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THE WORD



**CALL TO WORSHIP • Revelation 3:20**

“Behold, I stand at the door and knock.  
If anyone hears my voice and opens the door,  
I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me.”

# The People That In Darkness Sat

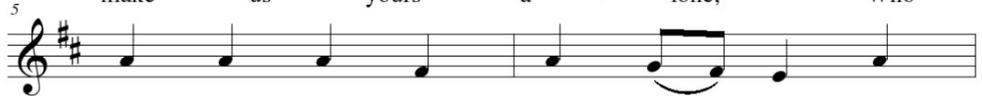
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The peo - ple that in dark - ness sat a  
To hail you, Sun of Righ - teous - ness, the  
To us the Child of hope is born, to  
His name shall be the Prince of Peace, the  
His righ - teous gov - ern - ment and pow'r shall  
Lord Je - sus, reign in us, we pray, and



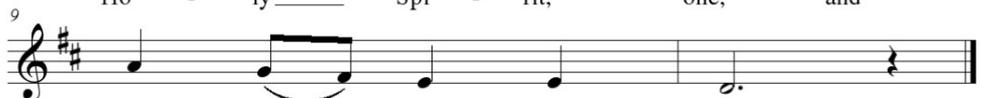
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Ev - er - last - ing Lord, The  
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make us yours a - lone, Who



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## **PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

He is risen!

*He is risen indeed!*

Let us pray...

## **CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN • John 3:16-17**

“God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

## **CONFESSION OF SIN**

*God of grace and truth, show yourself to be our Savior. Our sin is folly and insanity; it is a gloom of deep darkness, and we have lingered there. In our self-centeredness we have spurned your love. We have manipulated and hurt those closest to us. We allow ourselves to believe that our sin is no serious offense, but we have forsaken you and your glorious purpose for our lives. Can it be true that you have not forsaken us? Have you really atoned for our sin by the life and death of your own Son? Grant us confidence in our relationship with you, in spite of all our sin. Make us to know that we belong to you, and that you belong to us, through the sure word of your Gospel and the power of your Holy Spirit. We ask in Jesus' name. Amen.*

(Silent confession)

## **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS • John 19:30**

Jesus said, “It is finished,” and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

May the peace of Christ be with you.

*And also with you!*

## **OFFERING • 1 John 3:16-18**

By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and truth.

## **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 15:1-6**

After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: "Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." <sup>2</sup> But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" <sup>3</sup> And Abram said, "Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir." <sup>4</sup> And behold, the word of the LORD came to him: "This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir." <sup>5</sup> And he brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be." <sup>6</sup> And he believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

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.*

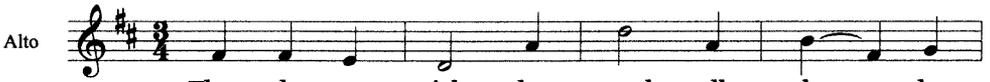
*And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.*

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

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

# Thou Who Wast Rich Beyond All Splendor

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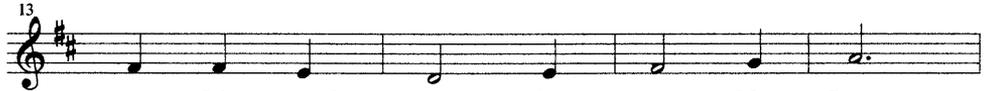
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Thou who wast rich be - yond all splen - dor  
Thou who art God be - yond all prais - ing  
Thou who art love be - yond all tell - ing



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all for love's sake be - cam - est poor;  
all for love's sake be - cam - est man;  
Sav - ior and King we wor - ship thee.



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thrones for a man - ger didst sur - ren - der,  
stoop - ing so low, but sin - ners rais - ing,  
Em - man - u - el, with - in us dwell - ing,



13  
sap - phire - paved courts for sta - ble floor.  
heav'n - ward by thine et - ter - nal plan.  
make us what thou wouldst have us be.



17  
Thou who wast rich be - yond all splen - dor  
Thou who art God be - yond all prais - ing  
Thou who art love be - yond all tell - ing



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all for love's sake be - cam - est poor.  
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Sav - ior and King, we wor - ship thee.

# God Is The Strength Of My Heart

Text: Psalm 73 (1912 Psalter) • Music: Matthew H. Curl • Used by Permission

Tenor

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God - is good to His peo - ple, His mer - cy to me,  
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is al - ways un - fail - ing, though I could not see.  
9  
And when my faith fal - tered, I en - vied the proud.  
13  
In doubt and dis - qui - et my spir - it was bowed.  
17  
Trust - in the Lord God, He is un - fail - ing,  
21  
He is the strength of my heart ev - er more!  
the good and the pure.

In doubt and temptation, I rest Lord in you;  
my hand is in your hand, whatever I do.  
You always are with me; you guide with your word,  
and soon into glory will take me, O Lord.

*(Chorus)*

Whom have I, O Savior, in heaven but you?  
On earth for none other I long but for you.  
My flesh and my heart may be weakened and sore,  
but God is the strength of my heart evermore.

*(Chorus)*

## **NEW TESTAMENT READING • Galatians 2:15-16**

We ourselves are Jews by birth and not Gentile sinners; <sup>16</sup> yet we know that a person is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, so we also have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ and not by works of the law, because by works of the law no one will be justified.

The Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God!*

## **SERMON • “Just and Triggered” (Rev. Pat Roach)**

Pat has served as Reformed University Fellowship (RUF) Campus Minister at Rice University, planted Hope PCA in Portland, and is now the Western U.S. Area Coordinator for RUF. He and his wife, Ashley, have three children: Mary, Anna, and James.





THE UPPER ROOM



**CONFESSION OF FAITH • Philippians 2:6-11**

What do you believe about Jesus Christ?

*I believe that Jesus Christ, being God, made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born a man. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. 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].)

# In Mercy Broken

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Tenor

Bread of the world, in mer - cy bro -  
ken Look on the heart by sor - row bro -  
ken Wine of the  
Look on the  
soul, in mer - cy shed  
tears by sin - ners shed  
By whom the words of life were spo - ken,  
And be thy feast to us the to - ken  
And in whose death our sins are  
That by thy grace our souls are  
dead. Al - le - lu -  
fed. Al - le - lu -  
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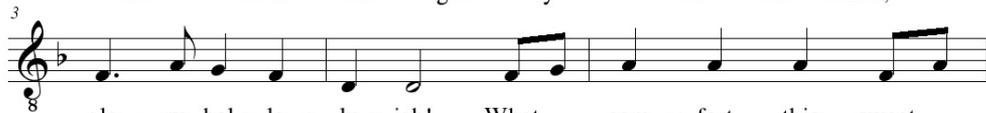
*(Repeat)*

# I Know That My Redeemer Lives—Glory, Hallelujah!

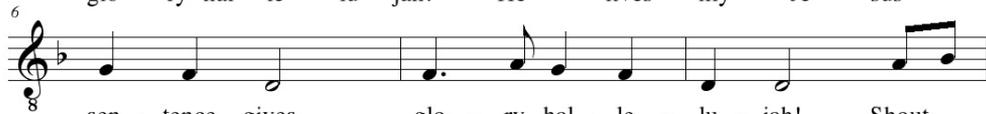
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I - know that my Re - deem - er lives,  
He lives, he lives, who once was dead,  
He lives to bless me with his love,  
He lives all glo - ry to his name,



glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah! What com - fort this sweet  
glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah! He lives, my ev - er -  
glo - ry hal - le - lu - jah! He lives to plead for  
glo - ry hal - le - lu - jah! He lives my Je - sus



sen - tence gives, glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah! Shout  
last - ing Head, glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah!  
me a - bove, glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah!  
still the same, glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah!



on, pray on, we're gain - ing ground, glo - ry, hal - le -



lu - jah! The dead's a - live and the lost is found,



glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah!

## BENEDICTION • Romans 15:5-6

May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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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](http://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).

**Refreshments Volunteers** • Bringing refreshments to share at church is a great way to practice hospitality. Contact: Nicole Hamilton ([neh.hamilton@gmail.com](mailto:neh.hamilton@gmail.com))

Today: Hamilton    Next week: Elliott

**Nursery Volunteers** • Can you play with young children and help their parents once every 6-8 weeks? Join the nursery rotation! Contact: Rainy Aznoe ([rainyrr@aol.com](mailto:rainyrr@aol.com)).

Today: Jaques    Next week: Rickis



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- I want to know more about being a Christian.
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