

"Where do you find more miserable, more wretched, more depressing words than in the Psalms of lamentation? There you see into the heart of all the saints as into death, even as into hell... [They] give us ample instruction in how to come before God in a proper way, bearing the frequent suffering which this world brings upon us... They do not deny it or try to deceive us about it with pious words. They allow it to stand as a severe attack on the faith... There is in the Psalms no quick and easy resignation to suffering. There is always struggle, anxiety, doubt."

Dietrich Bonhoeffer



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CALL TO WORSHIP • Luke 2:14

"Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!"

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

He is risen!

He is risen indeed!

Let us pray...

CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN • Romans 3:23

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God...

CONFESSION OF SIN

Holy Father, you see us as we are, and know our inmost thoughts. We confess that we are unworthy of your gracious care. We forget that all life comes from you and that to you all life returns. We have not sought to do your will with our whole hearts. We have not lived as grateful children, nor loved as Christ loved us. Apart from you, we are nothing. Only your grace can sustain us. Lord, in your mercy, forgive us, heal us, and make us whole. Set us free from our sin, and restore us to the joy of your salvation now and forever. Amen.

(Silent confession)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS • Romans 3:24-25

... and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith.

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

OFFERING • 2 Corinthians 8:7-9

As you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all earnestness, and in our love for you—see that you excel in this act of grace also. I say this not as a command, but to prove by the earnestness of others that your love also is genuine. For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.

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.

NEW TESTAMENT READING • 1 Peter 5:6–11

Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, ⁷ casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. ⁸ Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. ⁹ Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. ¹⁰ And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. ¹¹ To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

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...

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we, your unworthy servants, give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made.

We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.

And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,

not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. 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 blos-soms red Life



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

Sing A New Song

Text: Psalm 98 (1912 Psalter) • Music: Matthew H. Curl • Used by Permission



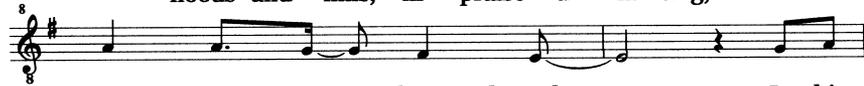
Sing a new song, to the
Truth and mer - cy toward his
Seas and all your full - ness,



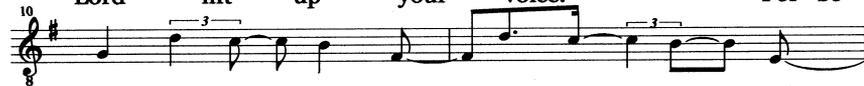
Lord God, for the won - ders he has wrought;
peo - ple he has e - ver kept in mind,
thun - der, all earth's peo - ples, now re - joice;



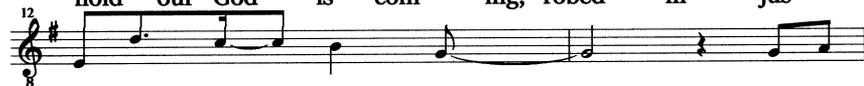
His right hand and arm most ho - ly tri - umph
and his full and free sal - va - tion he has -
floods and hills, in praise u - ni - ting, to the



to his cause have brought. In his
shown to all man - kind. Sing O
Lord lift up your voice. For be -



love and ten - der mer - cy he has made
earth to God sing prais - es, let your songs
hold our God is com - ing, robed in jus -



sal - va - tion known; In the
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the Lord, the King.
ment shall be right.

OLD TESTAMENT READING • Psalm 13

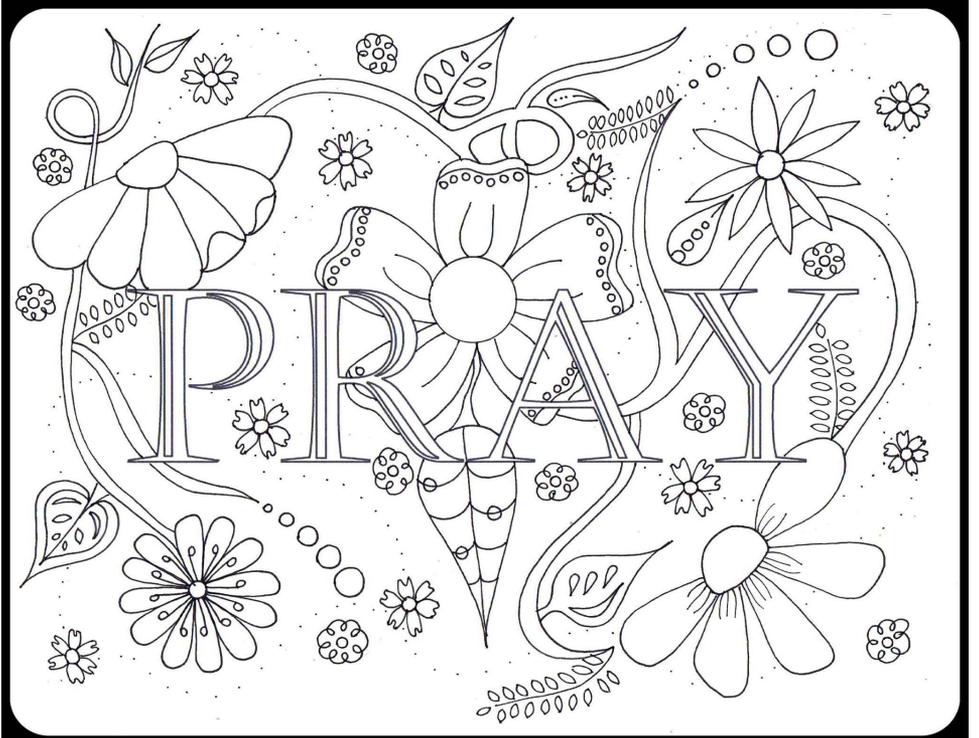
TO THE CHOIRMASTER. A PSALM OF DAVID.

- 1 How long, O LORD? Will you forget me forever?
How long will you hide your face from me?
- 2 How long must I take counsel in my soul
and have sorrow in my heart all the day?
How long shall my enemy be exalted over me?
- 3 Consider and answer me, O LORD my God;
light up my eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death,
- 4 lest my enemy say, "I have prevailed over him,"
lest my foes rejoice because I am shaken.
- 5 But I have trusted in your steadfast love;
my heart shall rejoice in your salvation.
- 6 I will sing to the LORD,
because he has dealt bountifully with me.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON • "How Long, O Lord?" (Rev. Eric Costa)





THE UPPER ROOM



CONFESSION OF FAITH • The Heidelberg Catechism, 1

What is your only comfort in life and in death?

That I am not my own, but belong with body and soul, both in life and in death, to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with His precious blood, and has set me free from all the power of the devil. He also preserves me in such a way that without the will of my heavenly Father not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, all things must work together for my salvation. Therefore, by His Holy Spirit He also assures me of eternal life and makes me heartily willing and ready from now on to live for Him. 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].)

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 voice 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' above it, the third a '6' above it, and the fourth a '9' above it. 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.

I'll Fly Away

Text & Music: Albert E. Brumley (1929) • Public Domain

Some bright morning when this life is o'er, I'll fly away!
To a home on God's celestial shore, I'll fly away!

(Chorus)

*I'll fly away, O glory, I'll fly away!
When I die, hallelujah, by and by, I'll fly away!*

When the shadows of this life have gone, I'll fly away!
Like a bird from these prison walls I'll fly, I'll fly away!

(Chorus)

Just a few more weary days and then, I'll fly away!
To a land where joys will never end, I'll fly away!

(Chorus)

BENEDICTION • 2 Peter 1:2

May grace and peace be multiplied to you
in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.

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Remember: every gathering is an opportunity to invite friends, to introduce others 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.

After Worship • Please stay a while for coffee and conversation! (There will be no Sunday School today.)

Food Pantry Donations • Today we'll collect dry or canned beans for the Oregon Food Bank site at the neighborhood elementary school (W. L. Henry).

Parenting Home Group • Sun., Nov. 18 after Worship at the home of Joe and Cindy Pope (15953 SW Tuscany, Tigard). Join us for lunch and discussion of Paul Tripp's book, *Parenting* (ch. 12, "Control"). All are welcome! RSVP: pope.joe@gmail.com.

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)

Today: ____ / ____

Next week: Douglas / Douglas

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).

Today: Elliott

Next week: Aznoe



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