

"No one is more influential in your life than you are,
because no one talks to you as much as you talk to yourself."

Paul Tripp

"Biblical meditation, unlike the popular varieties, is not a relaxation technique for emptying the mind
but rather one that fills it with truth, using thought and memory to set your heart on fire."

Timothy Keller



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CALL TO WORSHIP • Psalm 97:12

Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous,
and give thanks to his holy name!

Praise, My Soul, The King Of Heaven

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Tenor

Praise my soul, the King of heav-en,
Praise Him for His grace and fa-vor;
Fa-ther-like, He tends and spares us;
to His feet your trib-ute bring; ran-somed,
to our fa-thers in dis-tress; praise Him,
well our fee-ble frame He knows; in His
healed, re-stored, for giv-en, who, like me, His
still the same for ev-er, slow to chide and
hands he gent-ly bears us, res-cues us from
praise should sing? Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!
swift to bless. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!
all our foes. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!
Praise the ev-er - last - ing King!
Glo-rious in His faith - ful - ness.
Wide-ly as His mer - cy goes.

Frail as summer's flow'r we flourish, blows the wind and it is gone;
but while mortals rise and perish, God endures unchanging on.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the High Eternal One!

Angels, help us to adore him; you behold him face to face;
sun and moon, bow down before him, dwellers all in time and space.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace!

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

He is risen!
He is risen indeed!
Let us pray...

CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN • Jeremiah 2:12-13

"Be appalled, O heavens, at this;
 be shocked, be utterly desolate, declares the LORD,
for my people have committed two evils:
they have forsaken me,
 the fountain of living waters,
and hewed out cisterns for themselves,
 broken cisterns that can hold no water."

CONFESSION OF SIN

O Lord, we have loved other gods before you and have become their servants. We have not worshiped you in spirit and in truth. We have brought insult upon your reputation. We have not trusted you to give us rest. We have not honored others as they deserve. We have hated our neighbors. Our desires are all distorted and misplaced. We have taken for ourselves what did not belong to us. We have lied, slandered, and gossiped. We have coveted the good blessings you gave to others. O Lord, have mercy on us, for we have not kept your law. Forgive us for the sake of your Son, our Savior, in whose name we pray. Amen.

(Silent confession)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS • Jeremiah 3:22a

"Return, O faithless sons;
 I will heal your faithlessness."

May the peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you!

OFFERING • Matthew 6:24

"No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money."

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 • Philippians 4:4-9

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...

We extol you our God and King. You exist in the mystery of the Trinity as Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

You live independent of all that you have created. You uphold and govern your creation by your wise and holy providence. Your wisdom is unsearchable, and your thoughts are higher than ours. Your justice is absolute and perfectly fair. There is none like you, the Holy One of Israel.

Yet, as our great God and King, you show mercy and compassion to your creatures.

You dwell with the meek and lowly. Your tender mercies are over all of your works. The broken spirit and the contrite heart you do not despise. You live with us in grace as our Father.

We come to you now through our Lord Jesus Christ to plead for your care for the Church.

Strengthen the churches that proclaim your gospel. Bless the churches and church plants of the Pacific Northwest Presbytery, and especially our church here at Ascension.

We pray also for your help and blessing for our city.

Grant your help and protection to our Mayor and City Council. Please bring financial prosperity to our city. Make Hillsboro a more just and merciful and peaceful community. Help your people to benefit our city and to reflect your grace in our callings.

Father, we thank you for the mercy and kindness you have shown to us in this country.

Give us wisdom in the use of our wealth. We ask for purity in the use of our freedoms. We ask that our leaders might serve with humility, compassion and justice.

Our Savior, we appeal to your great compassion for help to those among us who are suffering.

Heal those who are sick. Encourage those who are discouraged and depressed. Provide for those who are struggling financially. Comfort those who are grieving. Give hope to those who are suffering in guilt and doubt.

Our great God, we ask you to hear us and to work in us that which is pleasing to you, as we pray in the words our Savior taught us:

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.

Before The Throne Of God Above

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Alto

Be-fore the throne of God a - bove I have a
strong and per-fect plea A great High Priest whose name is
love Who ev-er lives and pleads for me My name is gra-ven on His
hands My name is writ - ten on His heart I know that
while in heav'n He stands No tongue can bid me thence de -
part No tongue can bid me thence de - part

When Satan tempts me to despair, and tells me of the guilt within,
upward I look to see him there, who made an end of all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free,
for God, the Just, is satisfied to look on him and pardon me,
to look on him and pardon me.

Behold him there! the risen Lamb, my perfect, spotless Righteousness,
the great unchangeable I Am, the King of glory and of grace.

One with himself I cannot die, my soul is purchased by his blood,
my life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ my Savior and my God,
with Christ my Savior and my God,
with Christ my Savior and my God.

For All The Saints

Text: William H. How • Music: Christopher Miner • ©1998 Christopher Miner

Tenor

For all the saints who from this world well fought; their for - tress labor's rest to thee by - faith be-before the world con - fess thy name O Je - sus, be for - drear, their well fought fight; thou in the dark-ness e - ver blessed, al - le - lu - ia, al-le - lu. one true light, al - le - lu - ia, al-le - lu.

O may thy soldiers faithful, true, and bold,
fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,
and win with them the victor's crown of gold.

Alleluia, Alelu...

The golden evening brightens in the west;
soon, soon to faithful warriors comes their rest;
sweet is the calm of paradise the blest,
Alleluia, Alelu...

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:

Aleluia, Aleluia,
Aleluia, Aleluia.

OLD TESTAMENT READING • Psalm 103

- 1 Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and all that is within me,
 bless his holy name!
- 2 Bless the LORD, O my soul,
 and forget not all his benefits,
- 3 who forgives all your iniquity,
 who heals all your diseases,
- 4 who redeems your life from the pit,
 who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,
- 5 who satisfies you with good
 so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.
- 6 The LORD works righteousness
 and justice for all who are oppressed.
- 7 He made known his ways to Moses,
 his acts to the people of Israel.
- 8 The LORD is merciful and gracious,
 slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
- 9 He will not always chide,
 nor will he keep his anger forever.
- 10 He does not deal with us according to our sins,
 nor repay us according to our iniquities.
- 11 For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
 so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;
- 12 as far as the east is from the west,
 so far does he remove our transgressions from us.
- 13 As a father shows compassion to his children,
 so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him.
- 14 For he knows our frame;
 he remembers that we are dust.
- 15 As for man, his days are like grass;
 he flourishes like a flower of the field;
- 16 for the wind passes over it, and it is gone,
 and its place knows it no more.
- 17 But the steadfast love of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting
 on those who fear him,
 and his righteousness to children's children,
- 18 to those who keep his covenant
 and remember to do his commandments.
- 19 The LORD has established his throne in the heavens,
 and his kingdom rules over all.
- 20 Bless the LORD, O you his angels,
 you mighty ones who do his word,
 obeying the voice of his word!
- 21 Bless the LORD, all his hosts,
 his ministers, who do his will!
- 22 Bless the LORD, all his works,
 in all places of his dominion.
Bless the LORD, O my soul!

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON • “The Treatment for Spiritual Amnesia” (Rev. Eric Costa)

**WHATEVER THINGS ARE TRUE,
WHATEVER THINGS ARE HONEST,
WHATEVER THINGS ARE JUST,
WHATEVER THINGS ARE PURE,
WHATEVER THINGS ARE LOVELY,
WHATEVER THINGS ARE
OF GOOD REPORT;
IF THERE BE ANY VIRTUE, AND
IF THERE BE ANY PRAISE, THINK
ON THESE THINGS.**

PHILIPPIANS 4:8



THE UPPER ROOM



CONFESION 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."

A Hymn To God The Father

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Tenor

Wilt Thou forgive that sin where I begun, which
was my sin, though it were done before?
Wilt Thou forgive that sin through which I run, and do run still, though
still I do de-plore?
When Thou hast done, Thou hast not done, for I have more, I have more.
When Thou hast done, Thou hast not done,
I have more.

Wilt thou forgive that sin which I have won
others to sin, and made my sin their door?
Wilt thou forgive that sin which I did shun
a year or two, but wallow'd in a score?

When thou hast done, thou hast not done,
for I have more, I have more. (2x)

I have a sin of fear that when I've spun
my last thread, I shall perish on the shore;
but swear by thyself, that at my death thy sun
shall shine as he shines now, and heretofore.

And, having done that, thou hast done.
I fear no more. I fear no more. (2x)

Hosanna In The Highest

Text: The Book of Common Prayer • Music: Benjamin Wilkinson • Used by Permission

Tenor

Ho-san-na to the liv-ing Lord! Ho-san-na to the
O Sav-ior with pro-tec-ing care, a-bide in this thy
Be ho-nor, praise, and glo-ry giv'n, by all on earth and
liv-ing word! Where we thy par-ting prom-ise claim, as -
house of prayer; and make our se-cret soul to be, a
all in heav'n, to God the Fa-ther and the Son, and
semb-led in thy sa-cred name; to Christ, cre-a-tor
tem-ple pure and ho-ly; be hon-or praise and
God the Spi-rit three in one, be hon-or praise and
Sa-vior, King, let earth, let heav'n, Ho-san-nas sing! Ho-san-na!
glo-ry giv'n, by all on earth and all in heav'n.
glo-ry giv'n, by all on earth and all in heav'n!
Ho-san-na! Ho-san-na! in the high-est!

(Repeat final chorus)

BENEDICTION • 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17

Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word.

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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!

Photo Directory • It's been a while since we updated our photo directory! Bill Duncan will be taking pictures the next few Sundays. If you would like your picture taken, see Bill. If you need your information added to or updated in the directory, contact Eric (rev.eric.costa@gmail.com).

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 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: Sery

Next week: K. Boden

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: Jaques

Next week: Bonifield



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Name(s)

- 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.

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