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David Becomes King



ALL ARE WELCOME

*“Friend, you enter this church not as a stranger, but as a guest of God.
Come, then, with joy in your heart and thanks upon your lips,
and offer God today your love and your service.”*

(Adapted from a 12th Century Church in Hampshire, England)

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD FOR US

OLD TESTAMENT: David becomes king over all Israel. Brings the Ark of the covenant to Jerusalem with song – making Jerusalem a center of worship.

2 Samuel 5:1-5, 6:1-5 and Psalm 150

¹Then all the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron, and said, "Look, we are your bone and flesh. ²For some time, while Saul was king over us, it was you who led out Israel and brought it in. The LORD said to you: It is you who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you who shall be ruler over Israel." ³So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron; and King David made a covenant with them at Hebron before the LORD, and they anointed David king over Israel. ⁴David was thirty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned forty years. ⁵At Hebron he reigned over Judah seven years and six months; and at Jerusalem he reigned over all Israel and Judah thirty-three years.

¹David again gathered all the chosen men of Israel, thirty thousand. ²David and all the people with him set out and went from Baale-judah, to bring up from there the ark of God, which is called by the name of the LORD of hosts who is enthroned on the cherubim. ³They carried the ark of God on a new cart, and brought it out of the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill. Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, were driving the new cart ⁴with the ark of God; and Ahi went in front of the ark. ⁵David and all the house of Israel were dancing before the LORD with all their might, with songs and lyres and harps and tambourines and castanets and cymbals.

Psalm 150 ¹ Praise the LORD! Praise God in his sanctuary;
praise him in his mighty firmament!

² Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his surpassing greatness! ³ Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp!

⁴ Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe!

⁵ Praise him with clanging cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals!

⁶ Let everything that breathes praise the LORD! Praise the LORD!

SERMON: Holy Hubbub!

HYMN Holy Ground (Choir, Congregation, Choir)

This is holy ground; We're standing on holy ground

For the Lord is present; And where He is is holy

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For the Lord is present And where He is is holy

WE RESPOND WITH PRAYER

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

WE RESPOND WITH OUR FINANCIAL GIFTS

OFFERTORY INVITATION

Some take offense when asked to give, but all of us are eager to receive. Jesus Christ turned these priorities around, giving thanks for the generosity of God's covenant with humanity, but finding greatest joy in the opportunity to share. In gratitude and joy, we bring our offerings.

OFFERTORY MUSIC "In the Garden"

*DOXOLOGY We give but your own, what-e'er the gift may be.
All that we have is Yours alone. We give it gratefully.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Thank you, God, for your steadfast love. We offer our praise; may it reach to the ends of the earth. We ask that our gifts empower ministry in this place and wherever our influence can reach. Let unbelief be turned to faith, ignorance to knowledge, sickness to health, brokenness to wholeness, both in us and in our neighbors near and far. Guide us, as we seek to invest our best for the sake of Christ. Amen.

WE GO OUT TO LOVE AND SERVE A LOVING, SERVING GOD

*HYMN #17 To You, O God, All Creatures Sing

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE (Please remain seated during the Postlude)

**Indicates all that are able may stand.*

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