

"There is a direct relationship between a person's grasp and experience of God's grace,  
and his or her heart for justice and the poor."

Tim Keller, *Generous Justice*

"A gospel that does not address people as the sinned-against poses a lot of problems... The gospel that ignores the sinned-against may work among the middle class, but it cannot possibly work among the overwhelming majority in Asia or the United States... It conveys too much superiority, condescension, yes even pity, to be credible. What is missing is compassion. Compassion becomes possible when we perceive people as the sinned-against, as well as the sinning."

Harvie Conn, *Evangelism: Doing Justice and Preaching Grace*



ASCENSION

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Public Worship • February 14, 2016



**CALL TO WORSHIP • Psalm 99:9**

Exalt the LORD our God,  
and worship at his holy mountain;  
for the LORD our God is holy!

# A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Text & Music: Martin Luther (1529) • Public Domain

Alto

A might - y for - tress is our God, a  
bul-wark nev - er fail - ing; our help - er he a -  
mid the flood of mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing. For  
still our an - cient foe doth seek to work us woe; his  
craft and pow'r are great; and armed with cru - el  
hate, on earth is not his e - qual.

The musical score is written for an Alto voice part in G major, 4/4 time. It consists of six staves of music. The lyrics are printed below the notes. The piece ends with a double bar line.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing;  
were not the right Man on our side, the Man of God's own choosing:  
dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he;  
Lord Sabaoth, his Name, from age to age the same,  
and he must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,  
we will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to triumph through us:  
the Prince of Darkness grim, we tremble not for him;  
his rage we can endure, for lo, his doom is sure,  
one little word shall fell him.

That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth;  
the Spirit and the gifts are ours through him who with us sideth:  
let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;  
the body they may kill: God's truth abideth still,  
his kingdom is forever.

## **PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

The Lord be with you. <sup>Ruth 2:4</sup>

*The Lord bless you.*

Let us pray...

## **CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN • 1 Corinthians 6:9-10**

Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolators, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality, nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God.

## **CONFESSION OF SIN**

*O righteous Father, you summon me to look upon the beauty and glory of your Son, but I have turned my gaze to the transient and created splendor of this world. I have secretly cherished visions of earthly wealth, beauty and power and have sought after them instead of the kingdom, the power, and the glory of Jesus. Forgive the wandering eyes of my heart and enable me by faith to fix my gaze upon the One who alone is worthy of all my focused attention and deepest affection. Amen.*

(Silent confession)

## **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS • 1 Corinthians 6:11**

And such were some of you. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

May the peace of Christ be with you.

*And also with you!*

## **OFFERING • Luke 6:38**

“Give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you.”

## **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 • Acts 2:42-47

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...

O Lord, we cry out to you for the Church:

*Particularly for our sister churches in the Pacific Northwest Presbytery.*

O Lord, we cry out to you for all the people of the earth:

*We pray for those who do not know you; we pray that your gospel would run in our city; we pray that your fame and glory would spread here and throughout the world.*

O Lord, we cry out to you for our own nation:

*Please give our President humility, wisdom, strength and trust in you. Please bless our Governor and our Mayor; please bring prosperity and peace to our city through your gospel.*

O Lord, we cry out to you for the poor and suffering of our community:

*We pray for those who are living on the streets. We pray for those who are discouraged and suffering in depression. We pray for those who are struggling financially. We pray for those who are sick or facing imminent death and for those who care for them.*

O Lord we cry out to you with our individual concerns and needs...

(Silent prayer)

All of these things we ask of you in the name of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray 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.*

# Thy Works, Not Mine, O Christ

Text: Horatius Bonar • Music: Matthew H. Curl • Used by Permission

Tenor

8 Thy works, not mine, O  
Thy pains, not mine, O  
Thy cross, not mine, O

2  
8 Christ, speak glad-ness to this heart;  
Christ, u - pon the shame-ful tree,  
Christ, has borne the aw - ful load,

5  
8 They tell me all is done; they bid my fear de -  
have paid the law's full price and pur - chased peace for  
of sins that none in heav'n or earth could bear but

7  
8 part. me. God. To whom, save Thee, who

10  
8 canst a - lone for sin a - tone, Lord, shall I flee? To

13  
8 whom, save Thee, who canst a - lone for sin a - tone, Lord,

16  
8 shall I flee?

Thy righteousness, O Christ, alone can cover me;  
no righteousness avails save that which is of thee.

*(Chorus)*

# 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,  
9  
and in our hearts take up Thy rest;  
Thou heav'n - ly gift of God most high;  
14  
Come with Thy grace and heav'n-ly aid to fill our  
Thou fount of life, and fire of love, and sweet an -  
18  
hearts which Thou hast made, to fill our  
noint - ing from a - bove, and sweet a -  
23  
hearts which Thou hast made. Be not a -  
noint - ing 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)*

**OLD TESTAMENT READING • Isaiah 58**

The Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God!*

**SERMON • “Ascension’s Basic Cares” (Rev. Eric Costa)**



COMPASSION



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.<sup>1</sup> 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<sup>2</sup> 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 in the back for prayer [James 5:13-16].)

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<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> Or, “universal.”

# It Is Well With My Soul

Text: Horatio G. Spafford • Music: Phillip P. Bliss • Public Domain

Tenor

8  
When peace, like a riv - er, at -  
Though sa - tan should buf - fet, though  
3  
My sin, O the bliss of this  
tend - eth my way, when sor - rows like sea bil - lows  
tri - als should come, let this blest as - sur - ance con -  
7  
glo - ri - ous thought! My sin, not in part, but the  
8  
roll; what - ev - er my lot, thou hast taught me to  
trol, that Christ has re - gard - ed my help - less es -  
11  
whole, is nailed to the cross and I bear it no  
8  
say, "It is well, it is well with my soul."It is  
tate, and has shed His own blood for my soul.  
15  
more; Praise the Lord! It is well with my soul!  
8  
well... with my soul; it is well, it is well with my  
21  
soul!

O Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight,  
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll,  
the trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend,  
even so, it is well with my soul.

*(Chorus x2)*

# Love Me To The End

Text: Samuel Medley • Music: Jeff Koonce • ©2006 Red Mountain Music

Tenor

8 A beg - ar poor, at mer - cy's door, lies  
A wick - ed heart is no small part, of  
3 My stub - born will op - pos - es still, Thy  
such a wretch as I; Thou know'st my need is  
my dist - ress and shame; Let sover - eign grace its  
6 wise and ho - ly hand; Thy spi - rit send to  
great in - deed, Lord hear me when I cry.  
crimes ef - face, through Jes - sus' bles - sed name.  
9 make it bend, to Thy su - preme com - mand.  
8 With guilt be - set and deep in debt, for  
My dark - ened mind I dail - y find, is  
11 Af - fect - ions wild by sin def - iled, oft  
pard - on Lord, I pray; O let Thy love suf -  
prone to go as - tray; Lord on it shine with  
14 hur - ry me a - way; Lord, bring them home nor  
fi - cient prove, to take my sins a - way.  
light di - vine, and guide it in Thy way.  
let them roam, from Christ the Li - ving Way.

Before thy face I've told my case; Lord help and mercy send;  
pity my soul and make me whole, and love me to the end.

## BENEDICTION • Psalm 22:26

The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied;  
those who seek him shall praise the LORD!  
May your hearts live forever!

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*Remember:* every gathering is an opportunity to invite a friend, to introduce people to the Christ-centered community and life of the church!

**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).

**Rejoicing in Christ Home Group** • Today at the home of Joe & Cindy Pope (15953 SW Tuscany, Tigard). Everyone is invited to join us as we share lunch and conversation about Michael Reeves' book.

**Moms' Group** • 10am Fri., Feb. 19 at the home of Tracy Edwards. Coffee, treats, and lunch will be provided. RSVP if you can come, and if you can bring something (tracyedwards78@yahoo.com).

**Men's Retreat** • Fri. - Sun., Apr. 29 - May 1. Location TBD. If you can make it for one or both nights, RSVP to Sam Boden (samuelcboden@gmail.com); the number of guys going will determine the location.

**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: Aznoe      Next Sunday: Sery

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

Today: Hamilton      Next Sunday: Sery

**Regular Gatherings** • For information about our meetings like home groups and bible studies for men and women, visit [ascensionpc.org/calendar](http://ascensionpc.org/calendar).



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