

"Jesus is the way to God,  
precisely because he is the truth of God  
and the life of God."

D. A. Carson

"If any man turn aside from Christ,  
he will do nothing but go astray;  
if any man do not rest on him,  
he will feed elsewhere on nothing but wind and vanity;  
if any man, not satisfied with him alone, wishes to go farther,  
he will find death instead of life."

John Calvin



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THE WORD  


**CALL TO WORSHIP • Psalm 66:1-2**

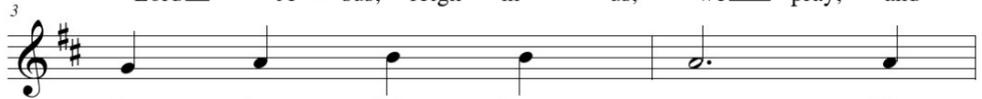
Shout for joy to God, all the earth;  
sing the glory of his name;  
give to him glorious praise!

# The People That In Darkness Sat

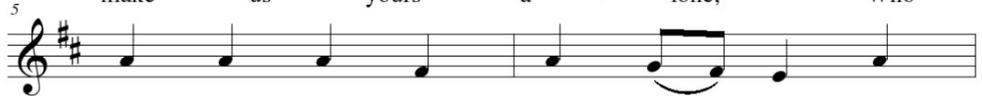
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The peo - ple that in dark - ness sat a  
To hail you, Sun of Righ - teous - ness, the  
To us the Child of hope is born, to  
His name shall be the Prince of Peace, the  
His righ - teous gov - ern - ment and pow'r shall  
Lord Je - sus, reign in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



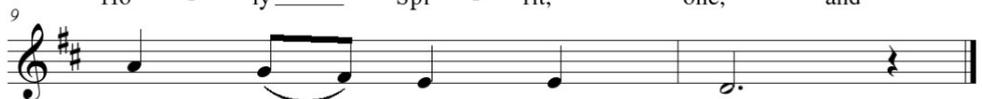
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us the Son is giv'n, And  
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make us yours a - lone, Who



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## **PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

He is risen!

*He is risen indeed!*

Let us pray...

## **CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN • Hebrews 3:12-13**

Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God. But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called “today,” that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.

## **CONFESSION OF SIN**

*Father, Son, and Spirit—our Triune God—you are the only true and living God. We know that you alone are good, yet we still turn to false gods for strength, for pleasure, for comfort, for life. But this is death. We confess that we have sinned, both in the evil we have done, and in the good we have done in order to avoid you. We do not know all the ways our hearts are far from you; we have deceived ourselves. We cannot even confess every sin, or know all our false gods, to turn away from them to you. We are utterly at your mercy. O Lord Jesus, be gracious to us. O Father, assure us of your love that makes all things new. O Holy Spirit, dwell in us and have your way with us. We pray in Christ our Savior. Amen.*

(Silent confession)

## **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS • Hebrews 2:17**

He had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people.

May the peace of Christ be with you.

*And also with you!*

## **OFFERING • 2 Corinthians 9:6-8**

Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work.

## **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 84

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...

Holy Father, our great God, we praise you for your perfect holiness.

*We thank you for not sparing your own Son but giving him up for us all. We love you for adopting us as your children by your grace. We trust you to use every circumstance for our good as your people.*

Our Lord Jesus Christ, we praise you for taking our condemnation on yourself.

*We love you for the pity you showed in rescuing us from our sins. We rest in you because you are constantly interceding for us with the Father. We thank you that absolutely nothing can separate us from your love.*

Holy Spirit of God, we praise you for giving us new life and living with us constantly.

*We thank you for the war you wage against sin in our lives. We delight in the assurance you give us that we are God's sons in Christ. We love you for searching our hearts and helping us in our weakness.*

Hear us as we pray in the words of the Lord himself, 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.*

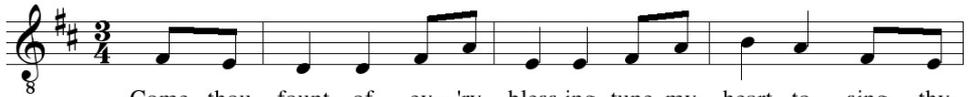
*And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.*

*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

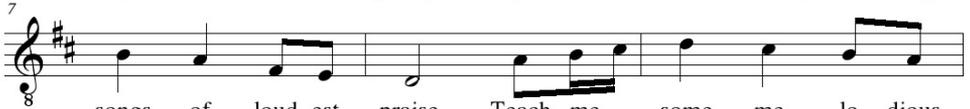
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Come, thou fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing tune my heart to sing thy  
Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer; hith - er by thy help I'm  
O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to



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.

# How Deep The Father's Love For Us

Text & Music: Stuart Townend • ©1995 Thankyou Music

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'How Deep The Father's Love For Us'. It consists of ten staves of music, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words hyphenated across lines. The score is numbered 1 through 15 at the beginning of each staff.

How deep the Fa - ther's love for us, how  
Be - hold the man up - on the cross, my  
I will not boast in an - y thing, no  
vast be - yond all mea - sure, that  
sin up - on His should - ers; a -  
gifts, no pow'r, no wis - dom; but  
He should give His on - ly Son to  
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brought me life, I know that it is fin - ished.  
all my heart: His wounds have paid my ran - som.

## **GOSPEL READING • John 14:1-14**

“Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. <sup>2</sup> In my Father’s house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup> And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. <sup>4</sup> And you know the way to where I am going.” <sup>5</sup> Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” <sup>6</sup> Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. <sup>7</sup> If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

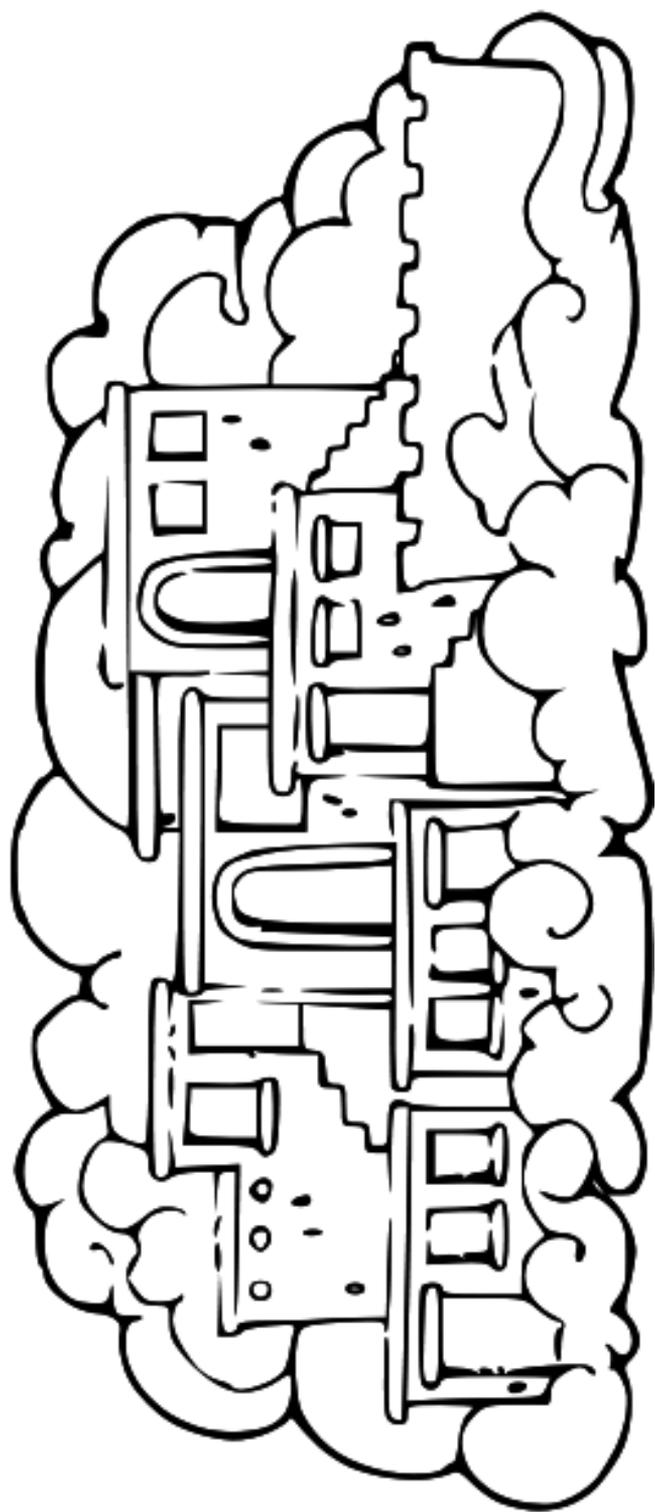
<sup>8</sup> Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.” <sup>9</sup> Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father?’ <sup>10</sup> Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. <sup>11</sup> Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves.

<sup>12</sup> “Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. <sup>13</sup> Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup> If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.”

The Gospel of Jesus Christ.

*Praise be to you, O Christ!*

**SERMON • “The Way, The Truth, And The Life” (Rev. Eric Costa)**





THE UPPER ROOM



**VOWS FOR COMMUNICANT MEMBERSHIP**

1. Do you acknowledge yourselves to be sinners in the sight of God, justly deserving his displeasure, and without hope save in his sovereign mercy?
2. Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon him alone for salvation as he is offered in the Gospel?
3. Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Christ?
4. Do you promise to support the Church in its worship and work to the best of your ability?
5. Do you submit yourselves to the government and discipline of the Church, and promise to study its purity and peace?

**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].)

# Who is Like the Lord, Our God? (Psalm 113)

Text: Wendell Kimbrough • Music: Bruce Benedict & Wendell Kimbrough • © 2013 Cardiphonia Music

Our Fa - ther\_ He lifts from the  
3 ash - es, \_ He rais - es\_ the poor and\_ the lost. \_ He  
6 seats them to dine at\_ His ta - ble, \_ to  
8 feast with - out mon - ey\_ or cost. \_ The  
10 lone - ly\_ He set - tles\_ in fam - 'lies, \_ the  
12 bar - ren, \_ a mo - ther\_ He makes. \_ O  
14 hap - py\_ the heart of\_ the stran - ger\_ who's  
16 wel - comed by this King\_ of Grace. Who is like the  
19 Lord our God? Who with glo - ry fills the sky? But  
22 hum - bles\_ Him - self with the bro - ken\_ to dwell,  
24 who is like our God?

Though equal to God in his glory, Christ Jesus became like a slave;  
he humbled himself in obedience to death, and the cross, and the grave.

Victorious, he rose to the highest; in glory, the Savior was raised.  
His name above all names exalted; the heavens and earth sing his praise.

*Who is like the Lord, our God? Who with glory fills the sky?  
But humbles himself with the broken to dwell, who is like our God?*

O saints, fix your eyes on the Savior and count all your righteousness loss.  
Be found in his love and his favor, and share in his death on the cross.

That all of his power in vict'ry, imparted to you, may abound;  
and sharing the sufferings of Jesus, you share in his glory and crown.

*Who is like the Lord, our God? Who with glory fills the sky?  
But humbles himself with the broken to dwell, who is like our God?*

# 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 - - paint?  
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. \_\_\_\_\_

## BENEDICTION • Psalm 20:1-2, 4

May the LORD answer you in the day of trouble!  
May the name of the God of Jacob protect you!  
May he send you help from the sanctuary  
and give you support from Zion!  
May he grant you your heart's desire  
and fulfill all your plans!

~

*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).

**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 (today) 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...

- Alms — These gifts go toward a fund the deacons use to meet urgent needs among congregants and in the community as we are made aware of them.
- Food pantry — The elementary school in the church's neighborhood, W. L. Henry, has many families who rely on help like this. Thank you for your help!

**Parenting Home Group** • Next Sunday (Feb. 11) at the home of Joe and Cindy Pope (15953 SW Tuscany, Tigard). Join us for lunch and conversation about Paul Tripp's book, *Parenting* (chapter 10: "Character"). All are welcome! RSVP ([pope.joe@gmail.com](mailto:pope.joe@gmail.com)).

**Men's Retreat** • Fri. - Sun., Apr. 27-29 in Oceanside... **RSVP ASAP** so we can get an accurate head count and determine our shared costs—the more the merrier!

**Refreshments Volunteers** • Bringing refreshments to share at church is a great way to practice hospitality. Ideally, each Sunday we have two volunteers: one bringing snacks for the children, the other bringing something for the adults. Contact: Nicole Hamilton ([neh.hamilton@gmail.com](mailto:neh.hamilton@gmail.com))

Today: Elliott / \_\_\_\_\_

Next week: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

**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: Sery

Next week: Jaques



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