

ASCENSION
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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THE WORD


CALL TO WORSHIP • Psalm 50:14–15

“Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving,
and perform your vows to the Most High,
and call upon me in the day of trouble;
I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me.”

All Praise To God Who Reigns Above

Text: Johann Schultz • Music: *Mit Freuden Zart*, arr. Ascension Presbyterian Church

8 All praise to God who reigns a - bove the
What God's al - might - y pow'r hath made his
I cried to him in time of need: Lord
The Lord for - sak - eth not his flock, his
Ye who con - fess Christ's ho - ly name, to
Then come be - fore His pre - sence now and

3
8 God of all cre - a - tion the God of won - ders
grac - ious mer - cy keep - eth. By morn - ing glow or
God, O hear my call - ing! For death he gave me
chos - en gen - er - a - tion; He is their re - fuge
God give praise and glo - ry! Ye who the Fath - er's
ba - nish fear and sad - ness; To your Re - deem - er

6
8 powr and love, the God of our sal - va - tion! With
eve - ning shade his watch - ful eye ne'er sleep - eth; With -
life in - deed and kept my feet from fall - ing. For
and their rock, their peace and their sal - va - tion. As
pow'r pro - claim, to God give praise and glo - ry! All
pay your vow and sing with joy and glad - ness: Though

9
8 heal - ing balm my soul he fills, the God who ev - ery
in the king - dom of his might, Lo! all is just and
this my thanks shall end - less be; O thank him, thank our
with a moth - er's ten - der hand he leads his own, his
i - dols un - der foot be trod, the Lord is God! The
great dis - tress my soul be - fell, the Lord, my God, did

12
8 sor - row stills. To God all praise and glo - ry!
all is right, To God all praise and glo - ry!
God with me, To God all praise and glo - ry!
cho - sen band. To God all praise and glo - ry!
Lord is God! To God all praise and glo - ry!
all things well, To God all praise and glo - ry!

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

He is risen!

He is risen indeed!

Let us pray...

CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN • Psalm 103:8-10

The LORD is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
He will not always chide,
nor will he keep his anger forever.
He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Almighty and most merciful Father, we are thankful that your mercy is higher than the heavens, wider than our wanderings, deeper than all our sin. Forgive our careless attitudes toward your purposes, our refusal to relieve the suffering of others, our envy of those who have more than we have, our obsession with creating a life of constant pleasure, our indifference to the treasures of heaven, our neglect of your wise and gracious law. Help us to change our way of life so that we may desire what is good, love what you love, and do what you command, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Silent confession)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS • Psalm 103:11-13

As high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;
as far as the east is from the west,
so far does he remove our transgressions from us.
As a father shows compassion to his children,
so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him.

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 • Ezekiel 34:11-16, 30-31

“For thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. ¹² As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. ¹³ And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. ¹⁴ I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵ I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord GOD. ¹⁶ I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice...

³⁰ And they shall know that I am the LORD their God with them, and that they, the house of Israel, are my people, declares the Lord GOD. ³¹ And you are my sheep, human sheep of my pasture, and I am your God, declares the Lord GOD.”

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.

Psalm 46

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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

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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8
is al - ways un - fail - ing, though I could not see.
9
8
And when my faith fal - tered, I en - vied the proud.
13
8
In doubt and dis - qui - et my spir - it was bowed.
17
8
Trust - in the Lord God, He is un - fail - ing,
21
8
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 READINGS • Romans 12:1-2

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ² Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

1 Corinthians 12:12–13, 27

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³ For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit... ²⁷ Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

Galatians 3:27–29

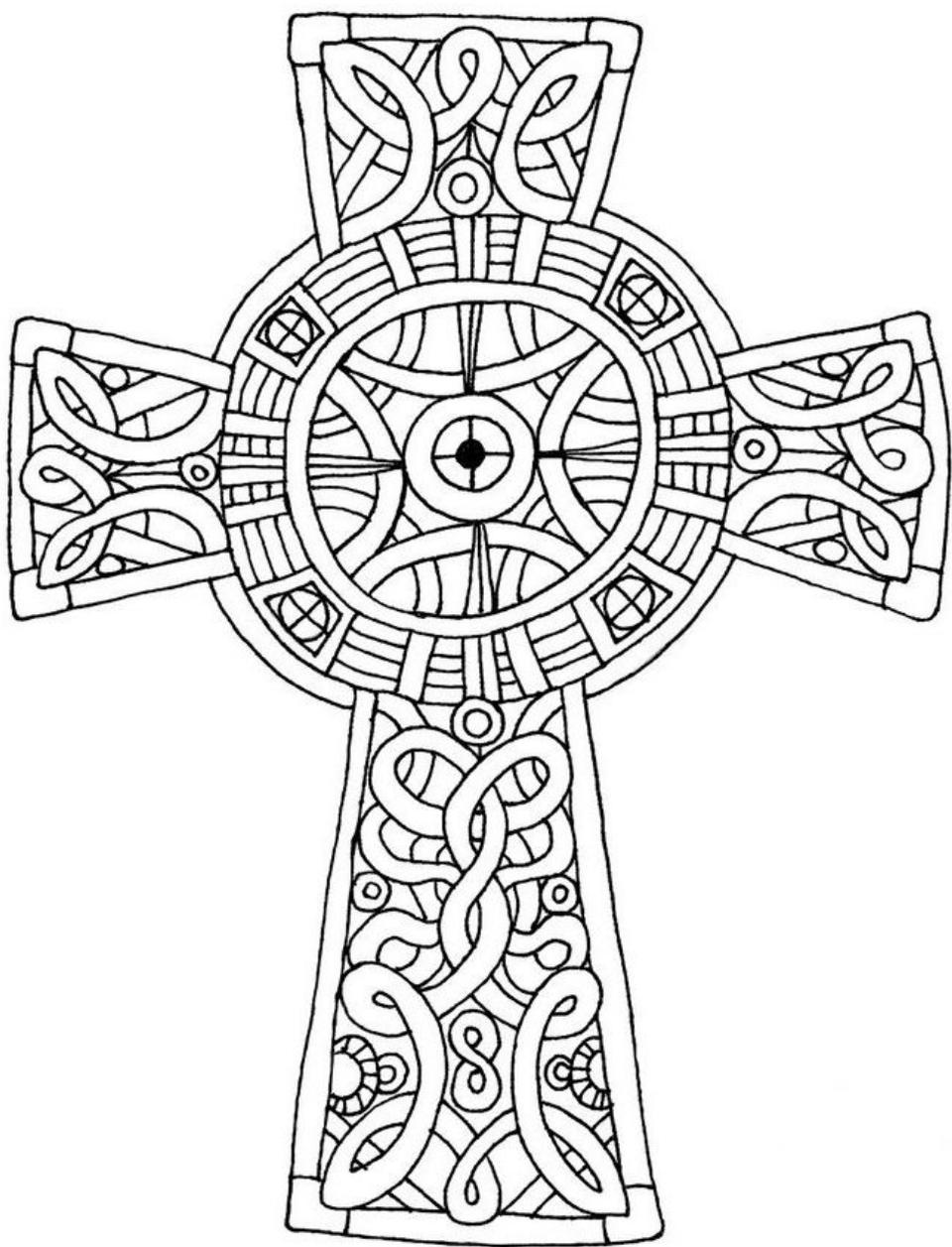
For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. ²⁸ There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹ And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON • “The Apostles’ Creed: ‘I’” (Rev. Pat Roach)

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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.”

In Sweet Communion

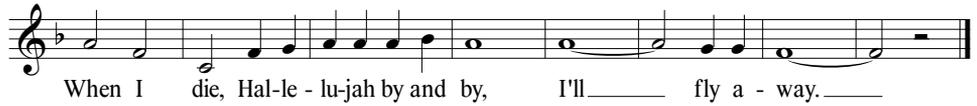
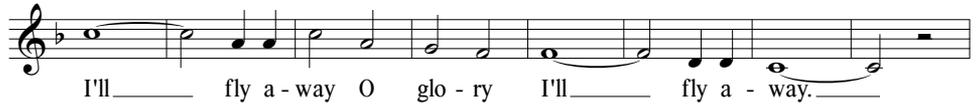
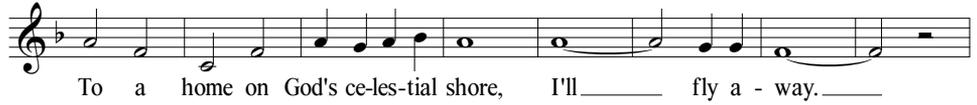
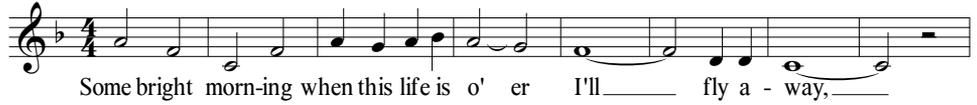
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Tenor

In sweet com - mun - ion Lord with you, I
Your coun - sel through my earth - ly way shall
Whom have I in heav'n but you? To
Though flesh and heart should faint and fail, the
To live a - part from God is death, 'tis
con - stant - ly a - bide my hand you hold with -
guide me and con - trol; and then to glo - ry
whom my thoughts as - pire and hav - ing you what
Lord will ev - er be the strength and por - tion
good His face to seek; my re - fuge is the
in your own, to keep me near your side Al - le -
af - ter - ward you will re - ceive my soul.
more on earth is there I can de - sire?
of my heart, my God e - ter - nal - ly.
liv - ing God, His praise I long to seek.
lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - - - - ia Al - le -
lu - ia, - Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - - - - ia

I'll Fly Away

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



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 • 1 Thessalonians 3:12

May the Lord make you increase and abound
in love for one another and for all.

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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! 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.)

Mercy Sunday • On the first Sunday of each month (today) we participate together in some compassion and relief ministries to help each other and our neighbors in the community...

- ALMS — These gifts go toward a fund the deacons use to meet urgent needs as we are made aware of them. (If you need financial help, please let us know! Contact: deacons@ascensionpc.org.)
- FOOD PANTRY — The elementary school in the church's neighborhood, W. L. Henry, is an Oregon Food Bank site that serves about 50 families who rely on help like this. Please bring dry or canned beans to donate—let's try to collect 100 items in total!

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

Today: C. Boden

Next week: Balzer

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: Bonifield

Next week: Rickis



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