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THE WORD



**CALL TO WORSHIP • Psalm 98:1-4**

Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things!  
His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.  
The LORD has made known his salvation;  
he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.  
He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.  
All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.  
Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;  
break forth into joyous song and sing praises!

## O Worship The King

Text: Robert Grant (Psalm 104) • Music: Johann Michael Haydn • Public Domain

Alto

The musical score is written for an Alto voice part. It consists of five staves of music. The key signature has three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat), and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are: "O wor-ship the King all - glo-rious a - bove, O grate-ful - ly sing his pow'r and his love; our shield and De - fend-er the An-cient of Days, pa - vil-ioned in splen-dor and gird - ed with praise." The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a clear melody and accompaniment.

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O tell of his might, O sing of his grace,  
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space,  
his chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,  
and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

The earth with its store of wonders untold,  
almighty, thy power hath founded of old;  
established it fast by a changeless decree,  
and round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.

Thy bountiful care, what tongue can recite?  
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;  
it streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,  
and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,  
in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;  
thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,  
our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.

## **PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

He is risen!

*He is risen indeed!*

Let us pray...

## **CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN • Exodus 20:2-3**

"I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. You shall have no other gods before me."

## **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 • Exodus 34:6-7**

The LORD passed before [Moses] and proclaimed, "The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty."

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 • Isaiah 25:6-9

- 6 On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples  
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine,  
of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.
- 7 And he will swallow up on this mountain  
the covering that is cast over all peoples,  
the veil that is spread over all nations.
- 8 He will swallow up death forever;  
and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces,  
and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth,  
for the LORD has spoken.
- 9 It will be said on that day,  
“Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us.  
This is the LORD; we have waited for him;  
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.”

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...

Almighty God who is from everlasting to everlasting, grant us, amidst the conflicts of this world, the comfort of a perfect trust in you.

From pride and selfishness, greed and anger, spring passions that lead to war among brothers and sisters in Christ, as well as war among nations:

*Save and help us, O Lord.*

For all who are afflicted by war within themselves, by the conflicts of doubt, a rebellious will, and the darkness of despair:

*Save and help us, O Lord.*

For all who suffer in body and circumstance, the sick, the poor, and the prisoner, that they would be touched by your compassion in their time of need:

*Save and help us, O Lord.*

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.*

# Be Thou My Vision

Text: Unknown, 8th Century • Music: *Slane* (Irish Folk Tune) • Public Domain



Be thou my vision, O Lord of my  
Be thou my wisdom and thou my true  
Be thou my battle shield, sword for my  
Rich - es I heed not, nor man's emp - ty  
High King of heav - en, my vic - to - ry

4  
heart, naught be all else to me  
word; I ev - er with thee and  
fight; be thou my dig - ni - ty,  
praise; thou mine in - her - i - tance,  
won, may I reach heav - en's joys,

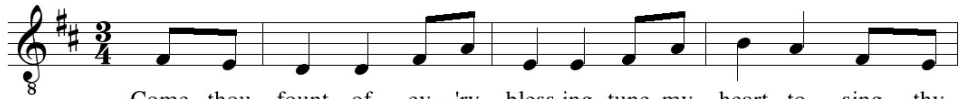
7  
save that thou art, thou my best  
thou with me, Lord; thou my great  
thou my de - light, thou my soul's  
now and al - ways: thou and thou  
O bright heav'n's Sun! Heart of my

10  
thought by day or by night  
Fa - ther, I thy true son;  
shel - ter, thou my high tow'r;  
on - ly, first in my heart,  
own heart, what ev - er be - fall,

13  
wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
thou in me dwell - ing, and I with thee one.  
raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.  
High King of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.  
still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

# Come, Thou Fount Of Every Blessing

Text: Robert Robinson (1758) • Music: Asahel Nettleton (1825) • Public Domain



Come, thou fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing tune my heart to sing thy  
Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer; hith - er by thy help I'm  
O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to



grace; streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for  
come; and I hope, by thy good pleas - ure, safe - ly  
be; Let that grace, now, like a fet - ter, bind my



songs of loud - est praise. Teach me some me - lo - dious  
to ar - rive at home. Je - sus sought me when a  
wand' - ring heart to thee. Prone to wand - er - Lord, I



son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove; praise the  
strang - er, wan - d'ring from the fold of God: he, to  
feel it - prone to leave the God I love: Here's my



mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.  
res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.  
heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

**NEW TESTAMENT READINGS**

**John 1:1-5, 9-13**

**Acts 2:5-17, 21**

**Romans 5:6-10**

**1 John 2:10-11**

**Revelation 7:9-12**

**SERMON • Rev. Pat Roach**







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<sup>†</sup> 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.”

# My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less

Text: Edward Mote • Music: William Bradbury • Public Domain



1 My hope is built on noth-ing less than Je-sus' blood and  
2 When dark-ness veils his love-ly face, I rest on his un-  
3 His oath, his co-ve-nant, his blood, sup-port me in the  
4 When he shall come with trum-pet sound, O may I then in



right eous-ness: I dare not trust the sweet-est frame, but  
chang-ing grace; in ev-ery high and stor-my gale, my  
whelm ing flood; when all a-round my soul gives way, he  
him be found: dressed in his right eous-ness a-lone, fault-



whol-ly lean on Je-sus' name.  
an-chor holds with-in the veil. On Christ, the so-lid  
then is all my hope and stay.  
less to stand be-fore the throne.



Rock, I stand: all o-ther ground is



sin-king sand; all o-ther ground is sin-king sand.

# It Is Well With My Soul

Text: Horatio G. Spafford • Music: Phillip P. Bliss • Public Domain

Tenor

When peace, like a riv - er, at -  
Though sa - tan should buf - fet, though  
My sin, O the bliss of this  
tend - eth my way, when sor - rows like sea bil - lows  
tri - als should come, let this blest as - sur - ance con -  
glo - ri - ous thought! My sin, not in part, but the  
roll; what - ev - er my lot, thou hast taught me to  
trol, that Christ has re - gard - ed my help - less es -  
11 whole, is nailed to the cross and I bear it no  
8 say, "It is well, it is well with my soul." It is  
tate, and has shed His own blood for my soul.  
15 more; Praise the Lord! It is well with my soul!  
8 well... with my soul; it is well, it is well with my  
21 soul!

O Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight,  
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll,  
the trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend,  
even so, it is well with my soul.

*(Chorus x2)*

## 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 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](http://ascensionpc.org/calendar).

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

**Monthly Men's Breakfast** • Due to the men's retreat, our next men's breakfast will be in June.

**Mercy Sunday** • On the first Sunday of each month (May 6) we participate together in some compassion and relief ministries to help each other and our neighbors in the community...

- Alms — These gifts go toward a fund the deacons use to meet urgent needs as we are made aware of them. (If you need financial help, please let us know! Contact: [deacons@ascensionpc.org](mailto:deacons@ascensionpc.org).)
- Food pantry — The elementary school in the church's neighborhood, W. L. Henry, is an Oregon Food Bank site that serves about 50 families who rely on help like this. *Please bring dry or canned beans to donate—let's try to collect 100 items in total!* (To volunteer at the pantry, contact Jerilee Costa: [jerilee.costa@gmail.com](mailto:jerilee.costa@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](mailto:neh.hamilton@gmail.com))

Today: Jaques / \_\_\_\_\_

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](mailto:rainyrr@aol.com)).

Today: Sery

Next week: Jaques



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