm.

Oh yes, I know he is a rock in a weary land
in a weary land, in a weary land.

I know he is a rock in a weary land
shelter in a time of storm.

Stop and let me tell you 'bout the chapter one
when the Lord God's work was just begun.

Stop and let me tell you 'bout the chapter two
when the Lord God's written his Bible through.

Stop and let me tell you 'bout the chapter three
when the Lord God died on Calvary.

Stop and let me tell you 'bout the chapter four
when the Lord God visit 'mong the poor.

Stop and let me tell you 'bout the chapter five
when the Lord God brought the dead alive.

Stop and let me tell you 'bout the chapter six
he went in Jerusalem and healed the sick.

Oh my God is a rock in a weary land
weary land, in a weary land.

My God is a rock in a weary land
shelter in a time of storm.

Oh my Jesus.

Shelter in a time of storm.

Stop and let me tell you 'bout the chapter seven
died and risen and went to heaven.

Stop and let me tell you 'bout the chapter eight
John's seen Him standing at the golden gate.

Stop and let me tell you 'bout the chapter nine
Lord God turned the water to wine.

Stop and let me tell you 'bout the chapter ten
John said, "He's coming in the morn again."

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 17:1-9

(p. 496 in the Old Testament section of the pew Bible)

GOSPEL

Luke 20:27-38
(p. 84 in the New Testament section of the pew Bible)

Leader: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

“Resurrection”
The Reverend Stanley J. Jenkins

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

† RESPONSIVE HYMN NO. 493

Now There Is No Male or Female

OMNI DIE (Trier)

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(Selections from the Barmen Declaration)*

People: **“I am the Way and the Truth and the Life; no one comes to the Father except through me.”**

Leader: Jesus Christ, as he is attested to us in Holy Scripture, is the one Word of God whom we have to hear, and whom we have to trust and obey in life and in death. We reject the false doctrine that the Church could and should recognize as a source of its proclamation, beyond and besides this one Word of God, yet other events, powers, historic figures and truths as God’s revelation.

People: **“Jesus Christ has been made wisdom and righteousness and sanctification and redemption for us by God.”**

Leader: As Jesus Christ is God’s comforting pronouncement of the forgiveness of all our sins, so, with equal seriousness, he is also God’s vigorous announcement of his claim upon our whole life. Through him there comes to us joyful liberation from the godless ties of this world for free, grateful service to his creatures. We reject the false doctrine that there could be areas of our life in which we would not belong to Jesus Christ but to other lords, areas in which we would not need justification and sanctification through him.

People: **“Let us, however, speak the truth in love, and in every respect grow into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body is joined together.”**

Leader: The Christian Church is the community of brethren in which, in Word and Sacrament, through the Holy Spirit, Jesus Christ acts in the present as Lord. With both its faith and its obedience, with both its message and its order, it has to testify in the midst of the sinful world, as the Church of pardoned sinners, that it belongs to him alone and lives and may live by his comfort and under his direction alone, in expectation of his appearing. We reject the false doctrine that the Church could have permission to hand over the form of its message and of its order to whatever it itself might wish or to the vicissitudes of the prevailing ideological and political convictions of the day.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER

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.

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

INVITATION TO GIVING

If you would like to give a financial gift online during the time of the offering, you may use this QR code to access our online giving portal.



GIVING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY

What a Friend We Have in Jesus Joseph Scriven (1819 – 1886), text
Matthew Weaver (b. 1981), music

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear.
What a privilege it is to carry ev'rything to God in prayer.
O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear;
all because we do not carry ev'rything to God in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer.

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear.
Precious Savior, still our refuge; we will find solace there.

† DOXOLOGY No. 609

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures high and low.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one.

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

† PRAYER OF DEDICATION

† SENDING HYMN No. 234

Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain

ST. KEVIN

† CHORAL BENEDICTION

Go Ye Now in Peace

Joyce Eilers (1941 – 2009)

Go ye now in peace and know that the love of God will guide you.
Feel his presence here beside you, showing you the way.
In your time of trouble when hurt and despair are there to grieve you,
know that the Lord will never leave you, He will bring you courage.
Know that the God who sent His Son to die that you might live,
will never leave you lost and alone in His beloved world.
Go ye now in peace.

† CHARGE & BENEDICTION

† CHORAL RESPONSE

As a sign of our unity and fellowship in Christ, please join hands — or simply connect with those nearby in a way that's comfortable for you — as we sing the first verse of "Blest Be the Tie That Binds." Those of you who are watching the livestream at home, please grab the hand of the nearest person (or pet) and join in.

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in

Chris - tian love. The fel - low - ship of

kin - dred minds is like to that a - bove.

† VOLUNTARY

Rubrics
V. "The People Respond – Amen!"

Dan Locklair (b. 1949)

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Worship Leaders This Morning

Rev. Stanley J. Jenkins, Pastor/Head of Staff
Rev. Allison R. Smith, Supply Associate Pastor
Ruling Elder Dale Laninga, Liturgist
Tyler A. Canonico-Dilley, Minister of Music & Organist
Ethan J. Draper, Organ Scholar
Dr. Kyle Zeuch, Director of the LVC Chamber Choir
The Sanctuary Choir
The Lebanon Valley College Chamber Choir
Kolby Murray and Quincy Murray, Bass soloists
Nadia Griffith, Soprano soloist
Sean Meara, Crucifer
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Chancel Flowers

The chancel flowers are given in loving memory of Pieter from the Kooistra Family.

Pledge Campaign Update

Week three was another great week! We received 20 more pledge cards, for 92 total—that's a 40% return rate (with 60% still outstanding). Please take a moment to submit yours today:

- Online: use the pledge button on the homepage of our website.
- In person: there are extra pledge cards at the back of the sanctuary; you may place one in the offering plate.
- Email: Michelle at sheaffer@marketsquarechurch.org
- Phone: Michelle at 717-257-1270 x17

Our Ministry Today

Breakfast Coordinator — Cindy Bendroth
Breakfast Preparers — Table Life Church of the Nazarene (New Cumberland)
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Nursery Helper — Ashley Robinson
Elementary Teachers — Rhiannon Dame, Caleb Stelle
Ushers — Jerry Bair, Chris Baldrige, Karen Blashford
Deacon Flowers — Sally Harris, Judi Shepler
Atrium Flowers — Phyllis Mooney
11/14/25 Friday dinner:
Shift #1: Ben P, Dae A, Ray K, Janet K, David M,
Shift #2: Kate A, Ishmael, Barb C, Joel L.

Lectionary Texts

November 9: Haggai 1:15b—2:9; Job 19:23–27a; Psalm 145:1–5, 17–21; Psalm 98; Psalm 17:1–9; 2 Thessalonians 2:1–5, 13–17; 2 Thessalonians 2:1–5, 13–17; Luke 20:27–38; Luke 20:27–38

November 16: Isaiah 65:17–25; Malachi 4:1–2a; Isaiah 12; Psalm 98; 2 Thessalonians 3:6–13; 2 Thessalonians 3:6–13; Luke 21:5–19; Luke 21:5–19

Staff News

It's bittersweet news that we announce that Organ Scholar Ethan Draper will be completing his time with us next month. In January, Ethan will assume the full-time position of Organist/Choirmaster at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church in Hanover, Pennsylvania. We celebrate this next chapter for him, but will miss having him as a part of our staff. We plan to recognize Ethan in worship on Sunday, December 14.

Cover Art

The artwork, which shows souls ascending to heaven, was created in the southern Netherlands during the third quarter of the 15th century. It is part of a Book of Hours, a type of illuminated manuscript used in the Roman Catholic Church in England. This detail illustrates the souls of two persons being transported by angels through the firmament. God the Father stands surrounded by angels at the gate of heaven to welcome them. The British Library Collection. Public Domain. [JKR]

Our new Afghan Refugee Family

Thanks to Jonelle Darr for donating a laptop to one of the children in our new family.

Another opportunity to help:

Be Be Takhnekyar, a 29-year-old mother from our new Afghan refugee family, hopes to learn to drive and earn her license. After several inquiries, we haven't found an available volunteer instructor through ISC—so we're turning to our own congregation. This is a wonderful opportunity for someone at Market Square to make a real difference. Teaching will likely take several weeks, with lessons possible on weekends when the family's car is available. You'll also have a chance to build a friendship—Be Be's family is warm and welcoming, and you may even be invited in for tea after lessons. Her English is limited, so conversation practice will be part of the learning too. If you're interested in helping, please reach out.

~Roger Olson

Christmas Gifts for Our Breakfast Guests

The Deacons are planning to share Christmas gifts of hats, gloves, and snacks with our breakfast guests on Sunday, December 21. To keep the gifts uniform, we're asking for monetary donations only.

You can give by writing a check with "Christmas Gifts" in the memo line or by donating through the online giving section of our website.

Deadline for donations: December 7

Thank you for helping us spread Christmas cheer!

Today: Messiah Sing!

You are invited to sing in or attend **Handel's Messiah Sing-in** on Sunday, November 9 at 3 p.m. at Lebanon Valley College in Miller Chapel. This concert is a scholarship fundraiser sponsored by the Harmonia Music Association and Lebanon Valley College Music Department, featuring the LVC Choirs under the direction of Tyler Canonico-Dilley and Kyle Zeuch. If you'd like to sing, bring your own score and meet us at 2 p.m. - no reservation needed! If you'd like to attend, we look forward to seeing you at 3 p.m. If you have any questions, please email Tyler.

Love to sing?

Have you ever thought, "I'd love to sing with the choir, but the stairs make it tricky," or "I'd join more often if my schedule weren't so full"? Here's your chance!

On the third Sunday of each month, the choir will sing the full service from the main level of the Sanctuary—no stairs required.

You're welcome to join the "Open Chancel Choir"! Come to rehearsal on Thursday evening beforehand, or simply join in on Sunday morning.

If you're interested, send Tyler an email so he can have your music ready! We hope to see you next Sunday!

Music Notes This Week

This morning we welcome the Lebanon Valley College Chamber Choir under the direction of my friend and colleague, Dr. Kyle Zeuch. They call us to worship with Pavel Chesnokov's "Salvation Is Created," one of the beloved works of the Russian Orthodox choral tradition. Written in 1912 as part of a larger cycle of sacred choral works, the piece sets a single line of text from Psalm 74 (in the Russian Orthodox numbering, Psalm 67): "Salvation is created in the midst of the earth, O God. Alleluia." "Salvation Is Created" embodies the deep spiritual resonance and rich harmonic sonorities characteristic of Russian liturgical music. Tragically, Chesnokov wrote this piece just before the Russian Revolution, after which sacred music was banned. Though he composed over 400 choral works, this one was one of his last sacred pieces – written, as some have said, from the heart of faith into a time when faith itself was being silenced.

Our processional hymn, "The God of Abraham Praise" is a majestic hymn of faith that connects the worshipping church to its ancient spiritual roots. The text, paraphrased by Thomas Olivers in the 18th century, is based on the Jewish doxology "Yigdal," a hymn summarizing the Thirteen Articles of Faith of Maimonides. After hearing "Yigdal" sung in London's Great Synagogue, Olivers was moved that he adapted the words for Christian worship and dedicated the hymn "to the ancient, faithful people of God." The tune, Leoni – named after Meyer Lyon, the synagogue cantor who first sang the melody for Olivers – retains its Hebraic character with a bold and stately contour. Together, the text and tune form a bridge between Jewish and Christian traditions, affirming the shared faith in the God of Abraham, the covenant – keeping God who "rules above, ancient of everlasting days, and God of love."

"My God Is a Rock" captures the strength, vitality, and deep faith of the African American spiritual tradition with its text proclaiming unwavering trust in God's steadfast power and protection. As the choir sings, you will hear the anthem's driving rhythms, bold harmonies, and dramatic dynamic contrasts which reflect the energy and conviction of a people who found hope and endurance through song, even amid their suffering. Robert Shaw and Alice Parker were a great team, partnering for lots of collaborations, which first developed during their years with the Robert Shaw Chorale. They hold true to honoring the authenticity of the spiritual while bringing musical depth and dignity to their arrangement.

Our responsive hymn, "Now There Is No Male or Female" draws its inspiration from Galatians 3:28 – "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus." Written by Brian Wren, one of the most influential hymn writers of the late twentieth century, the text celebrates the unity of God's people and the breaking down of barriers that divide humanity. Set to the 12th-century tune *Omni die* (Trier), the hymn pairs an ancient, steady melody with words that speak to the church's ongoing call to inclusion, equality, and love. Its union of old and new reminds us that the message of reconciliation in Christ transcends time and culture, inviting all believers to live as one body in Christ.

Pennsylvania composer Matthew Weaver offers a fresh setting of "What A Friend We Have in Jesus." The original text, written by Joseph Scriven in 1855 as a poem of comfort to his mother, speaks of Christ's abiding presence in times of trial and prayer. Weaver's arrangement deepens the hymn's message through expressive harmonies and sensitive choral writing, illuminating the quiet strength and reassurance found in its words.

Dan Locklair's "The People Respond – Amen!" is the exuberant final movement from his organ suite, *Rubrics*, a five-movement work inspired by the short instructional headings – called "rubrics" – found in the Book of Common Prayer. Each movement reflects a phrase describing the flow of worship.

Music next week – The Sanctuary Choir will sing, "All Things New" by Elaine Hagenberg and "But Thanks Be to God" from George Handel's *Messiah*. The hymns for the morning will be, "Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples," "If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee," and "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less."

~Tyler A. Canonico-Dilley

Donations for Grocery Gift Cards

Our friends and neighbors who rely on SNAP benefits are now not receiving those benefits due to the on-going government shutdown. Christ has called us to respond in such times as these, and so if you're able, we ask that you make a donation specifically to allow Market Square to purchase grocery gift cards. We will be partnering with case workers and community organizations to help the gift cards get into the hands of those who need them.

You can donate to this initiative by check writing "Grocery Gift Cards" in the memo line or on the church's giving page under the heading "Grocery Gift Cards." Let us continue in prayer for our neighbors, and respond in love!



November 9 - 16

Sun	8:00 am	Community Breakfast, Fellowship Hall (FH)	Fri	1:00 pm	ISC Food Pantry, Fellowship Hall
	9:00 am	Charging Center (until 10:45 am), FH		3:00 pm	MSPC Friday Evening Meal Prep, Kitchen
	9:15 am	Coffee Station, Geneva Hall (Level 4)		5:30 pm	Friday Evening Meal Service, 2nd Street
	9:15 am	Youth Group, Little Amps	Sat	9:00 am	MSPC Food Pantry, Fellowship Hall
	9:30 am	Korean Language Worship, Davis Chapel		9:00 am	Threefold Cord rehearsal, Sanctuary
	9:30 am	Weekly Bible Study, Youth Room		6:00 pm	Threefold Cord concert, Sanctuary
	9:30 am	Adult Forum, Adult Education Rm (Level 4)	Sun	8:00 am	Community Breakfast, Fellowship Hall (FH)
	9:30 am	Children's Prayer Breakfast, Geneva hall		9:00 am	Charging Center (until 10:45 am), FH
	9:45 am	LVC Chamber Choir, Sanctuary		9:15 am	Coffee Station, Geneva Hall (Level 4)
	10:15 am	Sanctuary Choir rehearsal, Sanctuary		9:15 am	Youth Group, Little Amps
	10:30 am	Deacons Coffee Hour, Atrium		9:30 am	Korean Language Worship, Davis Chapel
	10:45 am	Nursery opens, Level 4		9:30 am	Weekly Bible Study, Youth Room
	11:00 am	English Language Worship, Sanctuary		9:30 am	Adult Forum, Adult Education Rm (Level 4)
	11:15 am	Elementary Sunday School, Level 4		10:00 am	Sanctuary Choir rehearsal, Sanctuary
	12:00 pm	Korean Luncheon, Fellowship Hall		10:45 am	Nursery opens, Level 4
	1:00 pm	Welcome, Stan event, Simmons home		11:00 am	English Language Worship, Sanctuary
	3:00 pm	Messiah Sing!, LVC Miller Chapel		11:00 am	Korean Language Bible Study, Davis Chapel
	7:00 pm	Outreach & Marketing Committee, Zoom		11:15 am	Elementary Sunday School, Level 4
	10:00 am	Worship Staff meeting, Stan's office		11:30 am	Korean Language Potluck/Meeting, Knox Rm
	7:00 pm	Coordinating Cabinet, Zoom		3:00 pm	Welcome, Stan event, Darr home
	11:00 am	Full Staff meeting, Conference Room		7:00 pm	Outreach & Marketing Committee, Zoom
Tues					
Wed	5:30 pm	Board of Trustees, Conference Room			
	7:00 pm	Faith and Justice Committee, Conference Rm			
Thurs	6:00 pm	Market Square Ringers, Music Suite			
	7:15 pm	Sanctuary Choir rehearsal, Music Suite			
	7:30 pm	Peacemaking Committee, Zoom			

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CORE VALUES: FAITH • COMMUNITY • COMPASSION • JUSTICE • SERVICE

49 The God of Abraham Praise

1 The God of A-braham praise, who reigns en-throned a - bove,
 2 Your spir - it still flows free, high surg - ing where it will.
 3 Your good - ly land we seek, with peace and plen - ty blest,
 4 You have e - ter - nal life im - plant - ed in the soul;

the An - cient of E - ter - nal Days, the God of love!
 In proph-et's word you spoke of old and you speak still.
 a land of sa - cred lib - er - ty and Sab - bath rest.
 your love shall be our strength and stay, while a - ges roll.

The Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven con-fessed,
 Es - tab-lished is your law, and change-less it shall stand,
 There milk and hon - ey flow, and oil and wine a - bound,
 We praise you, liv - ing God! We praise your ho - ly name:

we bow be - fore your ho - ly name, for - ev - er blest.
 deep writ up - on the hu - man heart by your strong hand.
 and trees of life for - ev - er grow with mer - cy crowned.
 the first, the last, be - yond all thought, and still the same!

Shaped by its traditional Jewish tune, this selection of English stanzas conveys the essence of the *Yigdal*, a canticle based on a medieval Hebrew statement of faith about the nature of God and often used in synagogue worship, alternately chanted by cantor and congregation.

493 Now There Is No Male or Female

Death has no do - min-ion o'er him, so for us death holds no power;

life's own wa-ters now have marked us, born to God this ver - y hour.

From this mo-moment and for - ev - er dead to sin, a - live in Christ,

born of wa - ter and the Spir-it, now in Christ we find our life.

Opening with an allusion to Galatians 3:28 and closing with one to John 3:5, this text is filled with specific scriptural phrases related to baptism. It also includes larger themes like the parallels with the deliverance of Israel from slavery through the waters of the Red Sea.

Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain 234

1 Come, you faith - ful, raise the strain of tri - um - phant glad - ness!
 2 'Tis the spring of souls to - day: Christ has burst his pris - on,
 3 Now the queen of sea - sons, bright with the day of splen - dor,
 4 Nei - ther could the gates of death, nor the tomb's dark por - tal,

God has brought forth Is - ra - el in - to joy from sad - ness,
 and from three days' sleep in death as a sun has ris - en.
 with the roy - al feast of feasts comes its joy to ren - der;
 nor the watch - ers, nor the seal hold you as a mor - tal:

loosed from Pha - raoh's bit - ter yoke Ja - cob's sons and daugh - ters;
 All the win - ter of our sins, long and dark, is fly - ing
 comes to glad Je - ru - sa - lem, who with true af - fec - tion
 but to - day, a - mong your own, you ap - pear, be - stow - ing

led them with un - moist - ened foot through the Red Sea wa - ters.
 from the Light, to whom we give laud and praise un - dy - ing.
 wel - comes in un - wea - ried strains Je - sus' res - ur - rec - tion!
 your deep peace, which ev - er - more pass - es hu - man know - ing.

One of the many ancient hymns translated into English in the 19th century, this 8th-century Eastertide hymn was originally part of a longer Greek liturgical text. This tune was created for this text by a church organist who later rose to fame as a composer of operettas.