

"Man's chief and highest end is to glorify God, and fully to enjoy him forever."

The Westminster Larger Catechism, 1

"Worship is the gift of participating through the Spirit
in the incarnate Son's communion with the Father."

James B. Torrance, *Worship, Community and the Triune God of Grace*



ASCENSION

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Public Worship • January 10, 2016



THE WORD



CALL TO WORSHIP • Psalm 96:1-4

Oh sing to the LORD a new song;
sing to the LORD all the earth!

Sing to the LORD, bless his name;
tell of his salvation from day to day.

Declare his glory among the nations,

his marvelous works among all the peoples!

For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised;

he is to be feared above all gods.

Holy God We Praise Thy Name

Text: Ignaz Franz • Music: *Te Deum* • Public Domain

Alto

The musical score is written for an Alto voice part in G major (one flat) and 3/4 time. It consists of five staves of music. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly God we praise Thy name Lord of all we bow be - fore Thee; All on earth Thy scep - ter claim; All in heav'n a - bove a - dore Thee. In - fi - nite Thy vast do - main; Ev - er - last - ing is Thy reign." The score includes measure numbers 5, 10, 15, and 20. The music features a mix of quarter, eighth, and half notes, with some phrases ending in a fermata.

Ho - ly God we praise Thy name
Lord of all we bow be - fore Thee; All on
earth Thy scep - ter claim; All in heav'n a -
bove a - dore Thee. In - fi - nite Thy vast do -
main; Ev - er - last - ing is Thy reign.

Hark! the loud celestial hymn angel choirs above are raising,
cherubim and seraphim, in unceasing chorus praising,
fill the heavens with sweet accord: "Holy, holy, holy, Lord!"

Lo! the apostolic train join the sacred Name to hallow;
prophets swell the loud refrain, and the white-robed martyrs follow;
and from morn to set of sun, through the Church the song goes on.

Holy Father, Holy Son, Holy Spirit, Three we name thee;
while in essence only One, undivided God we claim thee;
and adoring bend the knee, while we own the mystery.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

The Lord be with you. ^{Ruth 2:4}

The Lord bless you.

Let us pray...

CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN • Luke 23:34

Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do."

CONFESSION OF SIN

O Father, we are gathered before you, the Maker of Heaven and Earth, whose chosen dwelling place is with the broken and contrite, to confess that we have sinned in thought and word and deed; we have not loved you with all our heart and soul, we have not loved you with all our mind and strength; we have not even loved our neighbor as ourselves. In your mercy, deepen our sorrow for the wrong we have done and for the good we have left undone, so that we may hate our sin with a holy hatred. But, please Father, do not leave us in sorrow. With you, O Lord, there is forgiveness. In your mercy, restore the joy of our salvation; so that we may love you with a holy love. Amen.

(Silent confession)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS • Luke 24:46-47

"Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations."

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

OFFERING • Malachi 3:10

"Bring the full tithes into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. And thereby put me to the test, says the LORD of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need."

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 • Psalm 96

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...

Jesus, remember us when you come in your kingdom,

Have mercy upon us and hear our prayers.

For all who carry out your ministries within your church,

We ask for grace and wisdom.

For those who don't yet believe the gospel,

We ask for your faithful love.

For governors and rulers in every land,

We ask for your guidance.

For people who suffer and grieve,

We ask for your healing peace.

Holy God, your Son, Jesus Christ has spoken to us the word of reconciliation. We come to you now in the words He taught us, saying:

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.

O Lord, By Grace Delivered

Text: Psalm 30 (1912 Psalter) • Music: Matthew H. Curl • Used by Permission

Tenor

O Lord, by grace de - liv - ered, I
In pros - p'rous days I boast - ed: un -
now with songs ex - tol; my foes you have not
moved I shall re - main; for Lord, by your good
suf - fered to glo - ry o'er my fall. O Lord, my God, I
fa - vor my cause you did main - tain; I soon was sor - ley
sought you, and you did heal and save; - you,
trou - bled, for you did hide your face; I
Lord, from death did ran - som and keep me from the
cried to you Je - ho - vah, I sought Je - ho - vah's
grave. O Lord, by grace de - li - - vered! - I
grace.
now with songs ex - tol! His ho - ly name re -
mem - ber! - You saints, Je - ho - vah praise!

What profit if I perish, if life you do not spare?
Shall dust repeat your praises, shall it your truth declare?
O Lord, on me have mercy, and my petition hear;
that you may be my helper, in mercy, Lord, appear.

(Chorus)

My grief is turned to gladness, to you my thanks I raise,
who has removed my sorrow and girded me with praise;
and now, no longer silent, my heart your praise will sing;
O Lord, my God forever, my thanks to you I bring.

(Chorus)

The Sands Of Time Are Sinking

Text: Anne R. Cousin • Music: Matthew H. Curl • Used by Permission

Tenor

The sands of time are sink-ing, - the dawn of heav-en -
The King there in His beau-ty with - out a veil is -
breaks, the sum - mer morn I've sighed for, the
seen; it were a well spent jour - ney though
fair sweet morn a - wakes; so dark hath been the
se-ven deaths lay be - tween: the Lamb with His fair
mid - night, but day-spring is at hand, and glo - ry,
ar - my doth on Mount Zi - on stand,
glo - ry dwell-eth in Em-man-uel's land! And glo - ry,
glo - ry, dwell-eth in Em-man - uel's land!

Detailed description: The image shows a musical score for a Tenor part. It consists of seven staves of music in G-clef, 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The score includes measure numbers 4, 7, 10, 14, and 18. The music features a mix of quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, with some rests. The lyrics are: 'The sands of time are sink-ing, - the dawn of heav-en - The King there in His beau-ty with - out a veil is - breaks, the sum - mer morn I've sighed for, the seen; it were a well spent jour - ney though fair sweet morn a - wakes; so dark hath been the se-ven deaths lay be - tween: the Lamb with His fair mid - night, but day-spring is at hand, and glo - ry, ar - my doth on Mount Zi - on stand, glo - ry dwell-eth in Em-man-uel's land! And glo - ry, glo - ry, dwell-eth in Em-man - uel's land!'.

O Christ, he is the fountain, the deep sweet well of love!
The streams of earth I've tasted, more deep I'll drink above;
there to an ocean fullness his mercy doth expand,

(Chorus)

The bride eyes not her garment, but eyes her bridegroom's face;
I will not gaze at glory, but on my King of grace;
not on the crown he gifteth, but on his pierced hands:

(Chorus)

GOSPEL READING • Luke 22:14-20

¹⁴ And when the hour came, he reclined at table, and the apostles with him. ¹⁵ And he said to them, "I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. ¹⁶ For I tell you I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God." ¹⁷ And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he said, "Take this, and divide it among yourselves. ¹⁸ For I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." ¹⁹ And he took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." ²⁰ And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood."

The Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

SERMON • "Ascension's Basic Calling" (Rev. Eric Costa)







THE UPPER ROOM



CONFESSION OF FAITH • The Heidelberg Catechism, 60

How are you right with God?

Only by true faith in Jesus Christ. Even though my conscience accuses me of having grievously sinned against all God's commandments and of never having kept any of them, and even though I am still inclined toward all evil, nevertheless, without my deserving it at all, out of sheer grace, God grants and credits to me the perfect satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ, as if I had never sinned or been a sinner, as if I had been as perfectly obedient as Christ was obedient for me. All I need to do is to accept this gift with a believing heart. 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.

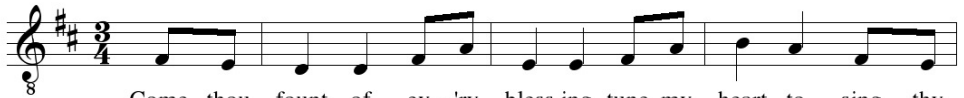
The gifts of God for the people of God.

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 in the back for prayer [James 5:13-16].)

Come, Thou Fount Of Every Blessing

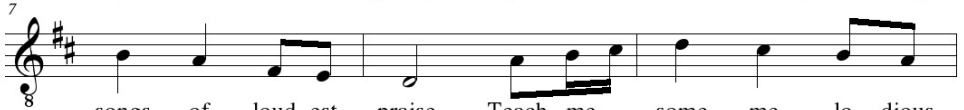
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Come, thou fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing tune my heart to sing thy
Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer; hith - er by thy help I'm
O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to



grace; streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for
come; and I hope, by thy good pleas - ure, safe - ly
be; Let that grace, now, like a fet - ter, bind my



songs of loud - est praise. Teach me some me - lo - dious
to ar - rive at home. Je - sus sought me when a
wand' - ring heart to thee. Prone to wand - er - Lord, I



son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove; praise the
strang - er, wan - d'ring from the fold of God: he, to
feel it - prone to leave the God I love: Here's my



mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.
res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

My Jesus, As Thou Wilt

Text: Benjamin Schmolck • Music: Matthew H. Curl • Used by Permission

Tenor

My Je-sus as Thou wilt: O may Thy will be—
My Je-sus as Thou wilt: Though seen through man - y a
mine! In - to Thy hand of— love I would my all re -
tear, Let not my star of— hope grow dim or dis - a -
sign. Through sor - row or through joy, con -
pear. Since Thou on earth hast— wept and
duct me as Thine own, and help me still to— say, "My
sor - rowed oft a - lone, if I must weep with Thee, "My
Lord, Thy will be— done." A - men!— A -
Lord, Thy will be— done."
men!— A - - - men!—

My Jesus, as thou wilt: all shall be well for me;
each changing future scene I gladly trust with thee.
Straight to my home above, I travel calmly on,
and sing in life or death, "My Lord, thy will be done."
Amen! Amen! Amen!
Amen! Amen! Amen!
Amen.

BENEDICTION • Jude 1-2

To those who are called,
beloved in God the Father
and kept for Jesus Christ:
May mercy, peace, and love be multiplied to you.

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Sunday School • After Worship, and some time for fellowship and coffee, join us for Sunday School. Kids will meet in the sanctuary before going to their classes. Adults will meet in the fellowship hall for sermon discussion (young children are welcome to accompany their parents).

Mercy Sunday • Today we'll collect a special offering—*Alms*—during the Lord's Supper, to help meet needs in our congregation and community. After Worship we engage together in a ministry of compassion—the *Backpack Project*—providing food to children in need at W. L. Henry Elementary.

Rejoicing In Christ Home Group • Today at the home of Joe and Cindy Pope (15953 SW Tuscany, Tigard). All are welcome! Join us as we share lunch and conversation about Michael Reeves' book.

Musicians • Join us on Wednesday nights at 6:30 at the Costa home for fellowship and preparation for the coming Sunday. Families are welcome. Contact Kady Boden (kady@ascensionpc.org).

Nursery Volunteers • Contact: Jerilee Costa (jerilee.costa@gmail.com).

Today: Friesen Next Sunday: Hamilton

Refreshments Volunteers • Contact: Nicole Hamilton (neh.hamilton@gmail.com).

Today: Sery Next Sunday: Wismer

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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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