

"Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see."

John Newton

"Until the true light comes, all men are in darkness.
The distinction is not between those who are blind and those who see;
it is between those who know that they are blind and those who claim that they see.
But this distinction cannot come to light except when the light comes."

Lesslie Newbigin



ASCENSION

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CALL TO WORSHIP • Zechariah 2:10

"Sing and rejoice, O daughter of Zion,
for behold, I come and I will dwell in your midst,
declares the LORD."

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!

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

He is risen!

He is risen indeed!

Let us pray...

CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN • Isaiah 6:1, 5

In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple... And I said: "Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!"

CONFESSION OF SIN

O Lord, we have loved other gods before you and have become their servants. We have not worshiped you in spirit and in truth. We have brought insult upon your reputation. We have not trusted you to give us rest. We have not honored others as they deserve. We have hated our neighbors. Our desires are all distorted and misplaced. We have taken for ourselves what did not belong to us. We have lied, slandered, and gossiped. We have coveted the good blessings you gave to others. O Lord, have mercy on us, for we have not kept your law. Forgive us for the sake of your Son, our Savior, in whose name we pray. Amen.

(Silent confession)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS • Isaiah 6:6-7

Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. And he touched my mouth and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for."

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

OFFERING • Matthew 6:24

"No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money."

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 146

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...

Our Lord Jesus Christ, you rose from death as the King of kings and the Lord of lords:

We pray for our leaders, near and far, that they might love justice and mercy; we pray for our local leaders, that they might promote the peace of the city.

Our Lord Jesus Christ, you rose from death in triumph over evil and oppression:

We ask you to restrain the wickedness in our city by your Law; we ask you to destroy the wickedness in our own hearts by your Spirit.

Our Lord Jesus Christ, you rose from death as the Prince of peace:

We pray for peace between nations in your world; we pray that this congregation might live in your peace together; we ask you to come again soon to fully establish your peace on earth.

Our Lord Jesus Christ, you rose from death to reconcile us to God:

We pray for our friends who do not yet know you; we pray for the deepening of our faith in the Gospel of grace.

Our Lord Jesus Christ, you rose from death to reveal life and immortality through the gospel:

We pray for comfort for those who are suffering in grief, in poverty, in sickness, and in injustice.

Our Lord Jesus Christ, you rose from death as our sympathetic High Priest:

Please hear us as we bring you our requests. (Silent prayer)

Our Lord Jesus Christ, we pray now in the words you taught us:

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.

Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive

Text: Rosamond E. Herklots • Music: *Kentucky Harmony* (1820), arr. Chip Ueltschey

8 "For - give our sins as we for - give," you
How can your par - don reach and - bless the
In blaz - ing light your cross re - veals the
Lord, cleanse the depths with - in our souls, and

3
8 taught us, Lord, to pray; but
un - for - giv - ing heart that
truth we dim - ly knew: what
bid re - sent - ment cease; then,

5
8 you a - lone can grant us grace to
broods on wrongs and will not let old
triv - ial debts are owed to us, how
bound to all in bonds of love, our

7
8 live the words we say.
bit - ter - ness de - part?
great our debt to you!
lives will spread your peace.

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)

GOSPEL READING • John 9:1-7

As he passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. ² And his disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” ³ Jesus answered, “It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him. ⁴ We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. ⁵ As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” ⁶ Having said these things, he spit on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he anointed the man’s eyes with the mud ⁷ and said to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing.

The Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

SERMON • “The Real Eye-Opener” (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].)

How Deep The Father's Love For Us

Text & Music: Stuart Townend • ©1995 Thankyou Music

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'How Deep The Father's Love For Us'. It is written in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. The score consists of a single melodic line on a treble clef staff. The lyrics are written below the staff, with line numbers 3, 5, 7, 10, 13, and 15 indicating the start of new lines of music. The lyrics are: 'How deep the Fa - ther's love for us, how Be - hold the man up - on the cross, my I will not boast in an - y thing, no vast be - yond all mea - sure, that sin up - on His should - ers; a - gifts, no pow'r, no wis - dom; but He should give His on - ly Son to shamed, I hear my mock - ing voice call I will boast in Je - sus Christ, His make a wretch His trea - sure. How out a - mong the scof - fers. It death and res - ur - rect - ion. Why great the pain of sear - ing loss; the Fa - ther turns His was my sin that held Him there un - til it was ac - should I gain from His re - ward? I can - not give an face a - way as wounds which mar the com - plished. His dy - ing breath has an - swer, but this I know with cho - sen one bring man - y sons to glo - ry. brought me life, I know that it is fin - ished. all my heart: His wounds have paid my ran - som.'

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Love Me To The End

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

Tenor

The musical score is written for a Tenor voice part. It consists of five systems of music, each with a treble clef and a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes. The score includes measure numbers 1, 3, 6, 9, 11, and 14 at the beginning of their respective systems. The lyrics are as follows:

1 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.
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 • 2 Corinthians 13:14

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ
and the love of God
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.

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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!

After Worship • Please stay a while and join us for coffee and conversation.

Photo Directory • See Jerilee to get a picture taken for the photo directory (use the contact card below to provide whatever information you'd like included in the directory).

Summer BBQ • Today after Worship at the Costa home (1890 SE Maple Street, Hillsboro). Please bring a side, dessert, or drinks to share.

Sunday School • We're planning to start up Sunday School for the children (and Sermon Discussion for the adults) again in September. We'll need more volunteers to share the teaching roles than we've had in previous years. Please consider whether you can help our young ones grow in their knowledge of Christ. Contact: Joe Pope (pope.joe@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

(Contact: Rainy Aznoe, rainyrr@aol.com)

Today: Childers Next Sunday: Aznoe

Refreshments Volunteers

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

Today: K. Boden Next Sunday: Jaques



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