

"In a world which is organized around the self and seeks its own glory the statement 'I know God' will be seen as an outrageous piece of self-glorification. Agnosticism will be seen as a proper modesty. But this modesty does not provide any way of escape from the world which is centered in the self. Its genial tolerance ends abruptly in face of a claim that God has actually revealed himself in the flesh and blood of the man Jesus. That claim will appear as a shocking assault upon the sovereignty of the autonomous reason and conscience. The inevitable conflict is focused and resolved in the crucifixion of Jesus."

Lesslie Newbigin

"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever."

Hebrews 13:8



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THE WORD



CALL TO WORSHIP • Hosea 6:3

Let us know; let us press on to know the LORD;
his going out is sure as the dawn;
he will come to us as the showers,
as the spring rains that water the earth.

May Jesus Christ Be Praised

Text: Common Book of Prayer • Music: Benjamin Wilkinson • Used by Permission

Tenor

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Does sadness fill my mind? A solace here I find;
Or fades my earthly bliss? My comfort still is this:
May Jesus Christ be praised! May Jesus Christ be praised!
Be this, while life is mine, my love, my song divine:
May Jesus Christ be praised! May Jesus Christ be praised!
My God, the Savior, reigns! May Jesus Christ be praised!

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

He is risen!

He is risen indeed!

Let us pray...

CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN • Isaiah 1:18

“Come now, let us reason together, says the LORD:
though your sins are like scarlet,
they shall be as white as snow;
though they are red like crimson,
they shall become like wool.”

CONFESSION OF SIN

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against our neighbor, in thought and word and deed, in the evil we have done and in the good we have not done, through our ignorance, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.

(Silent confession)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS • Isaiah 51:11

The ransomed of the LORD shall return
and come to Zion with singing;
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;
they shall obtain gladness and joy,
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

OFFERING • Matthew 6:19-21

“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

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 • Genesis 12:1-3

Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. ² And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³ I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

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 in Heaven, you are the source of every good and perfect gift. You did not spare your own Son, but gave him up for us all; how will you not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?

We thank you for your daily provision for our physical needs. We thank you for your care for our souls. We thank you for your mercy given to us in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Lord Jesus, You rule over all things for the sake of your Church. You are at the right hand of God interceding for us constantly. Nothing can separate us from your love.

Increase the peace and purity and unity of this congregation. Strengthen the church of Christ in our city. Protect and stand with our brothers and sisters everywhere who are being persecuted for their faith.

Our Savior, you invite the weary and burdened to come to you and find rest. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. You are gentle and humble in heart.

Heal those who are sick. Give your grace and peace to those facing imminent death and to those who care for them. Comfort those who are grieving. Sit closely with those who are lonely. Provide for those who are seeking work. Free those who are struggling with enslaving sins.

Our great God, we hear your promise that the knowledge of your glory will fill the earth as the waters cover the sea. We give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty, the One who is and who was, because you have taken your great power and have begun to reign.

Increase the spread of the Gospel in and through our city, to the world. We ask you to extend your mercy to our friends and loved ones.

Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever.

Amen.

For All The Saints

Text: William H. How • Music: Christopher Miner • ©1998 Christopher Miner

Tenor

8 For all the saints who from this
2 Thou wast their rock, their for-tress
4 la - bor's rest to thee by - faith be-fore the
8 and their might; thou Lord their cap-tain in the
6 world con - fess thy name O Je - sus, be for -
8 well fought fight; thou in the dark-ness drear, their
e - ver blessed, al - le - lu - ia, al-le - lu.
one true light, al - le - lu - ia, al-le - lu.

O may thy soldiers faithful, true, and bold,
fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,
and win with them the victor's crown of gold.
Alleluia, Alelu...

The golden evening brightens in the west;
soon, soon to faithful warriors comes their rest;
sweet is the calm of paradise the blest,
Alleluia, Alelu...

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:
Alleluia, Alelu...
Alleluia, Alleluia.

Come, Oh Come, O Quickening Spirit

Text and Music: Heinrich Held (1620-1659), arr. Chip Ueltschey



Come, oh come, O quick - 'ning Spi - rit,
On - ly that which you de - sire
Bless - ed Spi - rit, still re - new - ing
Help us keep the faith for - ev - er;



God be - fore the dawn of time!
be our ob - ject; with your hand
all who dwell up - on the earth,
let not Sa - tan, death, or shame



Fire our hearts with ho - ly ar - dor,
lead our ev - 'ry thought and ac - tion,
when the e - vil one as - sails us
draw us from you or de - prive us



bless - ed Com - for - ter sub - lime!
let us be at your com - mand.
help us prove our heav'n - ly birth;
of the hon - or of your name.



Let your ra - diance fill our night,
All our sin - ful - ness e - raise
Arm us with your might - y sword
When the foe would lure us hence,



turn - ing dark - ness in - to light.
with the in - crease of your grace.
in the le - gions of the Lord.
be, O God, our sure de - fense.

GOSPEL READING • John 8:48-59

The Jews answered him, "Are we not right in saying that you are a Samaritan and have a demon?" ⁴⁹ Jesus answered, "I do not have a demon, but I honor my Father, and you dishonor me. ⁵⁰ Yet I do not seek my own glory; there is One who seeks it, and he is the judge. ⁵¹ Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death." ⁵² The Jews said to him, "Now we know that you have a demon! Abraham died, as did the prophets, yet you say, 'If anyone keeps my word, he will never taste death.' ⁵³ Are you greater than our father Abraham, who died? And the prophets died! Who do you make yourself out to be?" ⁵⁴ Jesus answered, "If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing. It is my Father who glorifies me, of whom you say, 'He is our God.' ⁵⁵ But you have not known him. I know him. If I were to say that I do not know him, I would be a liar like you, but I do know him and I keep his word. ⁵⁶ Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day. He saw it and was glad." ⁵⁷ So the Jews said to him, "You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?" ⁵⁸ Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am." ⁵⁹ So they picked up stones to throw at him, but Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple.

The Gospel of Jesus Christ.
Praise be to you, O Christ!

SERMON • "Glorification" (Rev. Eric Costa)





THE UPPER ROOM



CONFESSION OF FAITH • The Apostles' Creed

What do you believe?

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he shall come to judge the living and the dead.*

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic[†] church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. 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 for prayer upon request [James 5:13-16].)

* When the Creed states that Jesus “descended into hell,” we understand it to mean that he suffered the holy wrath of God for the sins of his people.

† Or, “universal.”

A Hymn To God The Father

A Poem by John Donne • Music: Matthew H. Curl • Used by Permission

Tenor

Wilt Thou for - give that sin where I be - gun, which
5 was my sin, though it were done be - fore? Wilt Thou for -
10 give that sin through which I run, and do run still, though
15 still I do de - plore? When Thou hast
19 done, — Thou hast not done, — for I have more, — I have
25 more. When Thou hast done, — Thou hast not done,
30 — for I have more, — I have more.

Wilt thou forgive that sin which I have won
others to sin, and made my sin their door?
Wilt thou forgive that sin which I did shun
a year or two, but wallow'd in a score?

When thou hast done, thou hast not done,
for I have more, I have more. (2x)

I have a sin of fear that when I've spun
my last thread, I shall perish on the shore;
but swear by thyself, that at my death thy sun
shall shine as he shines now, and heretofore.

And, having done that, thou hast done.
I fear no more. I fear no more. (2x)

Lord, Thou Hast Searched Me

Text: Psalm 139 and the Gloria Patri

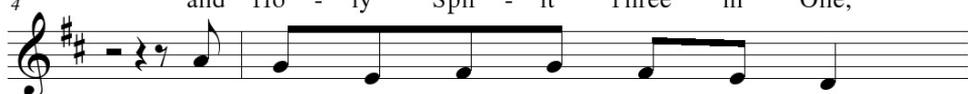
Music: *Sarum Plainsong*, c. 14th century, arr. Chip Ueltschey



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 • Jude 1-2

To those who are called,
beloved in God the Father
and kept for Jesus Christ:
May mercy, peace, and love be multiplied to you.

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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!

After Worship • Please stay a while and join us for coffee and conversation.

Summer BBQ • After Worship on Sun., July 23 at the Costa home (1890 SE Maple Street, Hillsboro). Please bring a side, dessert, or drinks to share. RSVP: jerilee.costa@gmail.com.

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

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

Today: Elliott Next Sunday: K. Boden



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