### IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH NOVEMBER 17, 2024 THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday, November 16, 2024 8:00 a.m. Elaine Baker (Dan) 4:30 p.m. Almeda Brentzel (Family)

Sunday, November 17, 2024 8:00 a.m. Paul Dirling (Lin Family) 10:00 a.m. Mary Agnes Montag (Kimberly & Chris Beatty) 11:30 a.m. Diane Ramsey (Martina)

**Monday, November 18, 2024** 7:45 a.m. Jim Whalen (Family)

**Tuesday, November 19, 2024** 7:45 a.m. Our Parish Family 5:15 p.m - 6:15 p.m. Confessions 6:30 p.m. John & Julie & Mihalko Family (Family)

Wednesday, November 20, 2024 7:45 a.m. Alex Dezorzi (Family)

**Thursday, November 21, 2024** 7:45 a.m. Lynnette McHugh (Cindy)

**Friday, November 22, 2024** 7:45 a.m. Betty Lou Sullivan (Husband & Family)

Saturday, November 23, 2024 8:00 a.m. William Swope (Sharon & Rick) 4:30 p.m. Rev. James Dolan (Greco Family)

Sunday, November 24, 2024 8:00 a.m. Elsie Brophy (Family) 10:00 a.m. Nancy Sullivan (Husband Rodger) 11:30 a.m. Betty Eizenhafer (Family)

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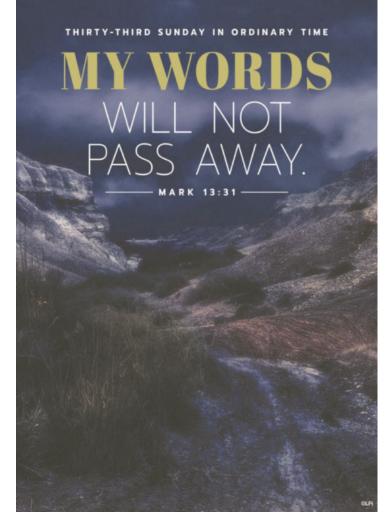
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### **PASTOR'S NOTES**

### Death is a Part of Living

During the month of November we remember in our thoughts, prayers and masses all of the faithful departed. Also during this month we will end another Church Year. Because of these two factors our liturgy pushes us into thinking about the end of times. Death and dying is one aspect of life that none of us like to think of; and yet we all know that death is the one part of living that awaits us all.

Even though we know in our minds that death is a part of life and a part of God's plan for salvation, often our hearts tell us something different. Whenever someone that we love dies, a part of our heart goes right with them. This is the part of dying that we don't like to think about. Too often we forget about the hope that our faith connects to dying and what would life be without hope. In today's readings we hear from the Prophet Daniel as well as Jesus speaking about those last days and what a message of hope they give us.

The setting for both Jesus and Daniel was a world filled with pain and suffering. It seemed as though the end of times was near. The type of writing we hear from in both the first reading as well as the Gospel is known a apocalyptic literature. The word itself means an unveiling of something that is not known. This type of literature is filled with stark images about the end of the world and the eternal realm of God. However, the darkness doesn't get the last word. We are reminded that people would experience bliss and see "new heavens and a new earth." We are given images of light and darkness, goodness and evil, redemption and judgment, reward and punishment. A New Jerusalem appears on the horizon and the wedding feast of the Lamb presents Christ as victor.

By assuring us of an end of time when the world as we know it will disappear, it makes the present time all the more important and special; at least it should! The words of Jesus referring to the end of time are certainly not meant to scare people. Rather they remind us to pay attention to life and the choices that we make. I suppose that old saying which tells us not to put off until tomorrow what can be done today is appropriate. As we near the end of the Church year we are asked to look at our lives and see how we are living and what choices we are making. If for some strange reason God came to you and told you that your life will end tomorrow, what would you do for the last 24 hours that you had on this earth? As you look at how you would answer that question, it tells us something about how we are living. If there are many loose ends that we would want to take care of, then we need to determine why we haven't taken care of them as they came up. If there are people we need to make up to, then why haven't we taken care of that. It is good for us to think about life and the end of life. It is healthy to see what we are "putting off" for the tomorrows that we might never see.

Today we are reminded that Christ came to save all peoples and salvation is not limited to those who have specifically known Christ. God's love is universal. It is not how long we live in life that is important; it is how we live that counts. As we all stand before the judgment seat of God we will be asked how we planted God's word in our hearts. Jesus is interested in where we stand, what kingdom we belong to, what word we serve, what truth we speak, what we have done in God's name – in this world. It is in this world that we make it or break it! -Father Mike

### **CANDLES**

### Sanctuary Candle:

In Memory of Lynnette McHugh (JP, Nicole, Kevin & Rebecca)

### **Divine Mercy:**

In Memory of Lynnette McHugh (Cindy & Joanne)

### St. Peregrine Candle:

Special Intentions for Rose Hilinski (Divine Mercy Prayer Group)

### Easter Flame Candle: In Memory of Ron Beatty (Carol)

### St. Joseph's Candle:

In Memory of Donnelly Family (Kathleen)

Altar Candles for the Month of November: In Memory of Carol Brush (Family)

If you would like to have a candle lit in memory of your loved one, please call the parish office. We will be glad to help you. 724-863-9550



Please pray for all of our faithful departed. Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

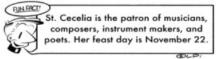
### **Prayer of Seasons**

As the seasons change, be with me. As my life shifts and shapes, be with me. As I face what the future holds, be with me. As I seek the beauty to be found today, help me to find you there. Amen.





"She wanted to hit the high notes."



### SACRAMENTS

Anointing of the Sick The sacrament is available during Confession hour and after each Mass per request.

### Matrimony

Couples wishing to celebrate the Sacrament of Matrimony must contact the parish office one year in advance of the Wedding.

### Baptism

Families of our parish who wish to have their child baptized please email Susan Cheplic at skcheplic@dioceseofgreensburg.org to register for Baptism Preparation.

### Confession

Tuesday 5:15 - 6:15 p.m. & Saturday 9-10 a.m. (except for the first Saturday of the month) **Divine Mercy** 

Join us for the Divine Mercy Chaplet Monday through Friday at 3:00 pm in the church.



Eucharistic Adoration is held every Tuesday after 7:45 am Mass & continuing until 6:15 pm.

"When we face the sun we get a tan, but when we stand before Jesus in the Eucharist we become saints."

Sunday Offertory

November 3—\$16,116.40

All Saints Day - \$2,203.82

Online Giving October 28 - November 3 - \$4,044.14

Thank you for your generosity!

### Immaculate Conception Parish offers Online Giving.

- Scan QR Code on the new Pew Cards or QR Code below.
- Click Create a new account.
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- process.



If you decide to switch to online giving and would like to discontinue your envelopes please contact the parish office. Thank you!

### **HAPPENINGS ON THE CORNER & AROUND THE DIOCESE**



**Jingle Bell Jackpot** FOUR DAYS TO WIN Benefits Immaculate Conception Parish

Dec. 25, 2024 - Win \$1,000.00 CASH Dec. 26, 2024 - Win \$500.00 CASH Dec. 31, 2024 - Win \$500.00 CASH Jan. 1, 2025 - Win \$500.00 CASH

RAFFLE TICKETS AVAILBLE TO PURCHASE IN THE PARISH OFFICE AND AFTER MASSES THE NOV. 23rd & 24th Thank you for supporting our Parish!

### IMMACULATA MEN'S GROUP (IMG) & IMMACULATA WOMEN'S GROUP (IWG)

Our next sessions will be next Saturday, November 23rd for the men's group (IMG) and next Sunday, November 24th for the women's group (IWG) at 6:30am in Our Lady's Plaza. In this last session of the fall semester, we will continue watching Season 4 of "The Chosen" All are welcome!



The Immaculate Conception Creation Care Team meets the first Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m. in the Children's Liturgy Room. The team's focus is to study the encyclical "*Laudato Si*, Care for Our Common Home" and to turn the Pope's vision into effective actions. For more information, Chris Peta at <u>chris@syncrous.com</u>



Altar Candles are available for 2025, they are lit in memory of the person for a month and the cost is \$100. Please call the office at 724-863-9550 to schedule.

### St. Anne Home, Greensburg Lottery Calendars

St. Anne Home lottery calendars are available in Immaculate Conception parish office during office hours.Cost is \$30, with 365 chances to win.



ANNUAL CHRISTIAN MOTHERS WOMEN'S GUILD (CMWG) NO BAKE BAKE SALE

Begins the weekend of Nov. 2nd and ends the weekend of Nov. 24th. If you would like to support the bake sale, envelopes will be available after all Masses in the back of church. Thank you for your generosity.



Christian Mothers/Women's Guild Members are invited to attend the Annual Christmas Luncheon On Sunday, December 8, 2024 After 11:30 a.m. Mass Luncheon will be a catered by Colonial Grill in Our Lady's Plaza

Cost will be \$10.00

### R.S.V.P. by December 2, 2024 To Lin Wiltrek: 724-863-2703 or lwiltrek@gmail.com

Please bring a gift of \$5.00 or more for the left right game If you are able please bring a gift card for needy families



### **ATTENTION LECTORS**

Please pick up your workbook for the Liturgical Year "C", before/after all Masses in the Gathering Room. Please sign your name on the provided sheet that you received your book. The 2024 Year "B" Book ends Sunday, Nov. 24th.

### **HAPPENINGS ON THE CORNER & AROUND THE DIOCESE**





### St. Vincent de Paul Society Annual Report October 1, 2023-September 30, 2024

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul thanks you for your continued generous support of our ministry to those in need in the Irwin/North Huntingdon local community. Church/poor box collections, donations in memory of a deceased loved one, and donations totaled \$67,914. Our monthly food pantry serves an average of 126 families (300 people) with the help of 40-60 dedicated volunteers who unload the truck from Westmoreland County Food Bank and facil-

itate the distribution. Westmoreland County Food Bank provides 600 boxes of frozen, fresh, and dried food items each month. The ministry hosts two Fresh Express distributions annually which provide supplemental fresh food to clients that are already receiving food at our pantry. The St. Vincent de Paul Society also manages a helpline. Volunteers return calls received requesting assistance for food, shelter, gasoline, medical costs, heating, hot water tanks, automobile repairs, and utilities. During this past fiscal year, \$57,266 was distributed to assist these callers. In addition to requests for assistance during the monthly food distribution, 196 face-to-face home visits were made, helping 588 people. Emergency food, and donated furniture and clothing were also provided to 134 neighbors in need. Requests for help with clothing for school-aged children are provided with a gift card. The ministry reaches out to nearby churches to twin when requests for assistance are high. For callers out of our area, we provide them with their local resources to contact for assistance. A Christmas party is hosted for the children registered in our food bank. Gift cards donated through the giving tree are distributed to the parents while the children enjoy games and activities run by our Youth Ministry. A table of donated gently used toys and books is also available. Santa's Shoe Box collection for the people of Appalachia is coordinated annually in the fall. This year's collection yielded 379 shoe boxes. This little insight into the good work that happens every day is known by two people – the person in need and the helpful voice on the other end of the call offering relief and hope. These good deeds happen because of your generous gifts throughout the year. As you continue to support the ministry, please say a special prayer for those requesting assistance and the volunteers. Together we can help our neighbors know they are not alone. If you are interested in learning more about the ministry or becoming a member, please contact Jack Steiner at (412) 979-2077 or Kathy Takacs at (412) 491-7044.

### PARISH GIVING TREE HELPING THE LEAST OF OUR NEIGHBORS

s, in the past, the parish will be sponsoring a giving tree project to help families of our parish to cope with the overwhelming expenses of the Christmas Season. These families have been identified as in need of financial support in order to purchase gifts for their children and prepare a Christmas meal for the family.

In the Spirit of the wise men, who brought gifts to the infant child Jesus to reveal his divinity, we ask you to help be the giver of gifts that will allow the spirit of the Christ Child to be alive in the hearts of the needy. You will find upon our humble tree tags that you may select to purchase Giant Eagle, Walmart, or Target gift cards with a variety of denominations. You may also purchase gift cards through Queen of Angels School (please see order form below). Starting on November 18th this tree will be displayed in the Hall of Memories. We want to thank you in advance for serving in the spirit of the Jesus Creed.

All gifts and monies need to be returned to parish office no later than—Monday, December 9, 2024.



# Giving Tree

Gift Card Order Form:



If you would like to purchase a gift card to help parishioners in need, please consider helping **Queen of Angels Catholic School** at the same time. You can help raise easy money for Queen of Angels Catholic School by purchasing your gift cards through the school's SCRIP program.

#### Complete These Three Easy Steps:

- 1. Fill out the form below.
- 2. Include a check made payable to Queen of Angels Catholic School
- 3. Place both items in the collection basket or mail to our school office.

#### No going to the store required!!!

Queen of Angels will fill the gift card orders that you purchased and return the gift cards to the parish office to be distributed to families in need via St. Vincent de Paul and the parish offices.

Immaculate Conception Giving Tree Gift Cards:

### **Giant Eagle:**

| Value | Quantity | Total |
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| \$10  | ()       | \$    |
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### Walmart:

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### Target:

| \$10         | ( | ) | \$ |
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| \$10<br>\$25 | ( | ) | \$ |

Total



### Thanks for Your Support!!!!

If you have any questions, please call the school's office 724-978-0144 or contact Christina Torok at ctorok@queenofangelssch.org Please make checks payable to: Queen of Angels School

# 4:12 HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY EVENTS

# Open to all students 9th-12th grade!

### LIFENIGHT: WHAT REALLY IS CONFESSION?

Join us 6-8pm @ Youth Ministry Building to discuss how Confession is a sign and instrument of God's merciful love.

### EUCHARISTIC ADORATION & RECONCILIATION

Join us for Euchartistic adoration and an opportunity for Reconcilliation. 6-8pm in Queen of Angels chapel.

### HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Enjoy time with your friends and family. See you December 8, 6-8pm @ Youth Ministry Bldg "Mother Knows Best"

For more info email Katelyn: KWaterhouse@dioceseofgreensburg.org

### COME LET US ADORE HIM...

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4:12 High School Ministry is sponsoring an ADVENT SUPPLIES SALE

\*\*\*All of the profits from this sale will help support the various conference, camps, speakers, and events offered to the youth of the 4:12 Senior Youth Ministry.\*\*\* Thanks for your support and have a prayerful Advent!



November 9 & 10

November 16 & 17

After all Masses

### SOME ITEMS FOR SALE:

Advent Taper Candle Set (3 purple, 1 rose) ...\$7 Brass Advent Wreath (sm. and lg.) ...\$10 and \$12 Christmas Car Magnets...\$5 Bracelets, Ornaments...\$3 Advent Count-down Calendars...\$-\$\$ vary







### **ANGELS CORNER—QUEEN OF ANGEL CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

Queen of Angels Catholic School - Our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who participated in and supported our school's Harvest of Blessings Online Auction. Your generosity has made a lasting impact on our school community, and we are so grateful for your kindness and support. Special thanks to our sponsors: Precision Copy Products, William Brand, Patricia Smiy S&T Bank, Riverview Chevrolet, Antonacci Design Associates, Berk's Menswear, Dr. Carla Capozzi Orthodontics, Core Event Center, Elk Air, The FirePit Wood Fire Grill. John Gdula- State Farm Insurance Agency, **Knights of Columbus - St. Jude Council 9019** Labuda Farm Service, Norwin Chamber of Commerce Shop 'n Save, and William Snyder Funeral Home.

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### THE THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME November 17, 2024 - Order of the Mass

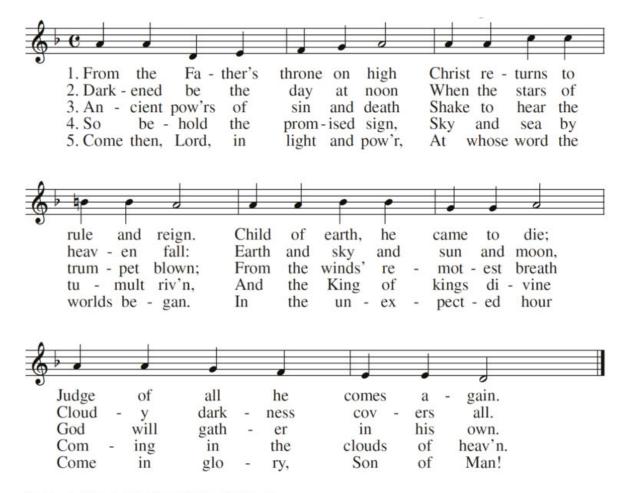
### VOCATIONS PRAYER

Lord Jesus, raise up from our homes those called by the Father:

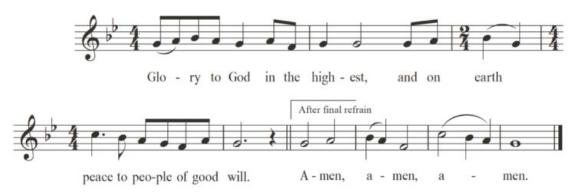
courageous and humble men to the Priesthood, generous servants to the Permanent Diaconate, faithful people to Consecrated Life, and holy men and women to the Sacrament of Marriage. Holy Spirit, help us to live our universal vocation to holiness by listening to the Father's voice and responding with a sacrificial love. Holy Mary, Model of vocations, pray for us.

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN

From The Father's Throne on High



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### THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Daniel 12:1-3

In those days, I Daniel, heard this word of the Lord: "At that time there shall arise Michael, the great prince, guardian of your people; it shall be a time unsurpassed in distress since nations began until that time. At that time your people shall escape, everyone who is found written in the book. "Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake; some shall live forever, others shall be an everlasting horror and disgrace. "But the wise shall shine brightly like the splendor of the firmament, and those who lead the many to justice shall be like the stars forever."

> The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 16

James Scavone

You are my inheritance, O Lord!

SECOND READING Hebrews 10:11-14, 18

Brothers and sisters: Every priest stands daily at his ministry, offering frequently those same sacrifices that can never take away sins. But this one offered one sacrifice for sins, and took his seat forever at the right hand of God; now he waits until his enemies are made his footstool. For by one offering he has made perfect forever those who are being consecrated. Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer offering for sin.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.** 

Gospel Reading

Mark 13:24-32

Jesus said to his disciples: "In those days after that tribulation the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from the sky, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. "And then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in the clouds' with great power and glory, and then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the end of the earth to the end of the sky. "Learn a lesson from the fig tree. When its branch becomes tender and sprouts leaves, you know that summer is near. In the same way, when you see these things happening, know that he is near, at the gates. Amen, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. "But of that day or hour, no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father."

### The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



### Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and life of the world to come. Amen.

### PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

### THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

### PREPARATION OF GIFTS

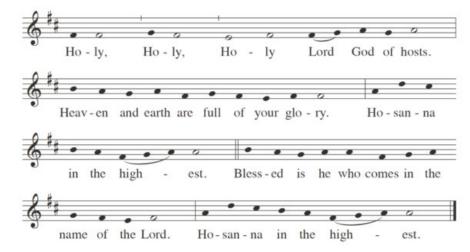
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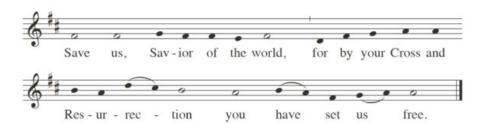
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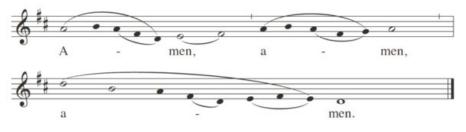
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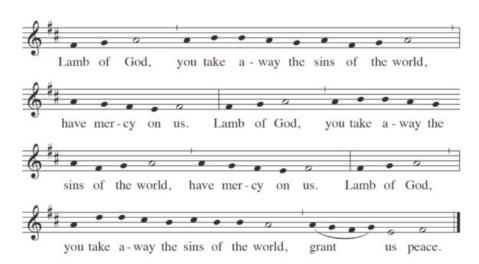
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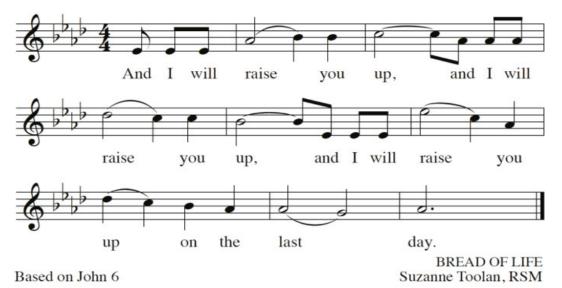


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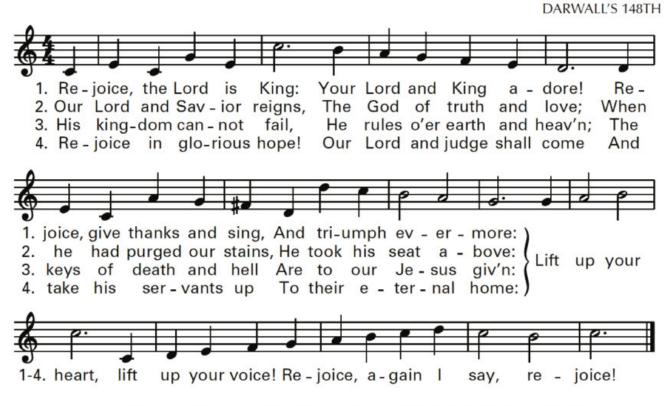
I Am the Bread of Life



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RECESSIONAL HYMN

Rejoice, the Lord is King!



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