

# ASCENSION

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## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Welcome! Thank you for joining us. We are here for fellowship with the Triune God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—and with each other (see Jn. 4:23-24; Eph. 2:18; 1 Jn. 1:3). We hope that you will hear clearly the Gospel, or Good News, about Jesus Christ, through whom we know God. We also hope that love and grace will characterize everything we do here. If you have children age three and under, you may use the nursery next door to the sanctuary (or keep them with you if you prefer). Please stay for refreshments and conversation after the service. We would be happy to field questions you might have about the faith or our church. (Visit [ascensionpc.org/worship](http://ascensionpc.org/worship) to learn more about our Worship.)

*Please silence your electronic devices.*

WORSHIP • October 19, 2014



### THE WORD



#### CALL TO WORSHIP • Psalm 29:2-4

Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;  
worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.

The voice of the LORD is over the waters;

the God of glory thunders,  
the LORD, over many waters.

The voice of the LORD is powerful;

the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.

The flame symbolizes the holy presence of God and the light of his Gospel among us.

God has the first word as **he calls us to Worship**. He takes the initiative in our relationship; he makes himself known to us and moves toward us in love (1 John 4:19). By God's grace alone we are invited, called into his presence. He has brought you here to respond to his grace.

The Triune God is a singing God (Zeph. 3:14-17)! So it is fitting to respond to him with **singing...**

# All Hail The Power Of Jesus' Name

Text: Edward Perronet • Music: Oliver Holden

Alto

The musical score is written for an Alto voice part in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of five staves of music. The lyrics are: "All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate fall; bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem and crown Him Lord of all; bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem and crown Him Lord of all." The score includes measure numbers 3, 6, 9, and 12. The music features a mix of quarter, eighth, and half notes, with some rests and a final double bar line.

All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let  
an - gels pros - trate fall; bring forth the roy - al  
di - a - dem and crown Him Lord of  
all; bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem and  
crown Him Lord of all.

Ye seed of Israel's chosen race, ye ransomed from the fall,  
hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all.  
Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all.

Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget the wormwood and the gall,  
go spread your trophies at his feet, and crown him Lord of all.  
Go spread your trophies at his feet, and crown him Lord of all.

Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe on this terrestrial ball,  
to him all majesty ascribe and crown him Lord of all.  
To him all majesty ascribe and crown him Lord of all.

O that, with yonder sacred throng, we at his feet may fall,  
join in the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all.  
Join in the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all!

## PRAYER OF INVOCATION

### CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN • Psalm 130:3-4

If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities,  
    O Lord, who could stand?  
But with you there is forgiveness,  
    that you may be feared.

### CONFESSION OF SIN • Psalm 5

*Hear our words and our groanings, O Lord. Give attention to our cry for mercy. You are not a God who delights in wickedness; evil may not dwell with you. The boastful shall not stand before your eyes; you hate all evildoers. You destroy those who speak lies; you abhor the bloodthirsty and deceitful. But, O Lord, we are evildoers. We are boastful, deceitful and bloodthirsty. By your mercy alone, by the abundance of your steadfast love may we enter your house. Because of your Son, O Lord, let us find refuge in you. Take away our sins and let us sing for joy. Cover us with your favor as with a shield. For the sake of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.*

(Silent confession)

### ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS • Psalm 130:7-8

O Israel, hope in the LORD!  
    For with the LORD there is steadfast love,  
    and with him is plentiful redemption.  
And he will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

May the peace of Christ be with you.  
*And also with you!*

### OFFERING • 2 Corinthians 8:7-9

As you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all earnestness, and in our love for you—see that you excel in this act of grace also. I say this not as a command, but to prove by the earnestness of others that your love also is genuine. For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.

### DOXOLOGY

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow!  
Praise him, all creatures here below!  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host!  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! Amen.*

There is a sense in which all of Worship is **prayer**, a divine-human conversation.

It is actually God's *gracious* initiation in **calling us to confession** that enables us to do so (Lk. 5:1-11; Rom. 2:4). If not for the assurance of his love, we all would try to hide or deny our true guilt, for fear of his righteous anger. We cannot hide from God (Heb. 4:12-13), but the Good News is that we don't have to!

In Christ, we are free to be honest about who we are and to admit what we have done as rebels in God's sight. We **confess our sin** and our utter need for God's mercy and grace through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ for our reconciliation to God.

Because of what God has done for us in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, **we are assured that all our sins have been forgiven**. Our relationship with God has been completely restored forever! For many reasons, we need to be reminded of this Good News often.

Our grateful, joyful, loving response to our Savior is the giving of our very selves to him (Rom. 12:1). Our **Offering** is a real token of this (1 Cor. 16:1-2). And the **Doxology** gives expression to our new desire to praise him (Ps. 100).

As **God speaks to us**, we listen attentively with thanksgiving.

Because God is a Trinity—a Being in communion and dialogue—God is a God of **prayer**. While he was on earth, the Son of God, Jesus Christ, was constantly praying to his Father, and he taught his disciples how to pray (Mt. 6:5-15; Lk. 11:1-13). And, now that Jesus has ascended into heaven, he continues to pray for his people (Heb. 7:25).

So we often pray together in the way Jesus taught us, using “The Lord’s Prayer.” We pray to God as our Father! We pray according to Jesus’ will, and in his name (Jn 14:13). We pray for all kinds of people (1 Tim. 2:1-8), especially for the work of the Gospel in the world and in the church.

Visit [ascensionpc.org/sermons/the-lords-prayer](http://ascensionpc.org/sermons/the-lords-prayer) to learn more about prayer.

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

The Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God!*

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Lord be with you.

*And also with you.*

Let us pray...

(Elder prays)

And now as our Savior taught us, we pray:

*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.*

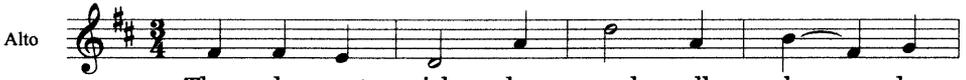
*And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.*

*For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.*

*Amen.*

# Thou Who Wast Rich Beyond All Splendor

Text: Frank Houghton • Music: French Carol Melody



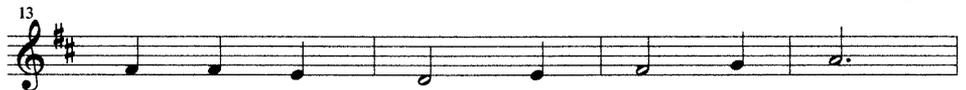
Alto  
Thou who wast rich be - yond all splen - dor  
Thou who art God be - yond all prais - ing  
Thou who art love be - yond all tell - ing



all for love's sake be - cam - est poor;  
all for love's sake be - cam - est man;  
Sav - ior and King we wor - ship thee.



thrones for a man - ger didst sur - ren - der,  
stoop - ing so low, but sin - ners rais - ing,  
Em - man - u - el, with - in us dwell - ing,



sap - phire - paved courts for sta - ble floor.  
heav'n - ward by thine et - ter - nal plan.  
make us what thou wouldst have us be.



Thou who wast rich be - yond all splen - dor  
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Sav - ior and King, we wor - ship thee.

# Come, Holy Ghost

Text: Rhabanus Maurus (A.D. 776-856); chorus by Ray Mills (2005)

Music: Bruce Benedict & Ray Mills • ©2006 Cardiphonia Music, ©2006 Raymond G. Mills

Dm F C

1. Come, Ho - ly Ghost, Cre - a - tor blest, And in our hearts take  
2. O Com fort - er, to thee we cry, Thou heav'n - ly gift of  
3. O Ho - ly Ghost, through thee a - lone, Know we the Fa - ther  
4. Praise we the Lord, Fa - ther and Son, And Ho - ly Spir - it

7 G Dm F

up Thy rest; Come with thy grace and heav'n - ly aid  
God most high; Thou fount of life, and fire of love,  
and the Son; Be this our firm un - chang - ing creed,  
with them one; And may the Son on us be - stow

13 C G B $\flat$

to fill our hearts which thou hast made, to fill our hearts which  
And sweet a - noint - ing from a - bove, And sweet a - noint - ing  
That thou dost from them both pro - ceed, That thou dost from them  
all gifts that from the Spir - it flow, All gifts that from the

19 F Refrain: Dm F

Thou has made. Be not a - fraid  
from a - bove. Refrain:  
both pro - ceed. Refrain:  
Spir - it flow. Refrain:

26 C G

Where you go There I am with you.

## NEW TESTAMENT READING • 1 John 4:7-12

<sup>7</sup> Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup> Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. <sup>9</sup> In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. <sup>10</sup> In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. <sup>11</sup> Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. <sup>12</sup> No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.

The Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God!*

## SERMON • “God Is Love” (Rev. Eric Costa)

**The Word of God** is one of the chief Elements of our Worship. God reveals himself to us in the word of his grace (Acts 20:32) for our relationship and life with him. If he did not do this, we would have no hope of knowing him as he truly is, and no hope of our salvation.

But God loves us, so he sent his Son, the Word of God himself, into the world to make himself known to us (Jn. 1:1-18). God's Spirit inspired the written Word that we have in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments (2 Tim. 3:16; 2 Pet. 1:21). And God has called teachers to build up his people in his Word for love and service (Eph. 4:11-16).

God is a speaking God, and his Word to us is Good News (Rom. 15:4). It is a “Means of Grace” that he uses, by his Spirit, to grow us in our faith. We listen in prayerful anticipation of his good work in our lives.

• JUST •  
• UNCHANGEABLE

• FAIR •  
• IMMORTAL



• MERCIFUL • FORGIVING • GRACIOUS  
• ETERNAL • ALL KNOWING • SINLESS  
• ALL SEEING • ALL POWERFUL • ALMIGHTY



# THE UPPER ROOM



## CONFESSION OF FAITH • The Nicene Creed

What do you believe?

*We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.*

*And we believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds; God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God; begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who, for us and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory, to judge the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.*

*And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life; who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets. And we believe in one holy catholic<sup>1</sup> and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.*

## PASSING OF THE PEACE • Colossians 3:15

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful.

(Greet with the words, "*The peace of Christ be with you.*")

## INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE AND PRAYER

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION • 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

#### THE MYSTERIUM FIDEI

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.  
*Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.*

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.  
*Therefore let us keep the feast.* <sup>(1 Cor. 5:7-8)</sup>

The gifts of God for the people of God.

### GIVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

We respond to the Gospel with trust in God and in his work for us in Jesus Christ. We join with the Church throughout history and around the world as we publicly **confess faith** in Christ (Mt. 10:32).

Just as we are united to Jesus by faith, we are also united to one another in his Spirit (Eph. 2:11-22). We maintain and show our unity as we **share his peace** (Eph. 4:3).

**The Lord's Supper** (also called Communion or the Eucharist) is the high point of Worship. Communion with God is the whole purpose of our creation and salvation in Christ.

All who confess faith in Jesus Christ may partake of this Sacrament: baptized members of a congregation that proclaims the Gospel, who are at peace with God and with their brothers and sisters in Christ, and who seek God's grace to live more faithfully for him in this world.

Please come forward after the musicians. The cup with the ribbon contains grape juice for those who do not want wine. We partake by intinction; we dip the bread into the cup.

<sup>1</sup> Or "universal."

# In Sweet Communion

Text: Psalm 73 • Music: Matthew H. Curl

Tenor

In sweet com - mun - ion Lord with you, I  
Your coun - sel through my earth - ly way shall  
Whom have I in heav'n but you? To  
Though flesh and heart should faint and fail, the  
To live a - part from God is death, 'tis  
con - stant - ly a - bide my hand you hold with -  
guide me and con - trol; and then to glo - ry  
whom my thoughts as - pire and hav - ing you what  
Lord will ev - er be the strength and por - tion  
good His face to seek; my re - fuge is the  
in your own, to keep me near your side Al - le -  
af - ter - ward you will re - ceive my soul.  
more on earth is there I can de - sire?  
of my heart, my God e - ter - nal - ly.  
liv - ing God, His praise I long to seek.  
lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - - - - ia Al - le -  
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# As We Walk Along Beside You

Text: Michael A. Perry (Luke 24) • Music: Matthew H. Curl



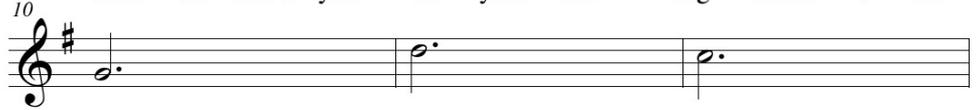
As we walk a - long be - side you and we hear you  
As we ask that you stay with us, and we watch what  
As we reach for you be - liev - ing and we go to



4 speak of mer - cy then it seems our hearts are burn - ing  
you are do - ing then our eyes be - gin to o - pen,  
love and serve you, then our lives will be pro - claim - ing,



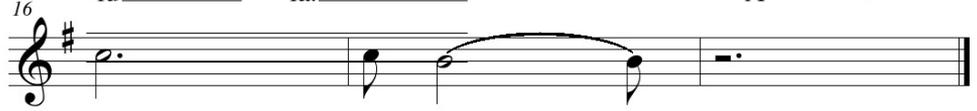
7 for we find you in the shar - ing of \_\_\_\_\_ the  
for we see you in the break - ing of \_\_\_\_\_ the  
that we know you in your ris - ing from \_\_\_\_\_ the



10 word. A - - - le - - -  
bread. \_\_\_\_\_  
dead. \_\_\_\_\_



13 lu \_\_\_\_\_ ia. \_\_\_\_\_ A -



16 le - - lu - ia. \_\_\_\_\_

God has the final word as he sends us out into the world with his  **blessing.**

## **BENEDICTION • 2 Thessalonians 3:5**

May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God and to the steadfastness of Christ.

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**Sunday School** • About 15 minutes after Worship, the children will meet in the sanctuary for singing, then go to their classes. Adults will meet for sermon discussion in the fellowship hall.

**Music Group** • All musicians (and families) are invited to join us at 6:30pm Wednesdays at the Costa home for a brief time of devotion, fellowship, and practice.

**Moms' Group** • Contact: Sara Sery (503-327-4232).

- 10am Tue., Nov. 4 at the home of Tracy Edwards (soup lunch will be provided)

**Generous Justice Home Group** • Sun., Oct. 26 after Worship and Sunday School, at the Costa home. Join us for lunch and a conversation about chapters 2 & 3 of Tim Keller's book. Children are welcome.

**Leadership Seminars** • 9:15am Sundays, open to everyone...

Nov. 2 - "Being Missional"

Nov. 16 - "Elders and Deacons"

**Nursery Volunteers** • Contact: Jerilee Costa (jerilee.costa@gmail.com).

Today: Tayun

Next Sunday: Aznoe

**Refreshments Volunteers** • Contact: Nicole Hamilton (neh.hamilton@gmail.com).

Today: Hatch

Next Sunday: Manary

**Regular Gatherings** • For information about our meetings like home groups and bible studies for men and women, visit [ascensionpc.org/calendar](http://ascensionpc.org/calendar).



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