

"God thinks that you will actually come to know and love him better as a desperate and weak sinner in continual need of grace than you would as a triumphant Christian warrior who wins each and every battle against sin."

Barbara Duguid

"Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death?
Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!"

Paul, Romans 7:24-25



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CALL TO WORSHIP • Psalm 98:1-4

Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things!
His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.

The LORD has made known his salvation;

he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.

He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song and sing praises!

The People That In Darkness Sat

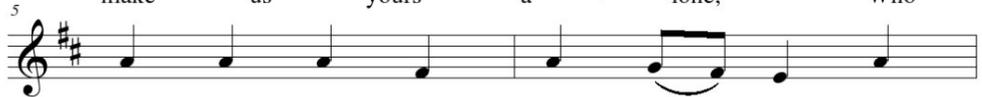
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The peo - ple that in dark - ness sat a
To hail you, Sun of Righ - teous - ness, the
To us the Child of hope is born, to
His name shall be the Prince of Peace, the
His righ - teous gov - ern - ment and pow'r shall
Lord Je - sus, reign in us, we pray,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



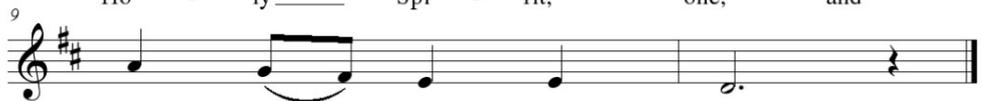
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us the Son is giv'n, And
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PRAYER OF INVOCATION

He is risen!

He is risen indeed!

Let us pray...

CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN • Jeremiah 3:12-13

“Return, faithless Israel,
declares the LORD.

I will not look on you in anger,
for I am merciful,
declares the LORD;

I will not be angry forever.
Only acknowledge your guilt,
that you rebelled against the LORD your God.”

CONFESSION OF SIN

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against our neighbor, in thought and word and deed, in the evil we have done and in the good we have not done, through our ignorance, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.

(Silent confession)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS • Jeremiah 31:33-34

“Their prince shall be one of themselves;
their ruler shall come out from their midst;
I will make him draw near, and he shall approach me,
for who would dare of himself to approach me?
declares the LORD.

And you shall be my people,
and I will be your God.”

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

OFFERING • Matthew 10:8

“Freely you have received. Freely give.”

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 • Luke 1:68–79

68 “Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,
for he has visited and redeemed his people
69 and has raised up a horn of salvation for us
in the house of his servant David,
70 as he spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets from of old,
71 that we should be saved from our enemies
and from the hand of all who hate us;
72 to show the mercy promised to our fathers
and to remember his holy covenant,
73 the oath that he swore to our father Abraham, to grant us
74 that we, being delivered from the hand of our enemies,
might serve him without fear,
75 in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.
76 And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High;
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways,
77 to give knowledge of salvation to his people
in the forgiveness of their sins,
78 because of the tender mercy of our God,
whereby the sunrise shall visit us from on high
79 to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death,
to guide our feet into the way of peace.”

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.

I Heard The Voice Of Jesus Say

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I ___ heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come ___
I ___ heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be -
I ___ heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I ___



un - to me ___ and rest; Lay ___ down O wear - y one lay down your ___
hold, I free - ly give The ___ liv - ing wa - ter; thirs - ty one, stoop ___
am this dark ___ world's Light; Look ___ unto Me your morn shall rise, and and ___



soul u - pon ___ my breast." I ___ came to Je - sus as I was ___
down, and drink, ___ and live." I ___ came to Je - sus, and I drank of
all your days ___ be bright." I ___ looked to Je - sus, and I found in



wear - y worn ___ and sad I ___ found in Him my rest - ing place and ___
that life - giv - ing stream; My ___ thirst was quenched my soul re - vived and ___
Him my Star, ___ my Sun; and ___ in that light of life I'll walk till ___



He has made ___ me glad.
now I live ___ in Him.
travel - ing days ___ are done.

May Jesus Christ Be Praised

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Does sadness fill my mind? A solace here I find;
Or fades my earthly bliss? My comfort still is this:
May Jesus Christ be praised! May Jesus Christ be praised!
Be this, while life is mine, my love, my song divine:
May Jesus Christ be praised! May Jesus Christ be praised!
My God, the Savior, reigns! May Jesus Christ be praised!

OLD TESTAMENT READING • Psalm 107

- 1 Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever!
- 2 Let the redeemed of the LORD say so,
whom he has redeemed from trouble
- 3 and gathered in from the lands,
from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.
- 4 Some wandered in desert wastes,
finding no way to a city to dwell in;
- 5 hungry and thirsty,
their soul fainted within them.
- 6 Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble,
and he delivered them from their distress.
- 7 He led them by a straight way
till they reached a city to dwell in.
- 8 Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love,
for his wondrous works to the children of man!
- 9 For he satisfies the longing soul,
and the hungry soul he fills with good things.
- 10 Some sat in darkness and in the shadow of death,
prisoners in affliction and in irons,
11 for they had rebelled against the words of God,
and spurned the counsel of the Most High.
- 12 So he bowed their hearts down with hard labor;
they fell down, with none to help.
- 13 Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble,
and he delivered them from their distress.
- 14 He brought them out of darkness and the shadow of death,
and burst their bonds apart.
- 15 Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love,
for his wondrous works to the children of man!
- 16 For he shatters the doors of bronze
and cuts in two the bars of iron.
- 17 Some were fools through their sinful ways,
and because of their iniquities suffered affliction;
- 18 they loathed any kind of food,
and they drew near to the gates of death.
- 19 Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble,
and he delivered them from their distress.
- 20 He sent out his word and healed them,
and delivered them from their destruction.
- 21 Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love,
for his wondrous works to the children of man!
- 22 And let them offer sacrifices of thanksgiving,
and tell of his deeds in songs of joy!

23 Some went down to the sea in ships,
 doing business on the great waters;
24 they saw the deeds of the LORD,
 his wondrous works in the deep.
25 For he commanded and raised the stormy wind,
 which lifted up the waves of the sea.
26 They mounted up to heaven; they went down to the depths;
 their courage melted away in their evil plight;
27 they reeled and staggered like drunken men
 and were at their wits' end.
28 Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble,
 and he delivered them from their distress.
29 He made the storm be still,
 and the waves of the sea were hushed.
30 Then they were glad that the waters were quiet,
 and he brought them to their desired haven.
31 Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love,
 for his wondrous works to the children of man!
32 Let them extol him in the congregation of the people,
 and praise him in the assembly of the elders.
33 He turns rivers into a desert,
 springs of water into thirsty ground,
34 a fruitful land into a salty waste,
 because of the evil of its inhabitants.
35 He turns a desert into pools of water,
 a parched land into springs of water.
36 And there he lets the hungry dwell,
 and they establish a city to live in;
37 they sow fields and plant vineyards
 and get a fruitful yield.
38 By his blessing they multiply greatly,
 and he does not let their livestock diminish.
39 When they are diminished and brought low
 through oppression, evil, and sorrow,
40 he pours contempt on princes
 and makes them wander in trackless wastes;
41 but he raises up the needy out of affliction
 and makes their families like flocks.
42 The upright see it and are glad,
 and all wickedness shuts its mouth.
43 Whoever is wise, let him attend to these things;
 let them consider the steadfast love of the LORD.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

SERMON • “God Delivers” (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].)

I Hunger And I Thirst

Text: John S. B. Monsell, Matthew H. Curl • Music: Matthew H. Curl

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Tenor

I hun-ger and I thirst;
Thou bruised and bro-ken Bread,
Thou true life-giv-ing Vine,
Rough paths my feet have trod,
Je-sus my man-na be; ye liv-ing wa-ters,
my life-long needs sup-ply; as liv-ing souls are
let me Thy sweet-ness prove; re-new my life with
since first their course be-gan; feed me, thou Bread of
burst, out of the rock for me. I
fed, O feed me or I die. I
Thine, re-fresh my soul with love. I
God, help me thou Son of Man. I
hun-ger and I thirst; Je-sus my man-na be!
Je-sus Christ the bread of
life, I hun-ger for you Lord!

For still the desert lies my thirsting soul before;
O living waters rise within me evermore.
I hunger and I thirst, Jesus my manna be!

Jesus Christ, the Bread of Life, I hunger for you Lord!
Jesus Christ, the Bread of Life, I hunger for you Lord!

And Can It Be?

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And can it be that I should gain an
'Tis mys - tery all: th'Im - mor - tal dies: who
Long my im - pri - soned spi - rit lay, fast
5 No con - dem - na - tion now I dread; Je -
in - t'rest in the Sav - ior's blood? Died he for
can ex - plore His strange de - sign? In vain the
bound in sin and na - ture's night, Thine eye dif -
10 sus and all in Him, is mine; A - live in
me, who caused his pain? For me, who him to
first - born ser - aph tries to sound the depths of
fused a quick - ening ray; I woke the dung - eon
15 Him, my liv - ing Head, and clothed in right - eous -
death pur - sued? A - maz - ing love! How can it
love di - vine, 'Tis mer - cy all! Let earth a -
flamed with light; My chains fell off, my heart was
20 ness di - vine, Bold I ap - proach th'e - ter - nal
be that thou my God, shouldst die for
dore, let an - gel minds in - quire no
free, I rose, went forth, and fol - lowed
24 throne, and claim the crown, through Christ my
me? A - maz - ing love! How can it be that
more.
Thee.
own.
29 thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

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!

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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).

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

Today: K. Boden

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).

Today: Bonifield

Next week: Rickis



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