

"But, *O my God, my God!* why leav'st thou me,  
The sonne, in whom thou dost delight to be?  
*My God, my God* ——— Never was grief like mine."

George Herbert, "The Sacrifice," from *The Temple* (1633)

"Now we know that there is no longer any suffering on earth in which Christ will not be with us,  
suffering with us and praying with us—Christ the only helper."

Dietrich Bonhoeffer



ASCENSION  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

PUBLIC WORSHIP • JANUARY 20, 2019



**CALL TO WORSHIP • James 5:8**

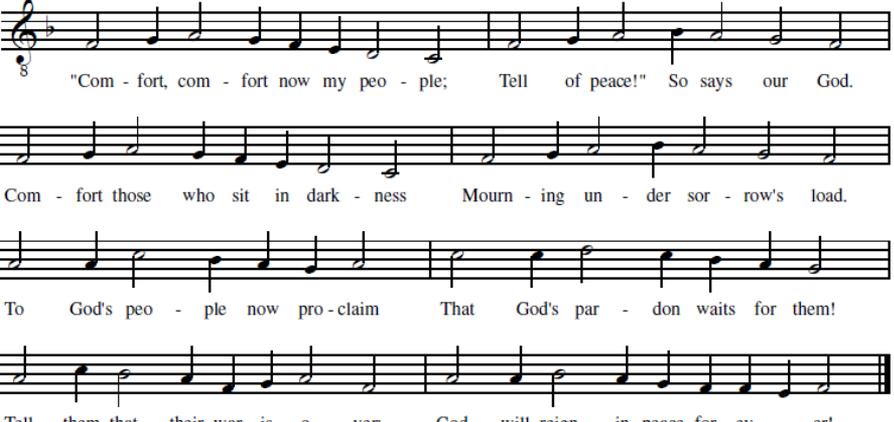
Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand.

## Comfort, Comfort Now My People

Text: Johann Olearius (1611-1684)

Music: Louis Bourgeois, *Trente quatre Pseaumes de David* (Geneva, 1551) • Public Domain

Tenor



8 "Com - fort, com - fort now my peo - ple; Tell of peace!" So says our God.

3 Com - fort those who sit in dark - ness Mourn - ing un - der sor - row's load.

5 To God's peo - ple now pro - claim That God's par - don waits for them!

7 Tell them that their war is o - ver; God will reign in peace for - ev - er!

For the herald's voice is crying in the desert far and near,  
calling us to true repentance, since the Kingdom now is here.

Oh, that warning cry obey! Now prepare for God a way!  
Let the valleys rise to meet him, and the hills bow down to greet him!

Straight shall be what long was crooked, and the rougher places plain!

Let your hearts be true and humble, as befits his holy reign!

For the glory of the Lord now on earth is shed abroad,  
and all flesh shall see the token that God's word is never broken.

## **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**

*Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us. O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent; according to Your promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. Grant that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life; to the glory of His holy name. 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 • Psalm 96:8**

Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;  
bring an offering, and come into his courts!

## **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.*

## GOSPEL READING • Matthew 27:35–50

And when they had crucified him, they divided his garments among them by casting lots. <sup>36</sup> Then they sat down and kept watch over him there. <sup>37</sup> And over his head they put the charge against him, which read, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews." <sup>38</sup> Then two robbers were crucified with him, one on the right and one on the left. <sup>39</sup> And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads <sup>40</sup> and saying, "You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross." <sup>41</sup> So also the chief priests, with the scribes and elders, mocked him, saying, <sup>42</sup> "He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him. <sup>43</sup> He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he desires him. For he said, 'I am the Son of God.'" <sup>44</sup> And the robbers who were crucified with him also reviled him in the same way.

<sup>45</sup> Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. <sup>46</sup> And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" <sup>47</sup> And some of the bystanders, hearing it, said, "This man is calling Elijah." <sup>48</sup> And one of them at once ran and took a sponge, filled it with sour wine, and put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink. <sup>49</sup> But the others said, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him." <sup>50</sup> And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice and yielded up his spirit.

The Gospel of Jesus Christ.

*Praise be to you, O Christ!*

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Lord be with you.

*And also with you.*

Let us pray...

Almighty God who is from everlasting to everlasting, grant us, amidst the conflicts of this world, the comfort of a perfect trust in you.

From pride and selfishness, greed and anger, spring passions that lead to war among brothers and sisters in Christ, as well as war among nations:

*Save and help us, O Lord.*

For all who are afflicted by war within themselves, by the conflicts of doubt, a rebellious will, and the darkness of despair:

*Save and help us, O Lord.*

For all who suffer in body and circumstance, the sick, the poor, and the prisoner, that they would be touched by your compassion in their time of need:

*Save and help us, O Lord.*

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.*

# Come, Holy Ghost

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

Music: Bruce Benedict & Ray Mills • ©2006 Cardiphonia Music, ©2006 Raymond G. Mills

5  
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)*

# Psalm 46

Text & Music: Mike Crawford, Isaac Wardell • ©2009 Mike Crawford



God is our re - fuge our strength and our shield, an  
Nat - tions in up - roar, men's king - doms, they fall, He  
Come, let us see what the Lord has done, the



ev - er pre - sent help. We will not fear though the earth  
speaks and the earth melts a - way. the worst we im - a - gine the strong-  
ru - ins He brings to the earth. He makes wars to cease to the ends



— gives way. and the moun - tains crash in to the sea.  
- est of storms, our for - tress, it will still re - main.  
— of the earth, He shat - ters the bow and the spear.



*There is a ri - ver who's streams will make glad the ci - ty of our most High King.*



*God is with-in her, and she will not fail, He helps her at break of the day.  
God is with-in her, and she will not fail, He helps her at break of the day.  
God is with-in her, and she will not fail, List - ten and hear the Lord say: "Be*



still, and know that I am God." "Be

## OLD TESTAMENT READING • Psalm 22

TO THE CHOIRMASTER: ACCORDING TO THE DOE OF THE DAWN. A PSALM OF DAVID.

- 1 My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?  
Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my groaning?
- 2 O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer,  
and by night, but I find no rest.
- 3 Yet you are holy,  
enthroned on the praises of Israel.
- 4 In you our fathers trusted;  
they trusted, and you delivered them.
- 5 To you they cried and were rescued;  
in you they trusted and were not put to shame.
- 6 But I am a worm and not a man,  
scorned by mankind and despised by the people.
- 7 All who see me mock me;  
they make mouths at me; they wag their heads;
- 8 "He trusts in the LORD; let him deliver him;  
let him rescue him, for he delights in him!"
- 9 Yet you are he who took me from the womb;  
you made me trust you at my mother's breasts.
- 10 On you was I cast from my birth,  
and from my mother's womb you have been my God.
- 11 Be not far from me,  
for trouble is near,  
and there is none to help.
- 12 Many bulls encompass me;  
strong bulls of Bashan surround me;
- 13 they open wide their mouths at me,  
like a ravening and roaring lion.
- 14 I am poured out like water,  
and all my bones are out of joint;  
my heart is like wax;  
it is melted within my breast;
- 15 my strength is dried up like a potsherd,  
and my tongue sticks to my jaws;  
you lay me in the dust of death.
- 16 For dogs encompass me;  
a company of evildoers encircles me;  
they have pierced my hands and feet—
- 17 I can count all my bones—  
they stare and gloat over me;
- 18 they divide my garments among them,  
and for my clothing they cast lots.
- 19 But you, O LORD, do not be far off!  
O you my help, come quickly to my aid!
- 20 Deliver my soul from the sword,  
my precious life from the power of the dog!
- 21 Save me from the mouth of the lion!  
And from the horns of the wild oxen... You have rescued me!\*

---

\* (21b) A rearrangement from the ESV's "You have rescued me from the horns..." to better reflect the order and emphasis of the original Hebrew.

- 22 I will tell of your name to my brothers;  
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you:
- 23 You who fear the LORD, praise him!  
All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him,  
and stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!
- 24 For he has not despised or abhorred  
the affliction of the afflicted,  
and he has not hidden his face from him,  
but has heard, when he cried to him.
- 25 From you comes my praise in the great congregation;  
my vows I will perform before those who fear him.
- 26 The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied;  
those who seek him shall praise the LORD!  
May your hearts live forever!
- 27 All the ends of the earth shall remember  
and turn to the LORD,  
and all the families of the nations  
shall worship before you.
- 28 For kingship belongs to the LORD,  
and he rules over the nations.
- 29 All the prosperous of the earth eat and worship;  
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust,  
even the one who could not keep himself alive.
- 30 Posterity shall serve him;  
it shall be told of the Lord to the coming generation;
- 31 they shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a people yet unborn,  
that he has done it.

The Word of the Lord.  
*Thanks be to God!*

**SERMON • “My God, My God” (Rev. Eric Costa)**





THE UPPER ROOM



**CONFESSION OF FAITH • Colossians 1:15-20**

Who is Jesus Christ?

*He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross. 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 I Survey The Wondrous Cross

Text: Isaac Watts • Music: Michael James • ©1986 Word Music, LLC



When I sur - vey \_\_\_\_\_ the won - drous  
For - bid it Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ that I should  
See, from His head, \_\_\_\_\_ His hands, His  
Were the whole realm \_\_\_\_\_ of na - ture



cross \_\_\_\_\_ on which the Prince \_\_\_\_\_  
boast, \_\_\_\_\_ save in the death \_\_\_\_\_  
feet, \_\_\_\_\_ sor - row and love \_\_\_\_\_  
mine, \_\_\_\_\_ that were a pre -



— of glo - ry \_\_\_\_\_ died, \_\_\_\_\_ my rich - est  
— of Christ my God; \_\_\_\_\_ All the vain  
— flow ming - led down. \_\_\_\_\_ Did e'er such  
- sent far too small; \_\_\_\_\_ Love so a -



gain \_\_\_\_\_ I count but \_\_\_\_\_ loss, \_\_\_\_\_  
things \_\_\_\_\_ that charm me \_\_\_\_\_ most, \_\_\_\_\_  
love \_\_\_\_\_ and sor - row \_\_\_\_\_ meet, \_\_\_\_\_  
maz - - - ing, so di - vine, \_\_\_\_\_



— and pour con - tempt \_\_\_\_\_ on all my \_\_\_\_\_ pride.  
— I sac - ri - rice \_\_\_\_\_ them to His \_\_\_\_\_ blood.  
— or thorns com - pose \_\_\_\_\_ so rich a \_\_\_\_\_ crown?  
— de - mands my soul, \_\_\_\_\_ my life, my \_\_\_\_\_ all.

## **We Will Feast In The House Of Zion**

Sandra McCracken, Joshua Moore • © 2015 Drink Your Tea Music

*(Chorus)*

*We will feast in the house of Zion.  
We will sing with our hearts restored.  
“He has done great things!” we will say together.  
We will feast and weep no more!*

We will not be burned by the fire.  
He is the Lord our God;  
we are not consumed, by the flood;  
upheld, protected, gathered up.

*(Chorus)*

In the dark of night, before the dawn,  
my soul, be not afraid;  
for the promised morning— oh, how long?  
O God of Jacob, be my strength.

*(Chorus)*

Every vow we’ve broken and betrayed.  
You are the Faithful one.  
And from the garden to the grave,  
bind us together, bring shalom.

*(Chorus)*

## BENEDICTION • 2 Corinthians 13:14

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ  
and the love of God  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit  
be with you all.

~

*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](http://ascensionpc.org/calendar).

**After Worship** • Please stay a while for coffee and conversation! Around 11:45am we will begin Sunday School classes for the children in the sanctuary, and Sermon Discussion for the adults in the Fellowship Hall. (Infants and toddlers are welcome to join the adults in Sermon Discussion.)

**Hospitality Mugs** • We'd like to stop using disposable cups for refreshments on Sundays. If you can, bring a mug you'd like to donate to the hospitality table. We're looking for standard sized mugs (not those whopping big soup bowl shaped things!) that can survive the dishwasher and stacking. A variety of colors is helpful and fun!

**Men's Retreat** • Fri. - Sun., March 1-3, in Oceanside. The fee is \$60. Make checks payable to Ascension, with "men's retreat" in the memo line. To reserve your spot, contact Brian Aznoe ([baznoe@gmail.com](mailto:baznoe@gmail.com) - you can also get your fee to him). Also, be thinking about whether you'd like to help with a meal...

**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: Sery

Next week: Sauerwein

**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: Rickis

Next week: Elliott



**Worship at 10am Sundays • SE 12th & Walnut, Hillsboro**  
**[ascensionpc.org](http://ascensionpc.org) • [facebook.com/ascensionpc](https://www.facebook.com/ascensionpc) • [twitter.com/ascensionpc](https://twitter.com/ascensionpc)**

Unless otherwise indicated, Scripture quotations are from The Holy Bible, English Standard Version® (ESV®), copyright © 2001 by Crossway, a publishing ministry of Good News Publishers. Used by permission. All rights reserved. Printed songs are used by permission under CCLI license #11109756.

-----  
(Please fill out this contact card, tear it off, and drop it in the offering.)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name(s)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Email / Phone

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.