

“The work of Jesus is the communication of the name of God to a community... The name of Jesus is not to be represented in the world by a series of doctrines, moral ideals, principles, or programs. It is to be represented by a community which—with all its misunderstandings, sins, and betrayals—believes and knows that Jesus is the apostle of God and that his words are the word of God.”

Lesslie Newbigin

“The name of the LORD is a strong tower;  
the righteous man runs into it and is safe.”

Proverbs 18:10



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THE WORD



**CALL TO WORSHIP • Psalm 99:1-5**

The LORD reigns, let the peoples tremble!  
He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!  
The LORD is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples.  
Let them praise your great and awesome name! Holy is he!  
The King in his might loves justice. You have established equity;  
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.  
Exalt the LORD our God; worship at his footstool! Holy is he!

# Holy God, We Praise Your Name

Text and Music: based on the *Te Deum*, ca. 4<sup>th</sup> c. • arr. Chip Ueltschey



Ho - ly God, we praise your name;  
Hark, the loud ce - les - tial hymn  
Lo! the ap - os - tol - ic train  
Ho - ly Fa - ther, Ho - ly Son,



Lord of all, we bow be - fore you;  
an - gel choirs a - bove are rais - ing;  
join your sa - cred name to hal - low;  
Ho - ly Spir - it, Three we name you;



all on earth your scep - ter claim,  
cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim  
proph - ets swell the glad re - frain,  
while in es - sence on - ly One,



all in heav'n a - bove a - dore you.  
in un - ceas - ing chor - us prais - ing,  
and the white - robed mar - tyrs fol - low;  
un - di - vid - ed God we claim you,



In - fi - nite your vast do - main, ev - er - last - ing  
fill the heav'ns with sweet ac - cord: "Ho - ly, ho - ly,  
and from morn to set of sun, through the church the  
and a - dor - ing bend the knee, while we sing this



is your reign.  
ho - ly Lord."  
song goes on.  
mys - ter - y.

## **PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

He is risen!

*He is risen indeed!*

Let us pray...

## **CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN • Psalm 32:1-4**

Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,  
whose sin is covered.

Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity,  
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away  
through my groaning all day long.

For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;  
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.

## **CONFESSION OF SIN**

*Father in heaven, we thank you for the freedom you have given us through the life, death and resurrection of your Son. But we confess today that we often live like slaves. 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 short-sighted agendas. Forgive us. Embrace us. Cleanse us. Heal us. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.*

(Silent confession)

## **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS • Psalm 32:5**

I acknowledged my sin to you,  
and I did not cover my iniquity;  
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,"  
and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

May the peace of Christ be with you.

*And also with you!*

## **OFFERING • Matthew 10:8**

"Freely you have received. Freely give."

## **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 • 1 Kings 8:22–30

Solomon stood before the altar of the LORD in the presence of all the assembly of Israel and spread out his hands toward heaven, <sup>23</sup> and said, “O LORD, God of Israel, there is no God like you, in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and showing steadfast love to your servants who walk before you with all their heart; <sup>24</sup> you have kept with your servant David my father what you declared to him. You spoke with your mouth, and with your hand have fulfilled it this day. <sup>25</sup> Now therefore, O LORD, God of Israel, keep for your servant David my father what you have promised him, saying, ‘You shall not lack a man to sit before me on the throne of Israel, if only your sons pay close attention to their way, to walk before me as you have walked before me.’ <sup>26</sup> Now therefore, O God of Israel, let your word be confirmed, which you have spoken to your servant David my father.

<sup>27</sup> “But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Behold, heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you; how much less this house that I have built! <sup>28</sup> Yet have regard to the prayer of your servant and to his plea, O LORD my God, listening to the cry and to the prayer that your servant prays before you this day, <sup>29</sup> that your eyes may be open night and day toward this house, the place of which you have said, ‘My name shall be there,’ that you may listen to the prayer that your servant offers toward this place. <sup>30</sup> And listen to the plea of your servant and of your people Israel, when they pray toward this place. And listen in heaven your dwelling place, and when you hear, forgive.”

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.*

# The Love of God

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The love of God is great-er far— than  
When years of time shall pass a - way, and  
tongue or pen can ev - er tell; It goes be -  
earth - ly thrones and king-doms fall, When men, who  
yond the high - est star, and reach - es to the  
here re - fuse to pray, on rocks and hills and  
low - est hell; The guil - ty pair, bowed down with care,  
moun-tains call, God's love so sure, shall still en - dure,  
God gave His Son to win; His er - ring child  
all mea - sure - less and strong; re - deem - ing grace  
He rec - on - ciled, and par - doned from his sin.  
to A - dam's race; the saints and an - gel's song.  
O love of God, how rich and pure! How mea - sure -  
less and strong! It shall forev - er - more en - dure  
the saints and an - gels song!

Could we with ink the ocean fill, and were the skies of parchment made,  
were every stalk on earth a quill, and every man a scribe by trade,  
to write the love of God above, would drain the ocean dry.  
Nor could the scroll contain the whole, though stretched from sky to sky.

*O love of God, how rich and pure! How measureless and strong!  
It shall forevermore endure—the saints and angel's song!*

# 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

## **GOSPEL READING • John 17:6–19**

“I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. <sup>7</sup> Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you. <sup>8</sup> For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. <sup>9</sup> I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours. <sup>10</sup> All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. <sup>11</sup> And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. <sup>12</sup> While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me. I have guarded them, and not one of them has been lost except the son of destruction, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. <sup>13</sup> But now I am coming to you, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves. <sup>14</sup> I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. <sup>15</sup> I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. <sup>16</sup> They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. <sup>17</sup> Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. <sup>18</sup> As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. <sup>19</sup> And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth.”

The Gospel of Jesus Christ.

*Praise be to you, O Christ!*

**SERMON • “Consecration” (Rev. Eric Costa)**







THE UPPER ROOM



**CONFESSION OF FAITH • Philippians 2:6-11**

What do you believe about Jesus Christ?

*I believe that Jesus Christ, being God, made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born a man. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. 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].)

# At The Lamb's High Feast We Sing

Text: Robert Campbell • Music: Matthew H. Curl • Used by Permission

Tenor



At the Lamb's high feast we sing  
praise to our vic - to - rious King,  
Who has washed us in the tide  
flow - ing from His pierc - ed side;  
Praise we Him whose love di - vine  
gives His sa - cred blood for wine,  
gives His bod - y for the feast,  
Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest.

Where the paschal blood is poured, death's dark angel sheaths his sword;  
Israel's hosts triumphant go through the wave that drowns the foe.  
Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed: paschal victim, paschal bread.  
With sincerity and love eat we manna from above.

Mighty victim from the sky, pow'rs of hell beneath thee lie;  
Death is conquered in the fight, thou hast brought us life and light.  
Hymns of glory and of praise, risen Lord, to thee we raise;  
Holy Father, praise to thee, with the Spirit ever be.

# Hosanna In The Highest

Text: The Book of Common Prayer • Music: Benjamin Wilkinson • Used by Permission

Tenor



8 Ho - san - na to the liv - ing Lord! Ho - san - na to the  
O Sav - ior with pro - tect - ing care, a - bide in this thy  
4 Be ho - nor, praise, and glo - ry giv'n, by all on earth and  
liv - ing word! Where we thy par - ting prom - ise claim, as -  
house of prayer; and make our se - cret soul to be, a  
7 all in heav'n, to God the Fa - ther and the Son, and  
semb - led in thy sa - cred name; to Christ, cre - a - tor  
tem - ple pure and ho - ly; be hon - or praise and  
10 God the Spi - rit three in one, be hon - or praise and  
Sa - vior, King, let earth, let heav'n, Ho - san - nas sing! Ho - san - na!  
glo - ry giv'n, by all on earth and all in heav'n.  
14 glo - ry giv'n, by all on earth and all in heav'n! \_\_\_\_\_  
8 \_ Ho - san - na! Ho - san - na! in the high - est! \_\_\_\_\_

*(Repeat final chorus)*

## BENEDICTION • Psalm 134:3

May the LORD bless you from Zion,  
he who made heaven and earth!

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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. 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).

**Mercy Sunday** • On the first Sunday of each month (today!) 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).)

**Parenting Home Group** • Next Sunday (May 13) 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* (chapter 11: "False Gods"). RSVP to Joe ([pope.joe@gmail.com](mailto:pope.joe@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: 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](mailto:rainyrr@aol.com)).

Today: Jaques

Next week: Bonifield



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- I want to know more about being a Christian.
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