

"Call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me."

Psalm 50:15

"I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

Luke 11:9-13

"A prayer offered in Jesus' name ultimately requests his desires."

Bryan Chapell, *Praying Backwards*



# ASCENSION

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**CALL TO WORSHIP • Psalm 96:7-9**

Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples,  
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength!  
Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;  
bring an offering, and come into his courts!  
Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness;  
tremble before him, all the earth!

# The People That In Darkness Sat

Text: Paraphrase of Isaiah 9:2-7 • Music: John Morison • Public Domain



The peo - ple that in dark - ness sat a  
 To hail you, Sun of Right - teous - ness, the  
 To us the Child of hope is born, to  
 His name shall be the Prince of Peace, the  
 His right - teous gov - ern - ment and pow'r shall  
 Lord Je - sus, reign in us, we pray, and

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 glo - rious light have seen; The  
 gath - 'ring na - tions come; They  
 us the Son is giv'n, And  
 Ev - er - last - ing Lord, The  
 o - ver all ex - tend; On  
 make us yours a lone, Who

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 light has shined on them who long in  
 joy as when the reap - ers bear in  
 on his shoul - der ev - er rests their  
 Won - der - ful, the Coun - sel - or, the  
 judg - ment and on jus - tice based, his  
 with the Fa - ther ev - er are and

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 shades of death have been, in  
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 pow'r in earth and heav'n, all  
 God by all a - dored, the  
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## **PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

He is risen!

*He is risen indeed!*

Let us pray...

## **CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN • Genesis 3:7-9**

The eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths. They heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?"

## **CONFESSION OF SIN**

*Our Father in heaven, we confess that we have doubted your gracious love. Instead of living like you delight in us, we avoid you in shame and guilt. Instead of receiving your favor as a gift, we try to earn it with our efforts. Instead of accepting your freedom, we prefer our chains. Instead of pursuing your purposes, we cling to our own agendas. Forgive us. Embrace us. Cleanse us. Heal us. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.*

(Silent confession)

## **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS • Genesis 3:21**

The LORD God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them.

May the peace of Christ be with you.

*And also with you!*

## **OFFERING • Matthew 6:2-4**

"When you give to the needy, sound no trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may be praised by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your giving may be in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you."

## **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 27**

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 Father in heaven, you are over all and through all and in all. All things come from you. We exist for you.

*We praise you for all your works, especially in our creation and redemption.*

Holy Father, no one has ever seen you, except the One who is at your side.

*We thank you for making yourself known to us through your Son, Jesus Christ.*

Eternal Father, you loved the Son before the foundation of the world. By your grace you have loved us even as you have loved him.

*We love you because you first loved us. We want to know you and love you even as your Son knows you and loves you.*

Merciful Father, you did not spare your own Son, but gave him up for us all.

*We believe that you sent Jesus to die on the cross to forgive our sins.*

Father of glory, you raised your Son from the dead, and you have given all things into his hands.

*We tremble at your power over life and death. We submit to the authority of your Son.*

Father, you have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!"

*We adore you for adopting us as your sons and daughters through Christ. We rejoice that you have qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.*

Father of lights, every good and perfect gift comes from you.

*We thank you for your daily care for our physical needs. Please keep our hearts from loving the gifts more than the Giver.*

Father of spirits, what son is there whom his father does not discipline?

*We trust that you love us, and that you are forming Christ in us through our temporary sufferings. Please have mercy on us in the weakness of our faith, and make us ready for heaven.*

Father of the fatherless and protector of widows, you love justice and mercy.

*We want to be more like you. Please help us to love our neighbors as ourselves, and to put their needs before our own.*

God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, teach us to pray as your Son taught His disciples, 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.*

## For All The Saints

Text: William H. How • Music: Christopher Miner • ©1998 Christopher Miner

Tenor

For all the saints who from this  
Thou wast their rock, their for- tress  
la - bor's rest to thee by - faith be-fore the  
and their might; thou Lord their cap-tain in the  
world con - fess thy name O Je - sus, be for -  
well fought fight; thou in the dark-ness drear, their  
e - ver blessed, al - le - lu - ia, al-le - lu.  
one true light, al - le - lu - ia, al-le - lu.

The musical score for the Tenor part is written on five staves. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is common time (C). The first staff begins with a treble clef and a common time signature. The music is written in a single line. The lyrics are written below the notes. The score includes a variety of note values, including quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, as well as rests. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

O may thy soldiers faithful, true, and bold,  
fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,  
and win with them the victor's crown of gold.  
Alleluia, Alelu...

The golden evening brightens in the west;  
soon, soon to faithful warriors comes their rest;  
sweet is the calm of paradise the blest,  
Alleluia, Alelu...

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,  
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,  
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:  
Aleluia, Aleluia,  
Aleluia, Aleluia.

# Rock Of Ages

Text: Augustus M. Toplady • Music: Matthew H. Curl • Used by Permission

Tenor

8 Rock of A - ges cleft for me, let me hide my -  
Not the la - bors of my hands, can ful - fil thy  
Noth - ing in my hand I bring, sim - ply to thy  
4 self in thee; let the wa - ter and the blood,  
law's de - mands; could my zeal no res - pite know,  
7 cross I cling; na - ked come to thee for dress;  
8 from thy ri - ven side which flowed, be of sin the  
could my tears for - ev - er flow, all for sin could  
10 help - less, look to thee for grace; foul, I to the  
8 dou - ble cure, cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.  
not a - tone; thou must save and thou a - lone.  
Foun - tain fly; wash me Sav - ior or I die.  
13 Rock of Ag - es, cleft for me! Let me  
16 hide my - self in thee! Rock of Ag - es, cleft for  
19 me! Oh my Je - sus res - cue me!

While I draw this fleeting breath, when mine eyelids close in death,  
when I soar to worlds unknown, see thee on thy judgment throne,  
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee.

*(Chorus)*

**GOSPEL READING • John 14-16 (various)**

<sup>14:13</sup> “Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup> If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.”

<sup>15:7</sup> “If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.”

<sup>15:16</sup> “You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you.”

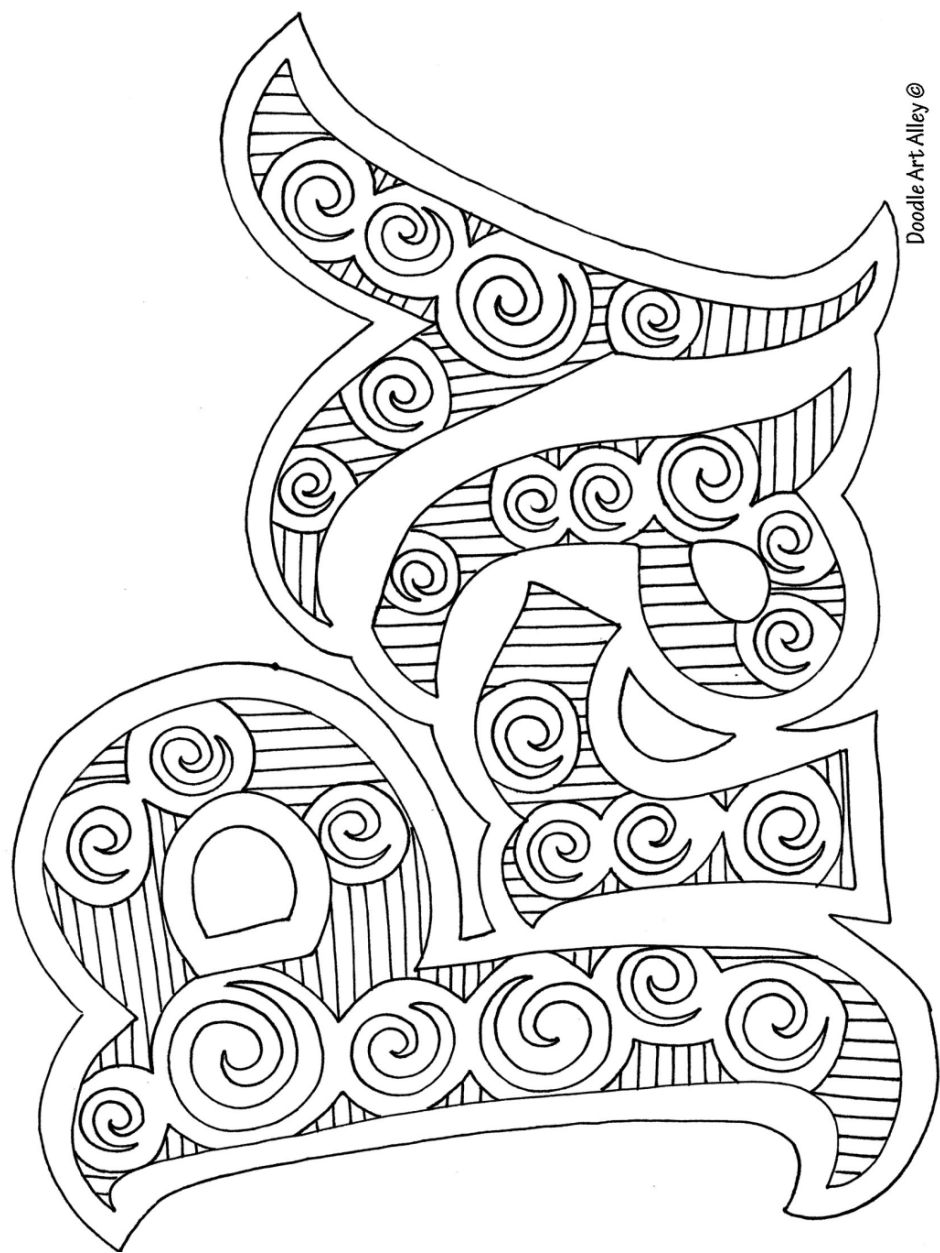
<sup>16:23</sup> “Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in my name, he will give it to you. <sup>24</sup> Until now you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.”

<sup>16:26</sup> “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; <sup>27</sup> for the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God.”

The Gospel of Jesus Christ.

*Praise be to you, O Christ!*

**SERMON • “Prayer in Jesus’ Name” (Rev. Eric Costa)**







## **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].)

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\* 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 treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 4/4 time signature. The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with a mix of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are written below the notes. The score is divided into measures by vertical bar lines. The lyrics are: 'A - bide with me; — fast fall the e - ven - Thou on my head, in — ear - ly youth didst tide; The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord with me a - smile; And, though re - bel - lious, - and per - verse mean - 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.'

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.

# God Of My Life

Text: William Cowper (1731-1800) • Music: Benj Pocta, Clint Wells, Brian T. Murphy

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The musical score is written for a single voice in treble clef, with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and a common time signature (C). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The score is divided into systems, with line numbers 5, 9, 13, 17, 21, 26, and 31 marking the beginning of new staves. The lyrics are as follows:

God of my life to Thee I \_\_\_\_\_ call;  
Friend of the friend-less and the \_\_\_\_\_ faint,  
5 That were a grief I could not \_\_\_\_\_ bear,  
Af - flict - ed at Thy \_\_\_\_\_ feet I \_\_\_\_\_ fall;  
where should I lodge my \_\_\_\_\_ deep com - plaint?  
9 didst Thou not hear and \_\_\_\_\_ an - swer \_\_\_\_\_ prayer;  
When the great wa - ter floods pre - - vail,  
Where but with Thee whose o - pen \_\_\_\_\_ door,  
13 But a prayer hear - ing, an - swer - ing \_\_\_\_\_ God,  
Leave not my tremb - ling \_\_\_\_\_ heart to \_\_\_\_\_ fail.  
In - vites the help - less \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_ poor?  
17 sup - ports me un - der \_\_\_\_\_ ev - 'ry \_\_\_\_\_ load.  
Poor though I am, des - pised, for -  
21 got, \_\_\_\_\_ Yet God, my God, for - gets me not; \_\_\_\_\_  
26 And he is safe, and must suc - ceed, for whom, the  
31 Lord is sure to \_\_\_\_\_ plead.

## BENEDICTION • Psalm 20:1-2, 4

May the LORD answer you in the day of trouble!  
May the name of the God of Jacob protect you!  
May he send you help from the sanctuary  
and give you support from Zion!  
May he grant you your heart's desire  
and fulfill all your plans!

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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**.

**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. 15) 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.

**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: Elliott / Elliott

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: Elliott

Next week: Aznoe



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