

**"In this ultimate, climactic revelation of the new covenant in Christ
[in the baptismal formula of Matthew 28:19],
God reveals his covenant name in its fullness,
the one name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit."**

Robert Letham, *The Holy Trinity*

**"Glory refers to the revelation of God in all his beauty of being and character...
Glory is a manifestation of God himself—not just a revelation about him."**

Rodney Whitacre, Commentary on John's Gospel

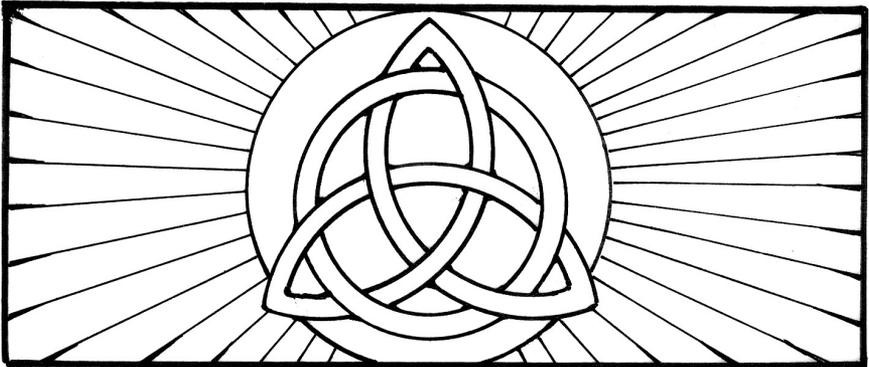


ASCENSION

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Public Worship on the Lord's Day

May 22, 2016 • Trinity Sunday



CALL TO WORSHIP • Psalm 149:1-4

Praise the LORD!

Sing to the LORD a new song, his praise in the assembly of the godly!

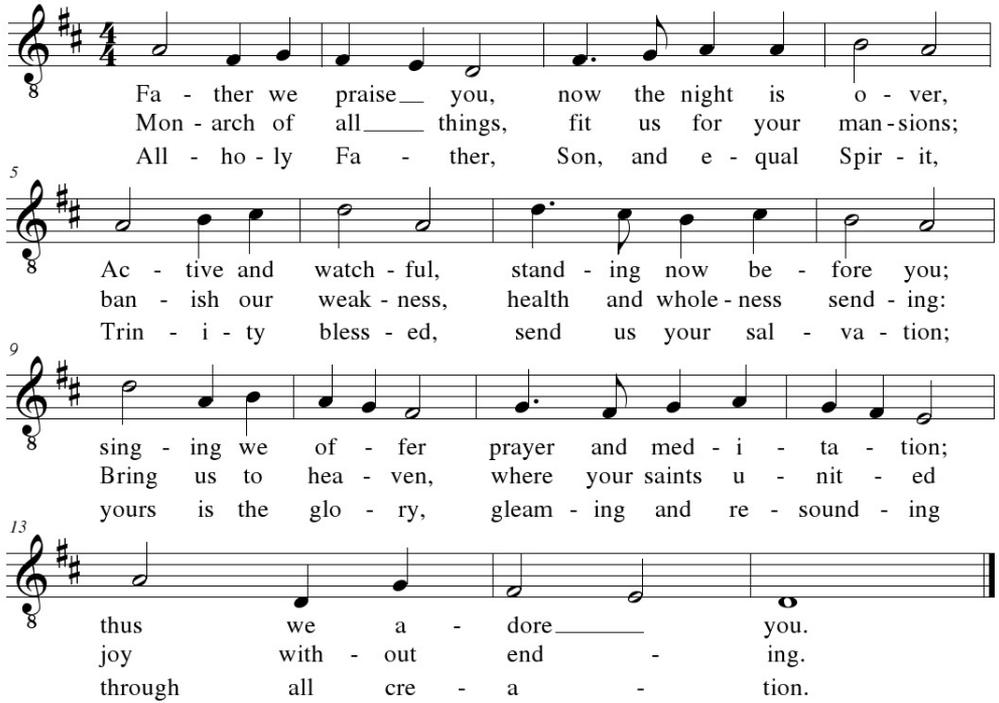
Let Israel be glad in his Maker; let the children of Zion rejoice in their King!

Let them praise his name with dancing, making melody to him with tambourine and lyre!

For the LORD takes pleasure in his people; he adorns the humble with salvation.

Father, We Praise You

Text: Gregory I (540-604) • Music: *Christe Sanctorum*, French Church Melody (1681) • Public Domain



8 Fa - ther we praise you, now the night is o - ver,
Mon - arch of all things, fit us for your man - sions;
All - ho - ly Fa - ther, Son, and e - qual Spir - it,

5
8 Ac - tive and watch - ful, stand - ing now be - fore you;
ban - ish our weak - ness, health and whole - ness send - ing:
Trin - i - ty bless - ed, send us your sal - va - tion;

9
8 sing - ing we of - fer prayer and med - i - ta - tion;
Bring us to hea - ven, where your saints u - nit - ed
yours is the glo - ry, gleam - ing and re - sound - ing

13
8 thus we a - dore you.
joy with - out end - ing.
through all cre - a - tion.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

He is risen!

He is risen indeed!

Let us pray...

CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN • 1 John 4:10

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.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us. O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent; according to Your promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. Grant that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life; to the glory of His holy name. Amen.

(Silent confession)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS • 1 John 4:15

Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God.

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

OFFERING • Malachi 3:10

“Bring the full tithes into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. And thereby put me to the test, says the LORD of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need.”

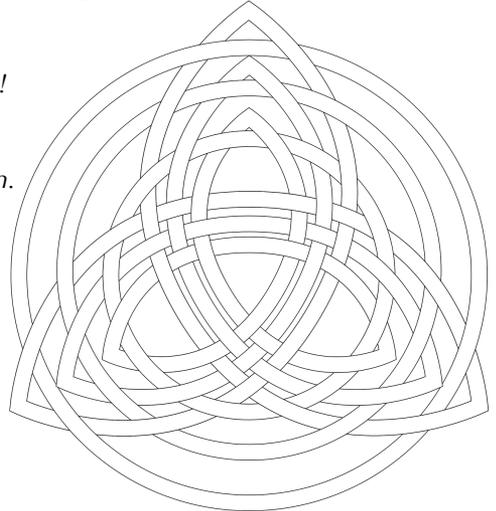
DOXOLOGY

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.



OLD TESTAMENT READING • Ezekiel 43:1-5

¹ Then he led me to the gate, the gate facing east. ² And behold, the glory of the God of Israel was coming from the east. And the sound of his coming was like the sound of many waters, and the earth shone with his glory. ³ And the vision I saw was just like the vision that I had seen when he came to destroy the city, and just like the vision that I had seen by the Chebar canal. And I fell on my face. ⁴ As the glory of the LORD entered the temple by the gate facing east, ⁵ the Spirit lifted me up and brought me into the inner court; and behold, the glory of the LORD filled the temple.

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...

Our Father, you rule over the nations of the earth in justice and mercy.

Give wisdom to our President and representatives in Congress. Bring peace between the nations of the world. We plead for your mercy on our nation.

Holy Spirit, you are the Lord and giver of life.

Protect and defend Ascension Church and our sister congregations in and around Portland. Spread your gospel in this place. We ask for protection and prosperity for our city.

Jesus, you are full of compassion.

Relieve the suffering of the poor and oppressed in our city. Bring healing and joy to those who are ill or facing imminent death, and to those who care for them.

Our Father, you have set us here to cultivate and develop your creation.

Please give us delight and diligence in our callings. Provide for those seeking work. Make us a blessing to our city through our work.

And teach us to pray as you taught your disciples, saying:

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.

Of The Father's Love Begotten

Text: Aurelius Clemens Prudentius, 348-413 • Music: *Divinum Mysterium*, 11th c.



Of the Fa - ther's love be - got - ten ere the
O that birth for - ev - er bless - ed, when the
This is he whom heav'n-taught sing - ers sang of
O ye heights of heav'n, a - dore him; an - gel
3 Christ to thee with God the Fa - ther, and, O



worlds be - gan to be. he is Al - pha and O - me -
Vir - gin, full of grace, by the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv -
old with one ac - cord, Whom the Scrip - tures of the proph -
hosts, his prais - es sing; All do - min - ions, bow be - fore
6 Ho - ly Ghost, to thee, Hymn, and chant, and high thanksgiv -



ga, he the Source, the End - ing he. Of the
ing bore the Sav - ior of our race; and the
ets prom - ised in their faith - ful word; Now he
him and ex - tol our God and King; Let no
9 ing, and un - wear - ied prais - es be, Ho - nor,



things that are that have - been, and that
babe, the world's Re - deem - er, first re -
shines, the long - ex - pect - ed; Let cre -
tongue on earth be si - lent, Ev' - ry
12 glo - ry, and do - min - ion, And e -



fu - ture years shall see, ev - er - more and ever - more!
vealed his sa - red face, ev - er - more and ever - more!
a - tion praise its Lord, ev - er - more and ever - more!
voice in con - cert ring, ev - er - more and ever - more!
ter - nal vic - tor - y, ev - er - more and ever - more!

The Trinity For Eternity

Text: Catherine Winkworth • Music: Matthew H. Curl • Used by Permission

Tenor

8 Lord Je - sus Christ, be pres - ent now, _____ our
Un - seal our lips, to sing your praise, _____ our
5 Un - til we join the hosts that cry, _____ "Ho-
8 hearts in true _____ de - vo - tion bow. _____
souls to you _____ in wor - ship raise. _____
9 ly are you! _____ O Lord most high!" _____
8 Your Spi - rit send, with grace di - vine, _____ and
Make strong our faith, in - crease our light, _____ that
13 And in the light of that blest place, _____ for -
8 let your truth _____ with - in us shine. _____ Glo - ry
we may know _____ your name a - right. _____
18 e'er be - hold _____ you face to face. _____
8 _ to God! _____ The Fa - ther, Son, _____ and Ho - ly Ghost!
23 To You, Lord _____ all praise! _____ The Trin - i - ty, _____
28 _____ for e - ter - ni - ty!

GOSPEL READING • John 17:1-5, 20-26

¹ When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, ² since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³ And this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. ⁴ I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do. ⁵ And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed...

²⁰ "I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, ²¹ that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me.

²² The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, ²³ I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me. ²⁴ Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. ²⁵ O righteous Father, even though the world does not know you, I know you, and these know that you have sent me. ²⁶ I made known to them your name, and I will continue to make it known, that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

The Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

SERMON • "The Glory of God" (Rev. Eric Costa)





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 catholic¹ 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 one another 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 • 1 Corinthians 11:26; 5:7-8

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.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

GIVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

(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 glasses on your right contain grape juice for those who do not want wine. There are gluten-free crackers on the table. An Elder is available in the back for prayer [James 5:13-16].)

¹ Or, “universal.”

There Is A Fountain Filled With Blood

Text: William Cowper • Music: Lowell Mason • Public Domain



There is a foun - tain filled with blood drawn
The dy - ing thief re - joiced to see that
Dear dy - ing Lamb, Thy pre - cious blood shall
For since by faith I saw the stream Thy
3 Then in a no - bler, sweet - er song I'll



from I - man - uels' veins; and sin - ners plunged be -
foun - tain in his day; and there may I though
nev - er lose its power till all the ran - somed
flow - ing wounds sup - ply, Re - deem - ing love has
6 sing Thy pow'r to save: When this poor lisp - ing



neath that flood lose all their guil - ty stains; lose
vile as he, wash all my sins a - way: wash
church of God are saved to sin no more: are
been my theme and shall be till I die. And
9 stamm' ring tongue lies si - lent in the grave. Lies



all their guil - ty stains lose all their guil - ty
all my sins a - way wash all my sins a -
saved to sin no more, are saved to sin no
shall be till I die and shall be till I
12 si - lent in the grave, lies si - lent in the



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way; and there may I though vile as he, wash
more; till all the ran - somed church of God are
die; Re - deem - ing love has been my theme and
15 grave; when this poor lisp - ing stamm' - ring tongue lies



all their guil - ty stains.
all my sins a - way.
saved, to sin no more.
shall be till I die.
si - lent in the grave.

Lord, Thou Hast Searched Me

Text: Psalm 139 and the Gloria Patri

Music: *Sarum Plainsong*, c. 14th century, arr. Chip Ueltschey



Lord, thou hast searched me and dost know
Ere in - to be - ing I was brought,
Thy thoughts, O God, how man - i - fold,
2 To God the Fa - ther and the Son



wher - e'er I rest, where - e'er I go;
thine eye did see and in thy thought
more pre - cious are to me than gold!
4 and Ho - ly Spir - it Three in One,



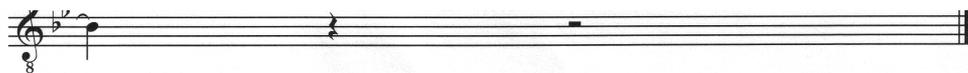
thou know - est all that I have planned,
my life in all its per - fect plan
I muse on their in - fin - i - ty,
6 Praise, hon - or, might, and glo - ry be,



and all my ways are in thy hand. _____
was or - dered ere my days be - gan. _____
a - wak - ing I am still with thee. _____
8 from age to age e - ter - nal - ly.



A - - - men. _____



BENEDICTION • 2 Corinthians 13:14

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ
and the love of God
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.

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Remember: every gathering is an opportunity to invite a friend, to introduce people to the Christ-centered community and life of the church!

Sunday School • After Worship, and some time for conversation and coffee, join us for Sunday School. Kids will meet in the sanctuary before going to their classes. Adults will meet in the fellowship hall for sermon discussion (young children are welcome to accompany their parents).

Officer Nominations • (Open through the end of May.) If you are a member of Ascension, please read 1 Timothy 3 and Titus 1, and prayerfully consider whether you would nominate someone to the office of Elder and/or Deacon according to the qualifications listed there. He should be a man who has demonstrated Christian character and service, and who has been a member of Ascension in good standing for more than one (1) year. Any communicant member in good standing may nominate more than one man to office. Please discuss your nomination with each man before submitting his name to Eric (this is not an anonymous process!). As is our custom, a man must be nominated by three (3) separate church members that are not related to each other or to the nominee in order for us to consider the man for training. Duly nominated men will have a preliminary meeting with Eric and/or the current Elders before entering training (a process that takes several months). He will be examined by the current officers to determine whether to set him before the congregation for election and ordination.

Prayer Home Group • Next Sunday (May 29) at the home of Eric & Jerilee Costa (1890 SE Maple Street).

"I'm Hooked" • Sat. - Sun., June 4-5. Free fishing weekend at Hagg Lake. Registration opens Apr. 1 (imhookedinc.org). See Robert Spracklen for details.

Church Campout • Fri. - Sun., Aug. 19-21, at the Deschutes River State Rec. Area. Mark your calendars! We'll join our sister congregation, Hope (Portland), for the weekend. Stay tuned for more details...

Musicians • Join us on Wednesday nights at 6:30 at the Costa home for fellowship and preparation for the coming Sunday. Families are welcome. Contact Kady Boden (kady@ascensionpc.org).

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

Today: Costa Next Sunday: Sery

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

Today: _____ Next Sunday: Wismer

Regular Gatherings • For information about our meetings like home groups and bible studies for men and women, visit ascensionpc.org/calendar.



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- I want to know more about being a Christian.
- I would like to get coffee with the Pastor.
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- Please use this info for the photo directory.