

“The fall brought mankind into an estate of sin and misery.”

Westminster Shorter Catechism, 17

“The world’s certainty that the ultimate reality is death breaks Jesus’ heart.”

Frederick Bruner

“In the immediate presence of death, and of the hopeless unbelief of his friends in the face of death, Jesus was facing that power which he had come to destroy, a power which is met by the wrath of him who is the author of life, but which could only be cast out when the author of life took the whole power of death upon himself.”

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THE WORD


CALL TO WORSHIP • Hebrews 12:28-29

Let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, for our God is a consuming fire.

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!
— My
— 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 • Joel 2:12-13

“Yet even now,” declares the LORD,
“return to me with all your heart,
with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning;
and rend your hearts and not your garments.”
Return to the LORD your God,
for he is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love;
and he relents over disaster.

CONFESSION OF SIN

God of mercy, you are full of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in mercy, and always ready to forgive. We confess that we have sinned against you, and have clung to evil rather than to Christ. Have mercy on us, and forgive our sin. Restore us to newness of life, and seat us at your table of grace, that we may feast with delight on all that satisfies the hungry heart; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Silent confession)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS • Joel 2:32

Everyone who calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved.

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

OFFERING • Ephesians 4:28; 5:2

Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need... Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

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 • Psalm 6

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, we pray for your holy, catholic, and apostolic Church,

That we all may be one.

Lord, in your mercy... *Hear our prayer.*

Grant that every member of the church may joyfully and humbly serve you,

That your Name would be honored by all people.

Lord, in your mercy... *Hear our prayer.*

We pray for all who lead and guide your church,

That they may be faithful and diligent servants of you.

Lord, in your mercy... *Hear our prayer.*

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world,

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Lord, in your mercy... *Hear our prayer.*

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake,

That we may know the joy of living for you.

Lord, in your mercy... *Hear our prayer.*

Have compassion on those who suffer from grief or trouble,

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Lord, in your mercy... *Hear our prayer.*

Let us join together in praying as Jesus taught us to 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.

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

Text: George Matheson • Music: Christopher Miner • ©1997 Christopher Miner



O Love that will not let me go, I
O Light that follow'st all my way, I
O Joy that seek'st me through pain, I
O Cross that lift'st up my head, I



rest my weary soul in thee; I
yield my flick'ring torch to thee; My
can not close my heart to thee; I
dare not ask to fly from thee; I



give thee back the life I owe, That
heart re-stores its bor-rowed ray, That
trace the rain-bow through the rain, And
lay in dust life's glo-ry dead, And



in thine ocean depths its flow May
in thy sun-shine's blaze its day May
feel the promise is not vain, That
from the ground there blossoms red Life



ri-cher, full-er be.
bright-er, fair-er be.
morn shall tear-less be.
that shall end-less be.

Come, Holy Ghost

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

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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 11:28-37

When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary, saying in private, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." ²⁹ And when she heard it, she rose quickly and went to him. ³⁰ Now Jesus had not yet come into the village, but was still in the place where Martha had met him. ³¹ When the Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary rise quickly and go out, they followed her, supposing that she was going to the tomb to weep there. ³² Now when Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet, saying to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." ³³ When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in his spirit and greatly troubled. ³⁴ And he said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." ³⁵ Jesus wept. ³⁶ So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" ³⁷ But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man also have kept this man from dying?"

The Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

SERMON • "Jesus Wept" (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.”

Deep Were His Wounds, And Red

Text: William Johnson • Music: Vito Aiuto • © New Jerusalem Music/ASCAP

Deep were his wounds, and red, on cruel Calvary,
as on the cross he bled in bitter agony.
But they whom sin has wounded sore
find healing in the wounds he bore.
But they whom sin has wounded sore
find healing in the wounds he bore.

He suffered shame and scorn and wretched, dire disgrace;
forsaken and forlorn, he hung there in our place.
But all who would from sin be free
look to his cross for victory.
But all who would from sin be free
look to his cross for victory.

His life, his all he gave when he was crucified;
our burdened souls to save, what fearful death he died!
But each of us, though dead in sin,
through Christ eternal life may win.
But each of us, though dead in sin,
through Christ eternal life may win.

O Lord, By Grace Delivered

Text: Psalm 30 (1912 Psalter) • Music: Matthew H. Curl • Used by Permission

Tenor

O Lord, by grace de - liv - ered, I
In pros - p'rous days I boast - ed: un -
now with songs ex - tol; my foes you have not
moved I shall re - main; for Lord, by your good
suf - fered to glo - ry o'er my fall. O Lord, my God, I
fa - vor my cause you did main - tain; I soon was sor - ley
sought you, and you did heal and save; - you,
trou - bled, for you did hide your face; I
Lord, from death did ran - som and keep me from the
cried to you Je - ho - vah, I sought Je - ho - vah's
grave. O Lord, by grace de - li - - vered! - I
grace.
now with songs ex - tol! His ho - ly name re -
mem - ber! - You saints, Je - ho - vah praise!

What profit if I perish, if life you do not spare?
Shall dust repeat your praises, shall it your truth declare?

O Lord, on me have mercy, and my petition hear;
that you may be my helper, in mercy, Lord, appear.

(Chorus)

My grief is turned to gladness, to you my thanks I raise,
who has removed my sorrow and girded me with praise;
and now, no longer silent, my heart your praise will sing;

O Lord, my God forever, my thanks to you I bring.

(Chorus)

BENEDICTION • Psalm 22:26

The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied;
those who seek him shall praise the LORD!
May your hearts live forever!

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

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After Worship • Please stay a while and join us for coffee and conversation. Around 11:45am we start Sunday School—kids will meet in the sanctuary before going to their classes, and adults will meet in the fellowship hall for Sermon Discussion (young children are welcome to accompany their parents).

Mercy Sunday • On the first Sunday of each month we participate together in a couple different ministries of mercy and compassion. It's good for us to cultivate regular habits like these so that generosity and helping others become "second-nature" to us and to our children. So, today we'll collect alms, financial gifts that go to a fund that our deacons oversee for the purposes of alleviating urgent needs among members of our church and community. We will also gather donations for the food pantry at the elementary school in the church's neighborhood, W. L. Henry. Many of the school's impoverished families rely on help like this—thank you!

Monthly Men's Breakfast • 7:30am Sat., Oct. 7 at the Costa home (1890 SE Maple Street). Each time we meet we discuss a phrase of the Apostles' Creed. This time: "The Resurrection of the Body." (Check applyingthegospel.com this week for the blog post we'll discuss together.) RSVP and let Eric know what part of the meal you'll bring, and if you'll have a friend with you (rev.eric.costa@gmail.com).

Women's Retreat • Oct. 13-15, Lincoln City. The cost is \$85 per person, due Sun., Oct. 8 (financial assistance is available if you have need). Contact Cheryl Boden for details (wu.gardens@gmail.com).

Choir • We're putting together a choir to sing a few songs on Sundays during the Advent season and on Christmas Eve. If you're interested, contact John Elliott (john.a.elliott2@gmail.com).

Refreshments Volunteers • As mundane as it may seem, bringing refreshments to church is a great way to demonstrate hospitality to one another and to visitors—especially to the children! Contact: Nicole Hamilton (neh.hamilton@gmail.com)

Nursery Volunteers • Some of our current volunteers are transitioning to help with Sunday School, so we need some more folks in the nursery rotation (which should be once every 6-8 weeks). Can you help? Contact: Rainy Aznoe (rainyrr@aol.com).



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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.
- Please send me the email newsletter.
- Please use this info for the photo directory.