

"We love those who know the worst of us and don't turn their faces away."

Walker Percy

"To be loved, but not known, is superficial and unsatisfying.

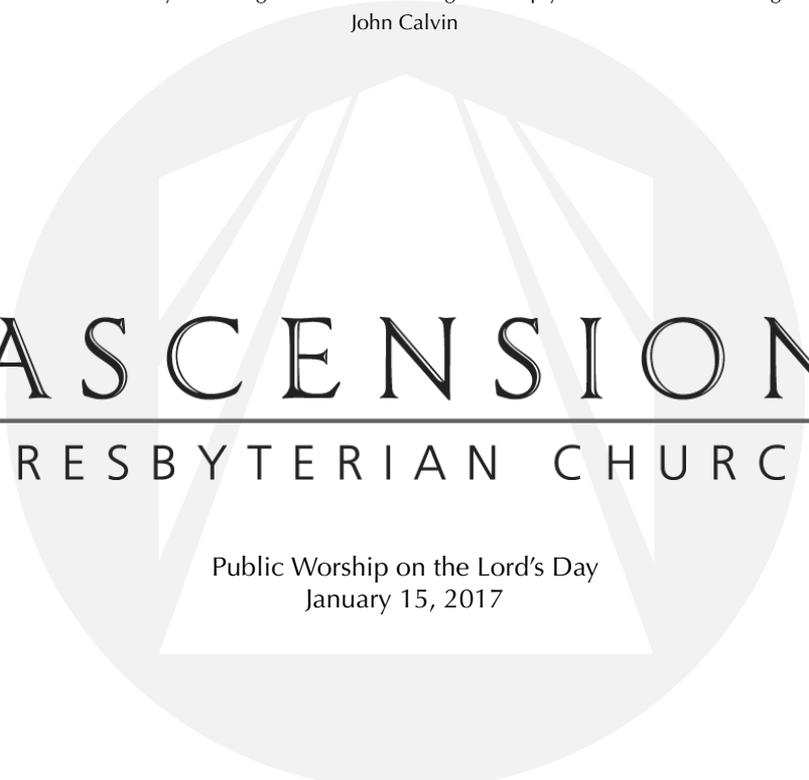
To be known, and rejected, is our greatest nightmare.

But to be known all the way down—and loved infallibly, endlessly—is heaven."

Tim Keller

"We do not read of anyone being blamed for drinking too deeply of the fountain of living water."

John Calvin



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Public Worship on the Lord's Day  
January 15, 2017



THE WORD



**CALL TO WORSHIP • Psalm 96:7-9**

Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples,  
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength!

Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;  
bring an offering, and come into his courts!

Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness;  
tremble before him, all the earth!

# Before The Throne Of God Above

Text: Charitie Lees Bancroft • Music: Vikki Cook • ©1997 Sovereign Grace Worship

Alto

The musical score is written for an Alto voice part in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. It consists of six staves of music. The lyrics are: "Be-fore the throne of God a - bove I have a strong and per-fect plea A great High Priest whose name is love Who ev-er lives and pleads for me My name is gra-ven on His hands My name is writ - ten on His heart I know that while in heav'n He stands No tongue can bid me thence de - part No tongue can bid me thence de - part". The score includes measure numbers 4, 7, 11, 14, and 17.

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When Satan tempts me to despair, and tells me of the guilt within,  
upward I look to see him there, who made an end of all my sin.  
Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free,  
for God, the Just, is satisfied to look on him and pardon me,  
to look on him and pardon me.

Behold him there! the risen Lamb, my perfect, spotless Righteousness,  
the great unchangeable I Am, the King of glory and of grace.  
One with himself I cannot die, my soul is purchased by his blood,  
my life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ my Savior and my God,  
with Christ my Savior and my God,  
with Christ my Savior and my God.

## **PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

He is risen!

*He is risen indeed!*

Let us pray...

## **CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN • 2 Corinthians 5:20b**

We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

## **CONFESSION OF SIN**

*Lord Jesus, I have sinned times without number, and been guilty of pride and unbelief, and of neglect to seek you in my daily life. My sins and shortcomings present me with a list of accusations, but I thank you that they will not stand against me, for all have been laid on Christ. Deliver me from every evil habit, every interest of former sins, everything that dims the brightness of your grace in me, everything that prevents me taking delight in you. Amen.*

(Silent confession)

## **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS • 2 Corinthians 5:21**

For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

May the peace of Christ be with you.

*And also with you!*

## **OFFERING • Philippians 4:11-13, 19-20**

I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me... And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.

## **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 • Isaiah 12

- <sup>1</sup> You will say in that day:  
“I will give thanks to you, O LORD,  
for though you were angry with me,  
your anger turned away,  
that you might comfort me.
- <sup>2</sup> “Behold, God is my salvation;  
I will trust, and will not be afraid;  
for the LORD GOD is my strength and my song,  
and he has become my salvation.”
- <sup>3</sup> With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. <sup>4</sup> And you will say in that day:
- “Give thanks to the LORD,  
call upon his name,  
make known his deeds among the peoples,  
proclaim that his name is exalted.
- <sup>5</sup> “Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously;  
let this be made known in all the earth.
- <sup>6</sup> Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion,  
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.”

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.*

# The Lord's Prayer

Text: Matthew 6:9-13 • Music: Matthew H. Curl • Used by Permission



Our fath-er in hea-ven hal-low-ed be \_\_\_ your name,



Your king-dom come, your will be done on earth as it is \_\_\_ in



hea - ven. Give us to - day our dail - y



bread, and for-give all our tres-pass-es as we for-give those who



tres-pass a-gainst us. And lead us not in-to temp-



ta - tion, but de - liv - er us \_\_\_ from the e - vil one. For



yours \_\_\_ in the king - dom and the pow'r and the glo - ry \_\_\_ for-



ev - er - more. A - men. \_\_\_\_\_

# 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

5  
Come, Ho - ly Ghost, Cre - a - tor blest,  
O com - fort - er, to Thee we cry,  
and in our hearts take up Thy rest;  
9 Thou heav'n - ly gift of God most high;  
Come with Thy grace and heav'n-ly aid to fill our  
14 Thou fount of life, and fire of love, and sweet an -  
hearts which Thou hast made, to fill our  
18 noint - ing from a - bove, and sweet a -  
hearts which Thou hast made. Be not a -  
23 noint - ting from a - bove.  
fraid, \_\_\_\_\_ where you go there I am with you.

O Holy Ghost, through thee alone know we the Father and the Son;  
be this our firm, unchanging creed, that thou dost from them both proceed,  
that thou dost from them both proceed.

*(Chorus x2)*

Praise we the Lord, Father and Son, and Holy Spirit with them one;  
and may the Son on us bestow all gifts that from the Spirit flow,  
all gifts that from the Spirit flow.

*(Chorus x2)*

## GOSPEL READING • John 4:1-26

<sup>1</sup> Now when Jesus learned that the Pharisees had heard that Jesus was making and baptizing more disciples than John <sup>2</sup> (although Jesus himself did not baptize, but only his disciples), <sup>3</sup> he left Judea and departed again for Galilee. <sup>4</sup> And he had to pass through Samaria. <sup>5</sup> So he came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. <sup>6</sup> Jacob's well was there; so Jesus, wearied as he was from his journey, was sitting beside the well. It was about the sixth hour.

<sup>7</sup> A woman from Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink."  
<sup>8</sup> (For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.) <sup>9</sup> The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?" (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.) <sup>10</sup> Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." <sup>11</sup> The woman said to him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw water with, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? <sup>12</sup> Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock." <sup>13</sup> Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, <sup>14</sup> but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." <sup>15</sup> The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water."

<sup>16</sup> Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." <sup>17</sup> The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; <sup>18</sup> for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true." <sup>19</sup> The woman said to him, "Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. <sup>20</sup> Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship." <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. <sup>22</sup> You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. <sup>23</sup> But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. <sup>24</sup> God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." <sup>25</sup> The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things." <sup>26</sup> Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am he."

The Gospel of Jesus Christ.

*Praise be to you, O Christ!*

**SERMON • "The Well of Salvation" (Rev. Eric Costa)**





THE UPPER ROOM



**CONFESSION OF FAITH • The Heidelberg Catechism, 60**

How are you right with God?

*Only by true faith in Jesus Christ. Even though my conscience accuses me of having grievously sinned against all God's commandments and of never having kept any of them, and even though I am still inclined toward all evil, nevertheless, without my deserving it at all, out of sheer grace, God grants and credits to me the perfect satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ, as if I had never sinned or been a sinner, as if I had been as perfectly obedient as Christ was obedient for me. All I need to do is to accept this gift with a believing heart. 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.*

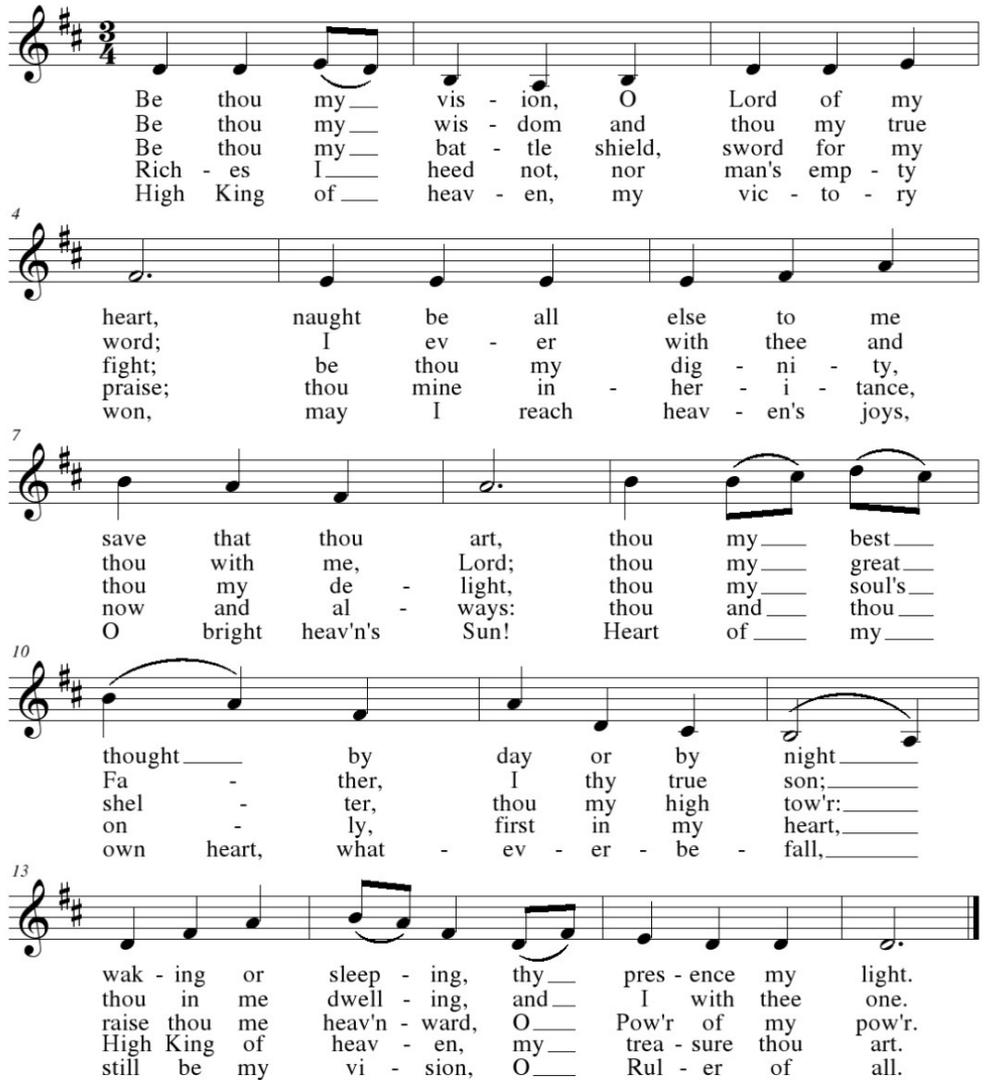
The gifts of God for the people of God.

**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].)

# Be Thou My Vision

Text: Unknown, 8th Century • Music: *Slane* (Irish Folk Tune) • Public Domain



Be thou my vision, O Lord of my  
Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true  
Be thou my battle shield, sword for my  
Rich - es I heed not, nor man's emp - ty  
High King of heav - en, my vic - to - ry

4  
heart, naught be all else to me  
word; I ev - er with thee and  
fight; be thou my dig - ni - ty,  
praise; thou mine in - her - i - tance,  
won, may I reach heav - en's joys,

7  
save that thou art, thou my best  
thou with me, Lord; thou my great  
thou my de - light, thou my soul's  
now and al - ways: thou and thou  
O bright heav'n's Sun! Heart of my

10  
thought by day or by night  
Fa - ther, I thy true son;  
shel - ter, thou my high tow'r;  
on - ly, first in my heart,  
own heart, what ev - er be - fall,

13  
wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
thou in me dwell - ing, and I with thee one.  
raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.  
High King of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.  
still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

# The Lamb Has Overcome

Music and Lyrics: Luke Morton • ©2011 Cardiphonia Music

The Lamb has ov - er - come, the  
Lamb has ov - er - come; the bat - tle's done and the  
vic-to-ry is won, for the Lamb has ov-er - come! No  
grave could hold Him down, no grave could hold Him  
down; up from the ground, "He is  
ri-sen!" was the sound, no grave could hold Him down.  
At God's right hand is He, at  
God's right hand is He; our per - fect plea as He  
lives to in-ter-cede, at God's right hand is He! Wor-thy  
is the Lamb who was slain, glo-ry be un - to His  
name! Wor-thy is the Lamb who was slain, glo-ry  
be un - to His name!

The table now is spread, the table now is spread;  
the wine and bread, broken body and blood shed, the table now is spread.

The day is drawing near, the day is drawing near;  
he shall appear and wipe away each tear, the day is drawing near!

*Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, glory be unto his name!*

*Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, glory be unto his name!*

(Repeat Chorus)

## BENEDICTION • Psalm 29:11

May the LORD give strength to his people!  
May the LORD bless his people with peace!

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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 fellowship 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).

**Mercy Sunday** • Today: *Almsgiving* and *the Backpack Project*.

**Home Group** • Today at the Pope home (15953 SW Tuscany Street, Tigard). All are welcome!

**Congregational Meeting** • Feb. 5 after Worship. The purpose of this meeting will be to elect Joe Hamilton to the office of Deacon.

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

### Nursery Volunteers

Today: Costa      Next Sunday: Sery

### Refreshments Volunteers

(Contact: Nicole Hamilton, [neh.hamilton@gmail.com](mailto:neh.hamilton@gmail.com))

Today: Jaques      Next Sunday: Aznoe



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- I want to know more about being a Christian.
- I would like to get coffee with the Pastor.
- Please send me the email newsletter.
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