

"Aslan a man!" said Mr. Beaver sternly. "Certainly not. I tell you he is the King of the wood and the Son of the great Emperor-beyond-the-sea. Don't you know who is the King of Beasts? Aslan is a lion—the Lion, the great Lion."

"Ooh!" said Susan, "I'd thought he was a man. Is he—quite safe? I shall feel rather nervous about meeting a lion."

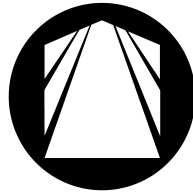
"That you will, dearie, and no mistake," said Mr. Beaver; "if there's anyone who can appear before Aslan without their knees knocking, they're either braver than most or else just silly."

"Then he isn't safe?" said Lucy.

"Safe?" said Mrs. Beaver; "don't you hear what Mr. Beaver tells you? Who said anything about safe? Course he isn't safe. But he's good. He's the King, I tell you."

"I'm longing to see him," said Peter, "even if I do feel frightened when it comes to the point."

C. S. Lewis, *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*



ASCENSION  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Public Worship • March 20, 2016  
Palm Sunday



THE WORD

**CALL TO WORSHIP • Psalm 113:1-3**

Praise the LORD!

Praise, O servants of the LORD,  
praise the name of the LORD!

Blessed be the name of the LORD  
from this time forth and forevermore!  
From the rising of the sun to its setting,  
the name of the LORD is to be praised!

## All Glory, Laud And Honor

Text: Theodulph of Orleans (ca. 820) • Music: Melchior Teschner

Alto

The musical score is written for an Alto voice part in G minor (one flat) and 4/4 time. It consists of six staves of music. The lyrics are: "All glo - ry, laud and hon - or to thee Re - deem - er King, to whom the lips of child - ren made sweet ho - san - nas ring! Thou art the King of Is - rael thou Da - vid's roy - al Son, who in the Lord's name com - est, the King and bless - ed One!"

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Son, who in the Lord's name com - est, the  
King and bless - ed One!

The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went;  
our prayer and praise and anthems before thee we present.  
To thee, before thy passion, they sang their hymns of praise;  
to thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise.

Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring,  
who in all good delightest, thou good and gracious King.

All glory, laud and honor, to thee, Redeemer, King,  
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

## **PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

The Lord be with you. Ruth 2:4

*The Lord bless you.*

Let us pray...

## **CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN • 1 Timothy 1:5**

The aim of our charge is love that issues from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith.

## **CONFESSION OF SIN • Psalm 51**

*Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment. Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit. Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you. Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, O God of my salvation, and my tongue will sing aloud of your righteousness. O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.*

(Silent confession)

## **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS • 1 Timothy 1:15**

Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

May the peace of Christ be with you.

*And also with you!*

## **OFFERING • 2 Corinthians 8:7-9**

As you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all earnestness, and in our love for you—see that you excel in this act of grace also. I say this not as a command, but to prove by the earnestness of others that your love also is genuine. For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.

## **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 118:22-26

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...

You are God.

*We praise you!*

You are the Lord.

*We acclaim you!*

You are the eternal Father.

*All creation worships you!*

To you all angels, all the powers of heaven,  
Cherubim and Seraphim, sing in endless praise:

*Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of Power and Might,  
Heaven and earth are filled with Your glory!*

The glorious company of apostles praise you.

The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.

The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.

*Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you.*

Father, of majesty unbounded,

Your true and only Son, worthy of all worship,  
and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.

*You, Christ, are the king of glory, the eternal Son of the Father.*

When you became man to set us free,

you did not shun the Virgin's womb.

*You overcame the sting of death*

*and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.*

You are seated at God's right hand in glory.

*We believe that you will come and be our judge.*

Come then, Lord, and help your people,  
bought with the price of your own blood,  
and bring us with your saints to glory everlasting.

*Amen.*

# Gloria In The Highest

Text: Ambrose (4<sup>th</sup> Century), Martin Luther (16<sup>th</sup> Century)

Music: Matthew H. Curl • Used By Permission

Tenor

8 Sa - vior of the na - tions come,  
Not by hu - man pow'r or seed  
Mar - y then was found with child,  
Christ laid down his maj - es - ty,  
3 show your - self the vir - gin's son. Fill with won - der  
did the wom - an's womb con - ceive; on - ly by the  
still a vir - gin chaste and mild. God had fa - vored  
6 passed through dark Geth - sem - a - ne. Though he left his  
8 all the earth, that our God chose such a birth.  
Spir - it's breath was the Word of God made flesh.  
her with grace to re - ceive the Prince of Peace.  
9 Fa - ther's home, Christ now sits on God's own throne.  
8 Glo - ri - a! \_\_\_\_ Glo - ri - a! \_\_\_\_ Glo - ri - a! \_\_\_\_  
15  
8 In the high - - - est!

Since the star at Bethlehem brought new light to earth again,  
may our faith shine bright each day; faithful God, keep sin away.

Christ in glory, intercede for your creature's suff'ring need.

Let your resurrecting pow'r soon complete the vict'ry hour.

*(Chorus)*

Praise to you, O Lord, we sing, praise to Christ our newborn King!

With the Father, Spirit, one, let your lasting kingdom come!

*(Chorus x2)*

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

## GOSPEL READING • Matthew 21:1-11

<sup>1</sup> Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, <sup>2</sup> saying to them, “Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. <sup>3</sup> If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, ‘The Lord needs them,’ and he will send them at once.” <sup>4</sup> This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying,

<sup>5</sup> “Say to the daughter of Zion,  
‘Behold, your king is coming to you,  
humble, and mounted on a donkey,  
on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.’”

<sup>6</sup> The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. <sup>7</sup> They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. <sup>8</sup> Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. <sup>9</sup> And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!” <sup>10</sup> And when he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, saying, “Who is this?” <sup>11</sup> And the crowds said, “This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee.”

The Gospel of Jesus Christ.

*Praise be to you, O Christ!*

## SERMON • “Welcoming Jesus” (Rev. Eric Costa)









THE UPPER ROOM



**CONFESSION OF FAITH (Jn. 20:28; Rom. 10:9; 1 Cor. 12:3; Eph. 4:5; Phil. 2:6-11)**

What does God the Father want you to know and trust?

*Jesus Christ is Lord!*

What does God the Spirit enable you to confess and proclaim?

*Jesus Christ is Lord!*

What is the grace and truth of the revelation of God?

*Jesus Christ is Lord!*

Who is the Lord of your life?

*Jesus Christ is Lord!*

Who is the Lord of the church?

*Jesus Christ is Lord!*

Who is the Lord of heaven and earth?

*Jesus Christ is Lord, and there is no other! 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].)

# The Lamb Has Overcome

Music and Lyrics: Luke Morton • ©2011 Cardiphonia Music

The Lamb has ov - er - come, the  
Lamb has ov - er - come; the bat - tle's done and the  
vic-to-ry is won, for the Lamb has ov - er - come! No  
grave could hold Him down, no grave could hold Him  
down; up from the ground, "He is  
ri-sen!" was the sound, no grave could hold Him down.  
At God's right hand is He, at  
God's right hand is He; our per - fect plea as He  
lives to in-ter-cede, at God's right hand is He! Wor-thy  
is the Lamb who was slain, glo-ry be un - to His  
name! Wor-thy is the Lamb who was slain, glo-ry  
be un - to His name!

The table now is spread, the table now is spread;  
the wine and bread, broken body and blood shed, the table now is spread.

The day is drawing near, the day is drawing near;  
he shall appear and wipe away each tear, the day is drawing near!

*Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, glory be unto his name!*

*Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, glory be unto his name!*

(Repeat Chorus)

# Hosanna In The Highest

Text: The Book of Common Prayer • Music: Benjamin Wilkinson

Tenor

8 Ho - san - na to the liv - ing Lord! Ho - san - na to the  
O Sav - ior with pro - tect - ing care, a - bide in this thy  
4 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  
7 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  
10 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.  
14 glo - ry giv'n, by all on earth and all in heav'n! \_\_\_\_\_  
8 \_ Ho - san - na! Ho - san - na! in the high - est! \_\_\_\_\_

Detailed description: The image shows a musical score for a Tenor voice part. It consists of five staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 8/8 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The score includes measure numbers 4, 7, 10, and 14. The music features a mix of quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, with some rests. The lyrics are: 'Ho - san - na to the liv - ing Lord! Ho - san - na to the O Sav - ior with pro - tect - 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! \_\_\_\_\_'.

## BENEDICTION • Philippians 4:23

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.

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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).

**Home Group** • Today at the home of Joe & Cindy Pope (15953 SW Tuscany Street, Tigard). Come for lunch and conversation about Michael Reeves' book, *Rejoicing in Christ*.

**Good Friday Service** • 7pm Fri., Mar. 25.

**Easter Breakfast** • 8:30am Sun., Mar. 27. (*There will be no Sunday School on Easter.*)

**Mercy Sunday** • Sun., April 3. Please sign up to bring supplies for the Backpack Project, providing food to hungry kids in the neighborhood. Contact Jerilee Costa (jerilee.costa@gmail.com).

**Men's Retreat** • Fri. - Sun., Apr. 29 - May 1. RSVP to Sam Boden (samuelboden@gmail.com).

**Church Campout** • Fri. - Sun., Aug. 19-21, at the Deschutes River State Rec. Area. Mark your calendars! We'll join our sister congregation, Hope (Portland), for the weekend. Stay tuned for more details...

**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: Childers      Next Sunday: Costa

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

Today: Hamilton      Next Sunday: Whipple

**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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