



ASCENSION
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THE WORD


CALL TO WORSHIP • John 7:37-38

Jesus stood up and cried out, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.'"

May Jesus Christ Be Praised

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

Tenor

When morn-ing gilds the skies, my
When sleep her peace de - nies, my
heart a - wake-ing cries; A - like at work and prayer,
si - lent spi - rit sighs; When ev - il thoughts mo - lest,
— on Christ I cast my cares; May
— with this I shield my breast; May
Je - sus Christ be praised! May Je - sus Christ be praised!
Je - sus Christ be praised! May Je - sus Christ be praised!
— To God, the Word, on high, the
— In Heav'n's e - ter - nal bliss, the
host of an - gels cry. May Je - sus Christ be
love-liest strain is this! praised!
— May Je - sus Christ be praised! My
God, the Sav - ior reigns! May Je - sus Christ be praised! —

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 53:6

All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have turned—every one—to his own way;
and the LORD has laid on him
the iniquity of us all.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Jesus, forgive my sins. Forgive the sins that I remember, and the sins I have forgotten. Forgive my many failures in the face of temptation, and those times when I have been stubborn in the face of correction. Forgive the times I have been proud of my own achievements, and those when I have failed to boast in your works. Forgive the harsh judgments I have made of others, and the leniency I have shown myself. Forgive the lies I have told to others, and the truths I have avoided. Forgive me the pain I have caused others, and the indulgence I have shown myself. Jesus, have mercy on me and make me whole. Amen.

(Silent confession)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS • Isaiah 53:4-5

Surely he has borne our griefs
and carried our sorrows;
yet we esteemed him stricken,
smitten by God, and afflicted.
But he was pierced for our transgressions;
he was crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,
and with his wounds we are healed.

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

OFFERING • Romans 12:1

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

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 29:13-21

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...

Father Eternal, God Almighty, you have brought forth from the root of Jesse a shoot, Jesus our Savior.

He is your anointed one, the promised Messiah, in him you are well pleased. We come to you in his service, to offer our prayers of intercession for the coming of his kingdom.

Father Eternal, you have anointed Jesus to be both Lord and Christ.

We pray for the Church of Christ that she might be faithful to her Lord, bearing witness to his reign in every land among every people.

Father Eternal, you have anointed Jesus to be our Lord and Shepherd.

We pray for those whom you have appointed to be ministers of your gospel. We especially ask for your protection and help for our pastor.

Father Eternal, you have anointed Jesus to be Lord of all the earth.

We pray that you draw all people to kneel before the Prince of Peace. Please establish justice and peace between nations in your world.

Father Eternal, you have anointed Jesus King of kings and Lord of lords.

We pray for the rulers of our nation that they might be wise, fearing the Lord to whom they must bow in the world to come.

Father Eternal, you have anointed Jesus a counselor and comforter of your people.

We pray for those among us who suffer, for those who are lonely, for those without home or family, for those who are depressed and discouraged, for those who are seeking work, for those who are sick, for those who are grieving.

Praise, honor and glory belong to you, Eternal Father, and to your Son, who taught us to pray 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.

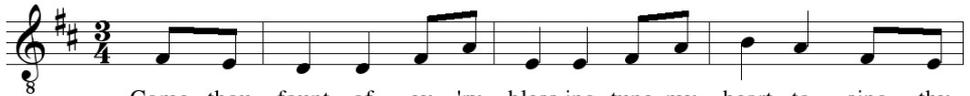
And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.

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

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

Come, Thou Fount Of Every Blessing

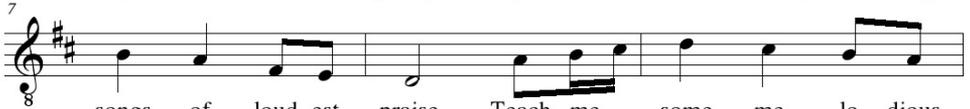
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Come, thou fount of ev - 'ry bless-ing tune my heart to sing thy
Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer; hith - er by thy help I'm
O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to



grace; streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for
come; and I hope, by thy good pleas - ure, safe - ly
be; Let that grace, now, like a fet - ter, bind my



songs of loud - est praise. Teach me some me - lo - dious
to ar - rive at home. Je - sus sought me when a
wand' - ring heart to thee. Prone to wand - er - Lord, I



son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove; praise the
strang - er, wan - d'ring from the fold of God: he, to
feel it - prone to leave the God I love: Here's my



mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.
res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

God Of My Life

Text: William Cowper (1731-1800) • Music: Benj Pocta, Clint Wells, Brian T. Murphy
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1. God of my life to Thee I _____ call;
2. Friend of the friend - less and the _____ faint,
3. That were a grief I could not _____ bear,



Af - flict - ed at Thy _____ feet I _____ fall;
Where should I lodge my _____ deep com - - - - - pain?
Didst Thou not hear and _____ an - - - - - swer _____ prayer;



When the great wa - ter floods pre - - - - - vail,
Where but with Thee whose o - - - - - pen _____ door,
But a prayer - hear - ing, an - - - - - swer - ing _____ God,



Leave not my tremb - ling heart to _____ fail.
In - - - - - vites the help - less and the _____ poor?
Sup - ports me un - der _____ ev - 'ry _____ load.



Poor though I am, des - pised, for - got, _____ Yet God, my God, for -



gets me not; _____ And he is safe, and must suc -



ceed, For whom, the Lord is sure to _____ plead. _____

GOSPEL READING • John 9:35-41

³⁵ Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" ³⁶ He answered, "And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" ³⁷ Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and it is he who is speaking to you." ³⁸ He said, "Lord, I believe," and he worshiped him. ³⁹ Jesus said, "For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind." ⁴⁰ Some of the Pharisees near him heard these things, and said to him, "Are we also blind?" ⁴¹ Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would have no guilt; but now that you say, 'We see,' your guilt remains."

The Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

SERMON • "Spiritual Sight" (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.”

Abide With Me

Text: Henry Lyte • Music: Justin Smith • ©2007 Justin Smith Music

Tenor

8 A - bide with me; — fastfallthe e - ven -
3 Thou on my head,in — ear - ly youth didst
6 tide; The dark - ness deepens; Lordwith me a -
smile; And, though re - bel - lious, - and per - verse mean -
9 bide. When oth - er help - ers, fail and com - forts
while, Thou hast not left me, oft as I left
flee, help of the help - less, a - bide with me.
Thee, on to the close Lord, a - bide with me.

The musical score is for a Tenor part. It consists of five staves of music. The first staff is labeled 'Tenor' and has a '8' below it. The second staff has a '3' below it, the third a '6', and the fourth a '9'. The music is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words split across lines. The score ends with a double bar line.

I need thy presence every passing hour.
What but thy grace can foil the tempter's power?
Who, like thyself, my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, abide with me.

I fear no foe with thee at hand to bless;
ills have no weight, tears lose their bitterness.
Where is thy sting death? Where grave thy victory?
I triumph still, abide with me.

Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes;
shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.
Heav'n's morning breaks and earth's vain shadows flee;
In life and death, Lord, abide with me.

Glorify Your Name

Music: Matthew H. Curl • Used by Permission

Tenor

8 Fa - ther we love you we wor - ship and a - dore you,
5 glo - ri - fy your name in all the earth, glo -
9 ri - fy your name, glo - ri - fy
14 your name, glo - ri - fy your name
19 in all the earth.

Jesus, we love you, we worship and adore you,
glorify your name in all the earth.
Glorify your name, glorify your name,
glorify your name in all the earth.

Spirit, we love you, we worship and adore you,
glorify your name in all the earth.
Glorify your name, glorify your name,
glorify your name in all the earth.

BENEDICTION • 2 John 3

Grace, mercy, and peace will be with us,
from God the Father
and from Jesus Christ the Father's Son,
in truth and love.

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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.

Men's Breakfast • 7:30am Sat., Sept. 2 at the Costa home (1890 SE Maple Street). Each time we meet we discuss a phrase of the Apostles' Creed. This time: "The Forgiveness of Sins." (Keep an eye on applyingthegospel.com this week for the blog post we'll discuss together.) Bring a friend! RSVP and let Eric know if you can help by bringing part of the meal (rev.eric.costa@gmail.com).

Mercy Sunday • Sept. 3... On the first Sunday of each month we collect *Alms* during the Lord's Supper, to help meet needs in our congregation and community. After Worship we engage together in a ministry of compassion—the *Backpack Project*—providing food to children in need at W. L. Henry Elementary School. This is a great opportunity to talk with our kids about generosity and service as a regular part of our lives as Christians. To sign up to bring food supplies, contact Jerilee Costa (jerilee.costa@gmail.com).

Newcomers' Lunch • Sun., Sept. 10 at the Costa home (1890 SE Maple Street, Hillsboro). This will be a good chance to get to know each other and ask questions about our church, membership, et cetera. RSVP (rev.eric.costa@gmail.com).

Sunday School • We will start up Sunday School for the children (and Sermon Discussion for the adults) again in September. We'll need more volunteers to share the teaching roles than we've had in previous years. Please consider whether you can help our young ones grow in their knowledge of Christ. Contact: Joe Pope (pope.joe@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.

Nursery Volunteers

(Contact: Rainy Aznoe, rainsyrr@aol.com)

Today: Childers Next Sunday: Aznoe

Refreshments Volunteers

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

Today: Aznoe Next Sunday: Hamilton



Worship at 10am Sundays • SE 12th & Walnut, Hillsboro

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I am a visitor.

I want to know more about being a Christian.

I would like to get coffee with the Pastor.

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