

“The word of God abides in you, and you have overcome the evil one...

Little children, you are from God and have overcome,
for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world...

Everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world.
And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith.

Who is it that overcomes the world except
the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?”

1 John 2:14; 4:4; 5:4-5

“Who am I? They mock me, these lonely questions of mine.
Whoever I am, thou knowest, O God, I am thine.”

Dietrich Bonhoeffer



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CALL TO WORSHIP • Psalm 96:1-4

Oh sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD all the earth!

Sing to the LORD, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.

Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples!
For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; he is to be feared above all gods.

May Jesus Christ Be Praised

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Tenor

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When morn-ing gilds the skies, my
When sleep her peace de - nies, my
heart a - wake-ing cries; A - like at work and prayer,
si - lent spi - rit sighs; When ev - il thoughts mo - lest,
— on Christ I cast my cares; May
— with this I shield my breast; May
Je-sus Christ be praised! May Je-sus Christ be praised!
Je-sus Christ be praised! May Je-sus Christ be praised!
— To God, the Word, on high, the
— In Heav'n's e - ter - nal bliss, the
host of an - gels cry. May Je-sus Christ be praised!
love-liest strain is this!
— May Je - sus Christ be praised! My
God, the Sav-ior reigns! May Je-sus Christ be praised!

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Does sadness fill my mind? A solace here I find;
Or fades my earthly bliss? My comfort still is this:
May Jesus Christ be praised! May Jesus Christ be praised!
Be this, while life is mine, my love, my song divine:
May Jesus Christ be praised! May Jesus Christ be praised!
My God, the Savior, reigns! May Jesus Christ be praised!

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

He is risen!

He is risen indeed!

Let us pray...

CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN • Revelation 1:17b-18

"Fear not, I am the first and the last, and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades."

CONFESSION OF SIN

Dear Lord Jesus Christ, I feel my sins. They bite and gnaw and frighten me. Where will I go? I look to you, Lord Jesus, and I believe in you. Although my faith is weak, I cling to you and am made sure, for you have promised that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life. Even if my conscience is troubled and my sins frighten me and make me tremble, you have still assured me that my sins have been forgiven on account of your name. I cannot help myself and so come to you for help. Amen.

(Silent confession)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS • Revelation 1:5b-6

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood and made us a kingdom, priests to God his Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

OFFERING • Malachi 3:10

"Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. And thereby put me to the test, says the LORD of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more 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 • Zechariah 13:7–9

7 “Awake, O sword, against my shepherd,
against the man who stands next to me,”
declares the LORD of hosts.

“Strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered;
I will turn my hand against the little ones.

8 In the whole land, declares the LORD,
two thirds shall be cut off and perish,
and one third shall be left alive.

9 And I will put this third into the fire,
and refine them as one refines silver,
and test them as gold is tested.

They will call upon my name,
and I will answer them.

I will say, ‘They are my people’;
and they will say, ‘The LORD is my God.’”

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...

(From David’s prayer in 1 Chronicles 29:10-13)

Blessed are you, O LORD, the God of Israel our father, forever and ever.

Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is yours.

Yours is the kingdom, O LORD, and you are exalted as head above all.

Both riches and honor come from you, and you rule over all.

In your hand are power and might, and in your hand it is to make great and to give strength to all.

And now we thank you, our God, and praise your glorious name.

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.

In Christ Alone

Text & Music: Keith Getty & Stuart Townsend • ©2001 Thankyou Music

The musical score is written for a single voice part in treble clef, 3/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The score is divided into systems, with measure numbers 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, and 14 marked at the beginning of their respective lines. The lyrics are as follows:

In Christ a - lone my hope is found, He is my
In Christ a - lone, who took on flesh, ful - ness of
3 There in the ground His bo - dy lay, light of the
light, my strength, — my song; — This Cor - ner -
God in help - less babe! — This gift of
5 world by dark - ness slain: — Then burst - ing
stone, this so - lid ground. firm through the
love and right - eous - ness, scorned by the
7 forth in glor - ious day up from the
fier - cest drought — and storm. — What heights of
ones he came — to save: — 'Till on that
9 grave He rose — a - gain! — And as He
love, what depths of peace — when fears are
cross as Je - sus died, — the wrath of
11 stands in vic - to - ry — sin's curse has
stilled, when striv - ings cease! My com - fort - er, my all in
God was sa - tis - fied. — For ev - 'ry sin on Him was
14 lost its grip on me, — for I am His and He is
all, here in the love of Christ — I stand.
laid; here in the death of Christ — I live.
mine, bought with the pre - cious blood — of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow'r of Christ in me;
from life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from his hand;
'till he returns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand!

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

Text: Wendell Kimbrough • Music: Bruce Benedict & Wendell Kimbrough • © 2013 Cardiphonia Music

Our Fa - ther_ He lifts from the
ash - es, _ He rais - es_ the poor and_ the lost. _ He
seats them to dine at_ His ta - ble, _ to
feast with - out mon - ey_ or cost. _ The
lone - ly_ He set - tles_ in fam - 'lies, _ the
bar - ren, _ a mo - ther_ He makes. _ O
hap - py_ the heart of_ the stran - ger_ who's
wel - comed by this King_ of Grace. Who is like the
Lord our God? Who with glo - ry fills the sky? But
hum - bles _ Him - self with the bro - ken_ to dwell,
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 16:25-33

"I have said these things to you in figures of speech. The hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figures of speech but will tell you plainly about the Father. ²⁶ In that day you will ask in my name, and I do not say to you that I will ask the Father on your behalf; ²⁷ for the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God. ²⁸ I came from the Father and have come into the world, and now I am leaving the world and going to the Father."

²⁹ His disciples said, "Ah, now you are speaking plainly and not using figurative speech! ³⁰ Now we know that you know all things and do not need anyone to question you; this is why we believe that you came from God." ³¹ Jesus answered them, "Do you now believe? ³² Behold, the hour is coming, indeed it has come, when you will be scattered, each to his own home, and will leave me alone. Yet I am not alone, for the Father is with me. ³³ I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world."

The Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

SERMON • "Overcoming the World" (Rev. Eric Costa)





CONFESSION OF FAITH • The Heidelberg Catechism, 1

What is your only comfort in life and in death?

That I am not my own, but belong with body and soul, both in life and in death, to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with His precious blood, and has set me free from all the power of the devil. He also preserves me in such a way that without the will of my heavenly Father not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, all things must work together for my salvation. Therefore, by His Holy Spirit He also assures me of eternal life and makes me heartily willing and ready from now on to live for Him. 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].)

Christ Jesus Lay In Death's Strong Bands

Text: Martin Luther • Music: Matthew H. Curl • Used by Permission

Christ Je - sus lay in death's strong bands, for
 It was a strange and dread - ful strife when
 Here the true pas - chal Lamb we see, whom
 So let us keep the fes - ti - val to
 Then let us feast this ho - ly day on

3
 our of - fens - es giv - en; but now at God's right
 life and death con - tend - ed. The vic - tor - y re -
 God so free - ly gave us. He died on the ac -
 which the Lord in - vites us. Christ is Him - self the
 Christ, the bread of hea - ven. The Word of grace has

6
 hand He stands and brings us life from heav - en.
 mained with life; the reign of death was end - ed.
 curs - ed tree, so strong His love to save us.
 joy of all, the sun that warms and lights us.
 purged a - way the old and e - vil leav - en.

9
 There - fore let us joy - ful be, and sing to God right
 Ho - ly Scrip - ture plain - ly says His death has swal - lowed
 See His blood now marks our door; faith points to it death
 Now His grace to us im - parts e - ter - nal sun - shine
 Christ a - lone our souls will feed; he is our meat and

12
 thank - ful - ly loud songs of al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
 up our death; its sting is lost for - ev - er.
 pass - es o'er, and Sa - tan can - not harm us.
 to our hearts; the night of sin is end - ed.
 drink in - deed; Faith lives u - pon no oth - er!

17
 lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
 lu - ia!

I Lay My Sins On Jesus

Text: Horatius Bonar (1843) • Music: Bartholomaeus Gesius (1605) • Public Domain

I lay my sins_____ on Je - sus, the
 I lay my needs_____ on Je - sus; all
 I rest my soul_____ on Je - sus, this
 I long to be_____ like Je - sus, meek,

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 spot - less Lamb_____ of God; he bears them all,_____ and
 ful - ness dwells_____ in him; he heals all my_____ dis -
 wea - ry soul_____ of mine; his right hand me_____ em -
 lov - ing, low - ly, mild; I long to be_____ like

6
 frees us from the ac - curs - ed load: I
 eas - es, he doth my soul_____ re - deem: I
 brac - es, I on his breast_____ re - cline. I
 Je - sus, the Fa - ther's ho - ly child: I

9
 bring my guilt_____ to_____ Je - sus to wash_____ my crim - son
 lay my griefs_____ on_____ Je - sus, my bur - dens and_____ my
 love the name of_____ Je - sus, Im - man_____ uel, Christ,_____ the
 long to be_____ with_____ Je - sus a - mid_____ the heav'n - ly

12
 stains white in his blood_____ most pre - cious, till
 cares; he from them all_____ re - leas - es, he
 Lord; like fra - grance on_____ the breez - es his
 throng, to sing with saints_____ his prais - es, to

15
 not a spot_____ re - mains.
 all my sor - rows shares.
 name a - broad_____ is poured.
 learn the an - gels' song.

BENEDICTION • Psalm 29:11

May the LORD give strength to his people!
May the LORD bless his people with peace!

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Remember: every gathering is an opportunity to invite friends, to introduce others 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 (Apr. 8) at the home of Joe and Cindy Pope (15953 SW Tuscany Street, Tigard). Join us for lunch and conversation about Paul Tripp's book, *Parenting*. All are welcome!

Men's Retreat • Fri. - Sun., Apr. 27-29 in Oceanside... The cost will be \$80 for both nights, or \$40 for one night (meals included). Make checks payable to Ascension Presbyterian Church with "retreat" in the memo line, and give them to Tim Sery. There are only a few spots left, so **RSVP ASAP**.

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: Sauerwein / _____

Next week: _____ / _____

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: Rickis

Next week: Elliott



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☐ I would like to get coffee with the Pastor.

☐ Please send me the email newsletter.

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