

"Love for Jesus involves both an attachment to him and a oneness with him and his interests, which naturally leads one to obey him and walk as he walked. One obeys what one loves. Indeed, our patterns of obedience reveal what we really love."

Rodney Whitacre

"Mere duty will not generate obedience to Christ;
only love for him can do that."

D. A. Carson

"Obedience is the test of love;
love is the content of obedience."

Lesslie Newbigin



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CALL TO WORSHIP • Psalm 66:5

Come and see what God has done:
he is awesome in his deeds toward the children of man.

And Can It Be?

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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.
own.
29 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 • Hebrews 4:16

Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

CONFESSION OF SIN

God of grace and truth, show yourself to be our Savior. Our sin is folly and insanity; it is a gloom of deep darkness, and we have lingered there. In our self-centeredness we have spurned your love. We have manipulated and hurt those closest to us. We allow ourselves to believe that our sin is no serious offense, but we have forsaken you and your glorious purpose for our lives. Can it be true that you have not forsaken us? Have you really atoned for our sin by the life and death of your own Son? Grant us confidence in our relationship with you, in spite of all our sin. Make us to know that we belong to you, and that you belong to us, through the sure word of your Gospel and the power of your Holy Spirit. We ask in Jesus' name. Amen.

(Silent confession)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS • Hebrews 4:15

We do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

OFFERING • 2 Corinthians 9:10-11

He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.

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 • Zechariah 2:10–11

“Sing and rejoice, O daughter of Zion, for behold, I come and I will dwell in your midst, declares the LORD. ¹¹ And many nations shall join themselves to the LORD in that day, and shall be my people. And I will dwell in your midst, and you shall know that the LORD of hosts has sent me to 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...

(Elder prays)

And now as our Savior taught us, we pray:

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 Love That Will Not Let Me Go

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O Love that will not let me go, I
O Light that follow'st all my way, I
O Joy that seek'st me through pain, I
O Cross that lift'st up my head, I



rest my weary soul in thee; I
yield my flick'ring torch to thee; My
can not close my heart to thee; I
dare not ask to fly from thee; I



give thee back the life I owe, That
heart re-stores its bor-rowed ray, That
trace the rain-bow through the rain, And
lay in dust life's glo-ry dead, And



in thine ocean depths its flow May
in thy sun-shine's blaze its day May
feel the promise is not vain, That
from the ground there blossoms red Life



ri-cher, full-er be.
bright-er, fair-er be.
morn shall tear-less be.
that shall end-less be.

Who Is Like The Lord, Our God? (Psalm 113)

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Our Fa - ther_ He lifts from the
3 ash - es, _ He rais - es_ the poor and_ the lost. _ He
6 seats them to dine at_ His ta - ble, _ to
8 feast with - out mon - ey_ or cost. _ The
10 lone - ly_ He set - tles_ in fam - 'lies, _ the
12 bar - ren, _ a mo - ther_ He makes. _ O
14 hap - py_ the heart of_ the stran - ger_ who's
16 wel - comed by this King_ of Grace. Who is like the
19 Lord our God? Who with glo - ry fills the sky? But
22 hum - bles_ Him - self with the bro - ken_ to dwell,
24 who is like our God?

Though equal to God in his glory, Christ Jesus became like a slave;
he humbled himself in obedience to death, and the cross, and the grave.

Victorious, he rose to the highest; in glory, the Savior was raised.
His name above all names exalted; the heavens and earth sing his praise.

*Who is like the Lord, our God? Who with glory fills the sky?
But humbles himself with the broken to dwell, who is like our God?*

O saints, fix your eyes on the Savior and count all your righteousness loss.
Be found in his love and his favor, and share in his death on the cross.

That all of his power in vict'ry, imparted to you, may abound;
and sharing the sufferings of Jesus, you share in his glory and crown.

*Who is like the Lord, our God? Who with glory fills the sky?
But humbles himself with the broken to dwell, who is like our God?*

GOSPEL READING • John 14:12-24

“Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father.
¹³ Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.

¹⁵ “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, ¹⁷ even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.

¹⁸ “I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. ¹⁹ Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. ²⁰ In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹ Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him.” ²² Judas (not Iscariot) said to him, “Lord, how is it that you will manifest yourself to us, and not to the world?” ²³ Jesus answered him, “If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. ²⁴ Whoever does not love me does not keep my words. And the word that you hear is not mine but the Father’s who sent me.”

The Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

SERMON • “The God of Love” (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.”

Psalm 46

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God is our re - fuge our strength and our shield, an
Nat - tions in up - roar, men's king - doms, they fall, He
Come, let us see what the Lord has done, the



ev - er pre - sent help. We will not fear though the earth
speaks and the earth melts a - way. the worst we im - a - gine the strong -
ru - ins He brings to the earth. He makes wars to cease to the ends



— gives way. and the moun - tains crash in to the sea.
- est of storms, our for - tress, it will still re - main.
— of the earth, He shat - ters the bow and the spear.



There is a ri - ver who's streams will make glad the ci - ty of our most High King.



God is with-in her, and she will not fail, He helps her at break of the day.
God is with-in her, and she will not fail, He helps her at break of the day.
God is with-in her, and she will not fail, List - ten and hear the Lord say: "Be



still, and know that I am God." "Be

I Come With Joy To Meet My Lord

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Tenor



I come with joy to meet
I come with Chris - - - tians far
and bids
As Christ breaks bread and bids
my Lord, for - giv - en, loved and free; in awe
and near to find as all are fed, the new
us share, each proud di - vi - sion - ends; the love
and won - der to re - call His life laid down for
com - mu - ni - ty of love in Christ's com - mu - nion
that made us makes us one, and strang - ers now are
me. His name is Je - - - sus! A sac -
bread.
friends.
ri - fice of love, I owe Him ev - - - ery
thing, my life, my all.

Together met, together bound, we'll go our different ways;
and as his people in the world, we'll live and speak his praise.
His name is Jesus! A sacrifice of love, I owe him everything, my life, my all.

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

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After Worship • Please stay a while and join us for coffee and conversation. Around 11:45am we start Sunday School—kids will meet in the sanctuary before going to their classes, and adults will meet in the fellowship hall for Sermon Discussion (young children are welcome to accompany their parents).

Parenting Home Group • Today (Feb. 11) at the home of Joe and Cindy Pope (15953 SW Tuscany, Tigard). Join us for lunch and conversation about Paul Tripp's book, *Parenting* (chapter 10: "Character"). All are welcome!

Men's Retreat • Fri. - Sun., Apr. 27-29 in Oceanside... **RSVP ASAP** so we can get an accurate head count and determine our shared costs.

Easter Choir • It's almost time to start practicing again! If you're interested in joining the choir, please connect with John Elliott (john.a.elliott2@gmail.com).

Refreshments Volunteers • Bringing refreshments to share at church is a great way to practice hospitality. Ideally, each Sunday we have two volunteers: one bringing snacks for the children, the other bringing something for the adults. Contact: Nicole Hamilton (neh.hamilton@gmail.com)

Today: ____ / ____ Next week: Sauerwein / ____

Nursery Volunteers • Can you play with young children and help their parents once every 6-8 weeks? Join the nursery rotation! Contact: Rainy Aznoe (rainyrr@aol.com).

Today: Jaques Next week: Bonifield



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Name(s)

Email / Phone

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- 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.