

"Jesus in his concrete humanity (flesh and blood) is the actual presence of the life of God in the midst of the contingent happenings in human history. But the life of God is present not in any form of self-sufficiency but only in the form of unlimited self-surrender. It is made available to the world only by being given away—the flesh and blood of this man given up to death. It follows that there can be no participation in the life of God except by an equally concrete factual participation in the self-surrender of Jesus—in his broken body and his shed blood."

Lesslie Newbigin



ASCENSION

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Public Worship on the Lord's Day
April 2, 2017



CALL TO WORSHIP • Psalm 118:1-4

Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures forever!

Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever."

Let the house of Aaron say, "His steadfast love endures forever."

Let those who fear the LORD say, "His steadfast love endures forever."

And Can It Be?

Text: Charles Wesley • Music: Thomas Campbell • Public Domain

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, _____
29 own, _____

thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

He is risen!

He is risen indeed!

Let us pray...

CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN • 1 Peter 1:18-19

You were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Holy Father, forgive us. Though you should guide us, we inform ourselves. Though you should rule us, we control ourselves. Though you should fulfill us, we console ourselves. For we think your truth too high, your will too hard, your power too remote, your love too free. But they are not! And without them, we are of all people most miserable. Heal our confused mind with your word, heal our divided will with your law, heal our troubled conscience with your love, heal our anxious hearts with your presence, all for the sake of your Son, who loved us and gave himself for us. Amen.

(Silent confession)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS • 1 Peter 3:18

Christ suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God.

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

OFFERING • Acts 2:44-45

All who believed were together and had all things in common. And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had 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 • Deuteronomy 8:1-10

“The whole commandment that I command you today you shall be careful to do, that you may live and multiply, and go in and possess the land that the LORD swore to give to your fathers. ² And you shall remember the whole way that the LORD your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, that he might humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep his commandments or not. ³ And he humbled you and let you hunger and fed you with

manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that he might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD. ⁴ Your clothing did not wear out on you and your foot did not swell these forty years. ⁵ Know then in your heart that, as a man disciplines his son, the LORD your God disciplines you. ⁶ So you shall keep the commandments of the LORD your God by walking in his ways and by fearing him. ⁷ For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and springs, flowing out in the valleys and hills, ⁸ a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, ⁹ a land in which you will eat bread without scarcity, in which you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron, and out of whose hills you can dig copper. ¹⁰ And you shall eat and be full, and you shall bless the LORD your God for the good land he has given you."

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.

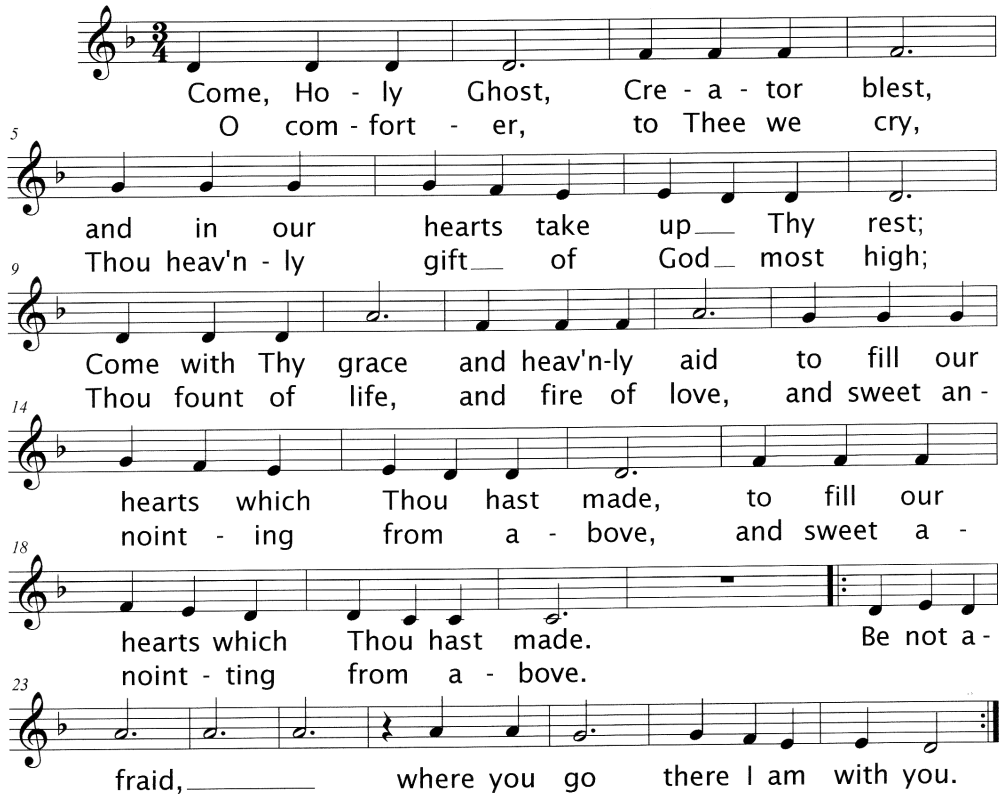
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

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



1 Come, Ho - ly Ghost, Cre - a - tor blest,
5 O com - fort - er, to Thee we cry,
9 and in our hearts take up Thy rest;
13 Thou heav'n - ly gift of God most high;
17 Come with Thy grace and heav'n-ly aid to fill our
21 Thou fount of life, and fire of love, and sweet an -
25 hearts which Thou hast made, to fill our
29 noint - ing from a - bove, and sweet a -
33 hearts which Thou hast made. Be not a -
37 noint - ting from a - bove.
41 afraid, 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)

The Lord, My Shepherd

Text: Psalm 23 • Music: Matthew H. Curl • Used by Permission

Tenor



1 The Lord my shep - herd rules my life
The Lord re - vives my fail - ing strength,
Though in a val - ley dark as death,

3 and gives me all I need; He
He makes my joy com - plete; and
no e - vil makes me fear; Your

5 leads me by re - fresh - ing streams;
in right paths, for His names sake,
shep - herd's staff pro - tects my way,

7 in pas - tures green I feed. Your
He guides my fal - te - ring feet.
for you are with me there.

9 good - ness and your gra - cious love pur - sue me all my
12 days; Your house, O Lord, shall be my home, your
15 name my end - less praise.

While all my enemies look on, you spread a royal feast;
you fill my cup, anoint my head, and treat me as your guest.

(Chorus)

GOSPEL READING • John 6:35-59

Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst. ³⁶ But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. ³⁷ All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out. ³⁸ For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me. ³⁹ And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. ⁴⁰ For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day."

⁴¹ So the Jews grumbled about him, because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." ⁴² They said, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How does he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?" ⁴³ Jesus answered them, "Do not grumble among yourselves. ⁴⁴ No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him. And I will raise him up on the last day. ⁴⁵ It is written in the Prophets, 'And they will all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me—⁴⁶ not that anyone has seen the Father except he who is from God; he has seen the Father. ⁴⁷ Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life. ⁴⁸ I am the bread of life. ⁴⁹ Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. ⁵⁰ This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. ⁵¹ I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

⁵² The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" ⁵³ So Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. ⁵⁴ Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. ⁵⁵ For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. ⁵⁶ Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him. ⁵⁷ As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever feeds on me, he also will live because of me. ⁵⁸ This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like the bread the fathers ate, and died. Whoever feeds on this bread will live forever." ⁵⁹ Jesus said these things in the synagogue, as he taught at Capernaum.

The Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

SERMON • "Consuming Christ" (Rev. Eric Costa)





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. 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.”

Abide With Me

Text: Henry Lyte • Music: Justin Smith • ©2007 Justin Smith Music

Tenor

8 A - bide with me; — fast fall the e - ven -
3 Thou on my head, in — ear - ly youth didst
6 tide; The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord with me a -
smile; And, though re - bel - lious, - and per - verse mean -
9 bide. When oth - er help - ers, fail and com - forts
while, Thou hast not left me, oft as I left
flee, help of the help - less, a - bide with me.
Thee, on to the close Lord, a - bide with me.

Detailed description: The image shows a musical score for a Tenor voice part. It consists of five staves of music. The first staff is labeled 'Tenor' and has a '8' below it. The music is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The second staff is labeled '3' and has an '8' below it. The third staff is labeled '6' and has an '8' below it. The fourth staff is labeled '9' and has an '8' below it. The fifth staff has an '8' below it. The lyrics continue across these staves.

I need thy presence every passing hour.
What but thy grace can foil the tempter's power?
Who, like thyself, my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, abide with me.

I fear no foe with thee at hand to bless;
ills have no weight, tears lose their bitterness.
Where is thy sting death? Where grave thy victory?
I triumph still, abide with me.

Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes;
shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.
Heav'n's morning breaks and earth's vain shadows flee;
In life and death, Lord, abide with me.

The Trinity For Eternity

Text: Catherine Winkworth • Music: Matthew H. Curl • Used by Permission

Tenor

8 Lord Je - sus Christ, be pres - ent now, _____ our
Un - seal our lips, to sing your praise, _____ our
5 Un - til we join the hosts that cry, _____ "Ho-
8 hearts in true _____ de - vo - tion bow. _____
souls to you _____ in wor - ship raise. _____
9 ly are you! _____ O Lord most high!" _____
8 Your Spi - rit send, with grace di - vine, _____ and
Make strong our faith, in - crease our light, _____ that
13 And in the light of that blest place, _____ for -
8 let your truth _____ with - in us shine. _____ Glo - ry
we may know _____ your name a - right. _____
18 e'er be - hold _____ you face to face. _____
8 _ to God! _____ The Fa - ther, Son, _____ and Ho - ly Ghost!
23 To You, Lord _____ all praise! _____ The Trin - i - ty, _____
28 _ for e - ter - ni - ty!

BENEDICTION • 2 Peter 1:2

May grace and peace be multiplied to you
in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.

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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).

Mercy Sunday • On the first Sunday of each month we 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 School. This is a great opportunity to talk with our kids about generosity and service as a regular part of our lives as Christians.

Monthly Men's Breakfast • 7:30am Sat., Apr. 8 at the Costa home (1890 SE Maple Street). Each time we meet we discuss a phrase of the Apostles' Creed. This time: "From There He Shall Come to Judge the Living and the Dead." (Keep an eye on applyingthegospel.com this week for the blog post we'll discuss together.) Bring a friend! RSVP and let Eric know if you can help by bringing part of the meal (rev.eric.costa@gmail.com).

Home Group • After Worship on Sun., Apr. 9 at the home of Joe & Cindy Pope (15953 SW Tuscany, Tigard). We're discussing Paul Tripp's book, *Parenting*. (We believe the conversation is helpful to everyone, even if you don't have small children in the home!) RSVP (pope.joe@gmail.com).

Good Friday Service • 7pm Fri., Apr. 14.

Easter Breakfast • 8:30am Sun., Apr. 16 (before Worship). Contact Jerilee Costa to sign up to bring part of the meal or help with setup/cleanup (jerilee.costa@gmail.com).

Regular Gatherings • For information about our meetings like home groups, bible studies for men and women, and more, please visit ascensionpc.org/calendar.

Nursery Volunteers

Today: Sery

Next Sunday: Childers

Refreshments Volunteers

(Contact: Nicole Hamilton, neh.hamilton@gmail.com)

Today: _____

Next Sunday: _____



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☐ I would like to get coffee with the Pastor.

☐ Please send me the email newsletter.

☐ Please use this info for the photo directory.