

“Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation...  
The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the LORD!”

Psalm 146:3, 10

“Power offers an easy substitute for the hard task of love.”

Henri Nouwen



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THE WORD  


**CALL TO WORSHIP • Psalm 107:1-2**

Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,  
for his steadfast love endures forever!  
Let the redeemed of the LORD say so,  
whom he has redeemed from trouble.

# Be Thou My Vision

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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.

## **PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

He is risen!

*He is risen indeed!*

Let us pray...

## **CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN • Psalm 147:2-3**

The LORD builds up Jerusalem;  
    he gathers the outcasts of Israel.  
He heals the brokenhearted  
    and binds up their wounds.

## **CONFESSION OF SIN**

*Father, Son, and Spirit—our Triune God—you are the only true and living God. We know that you alone are good, yet we still turn to false gods for strength, for pleasure, for comfort, for life. But this is death. We confess that we have sinned, both in the evil we have done, and in the good we have done in order to avoid you. We do not know all the ways our hearts are far from you; we have deceived ourselves. We cannot even confess every sin, or know all our false gods, to turn away from them to you. We are utterly at your mercy. O Lord Jesus, be gracious to us. O Father, assure us of your love that makes all things new. O Holy Spirit, dwell in us and have your way with us. We pray in Christ our Savior. Amen.*

(Silent confession)

## **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS • Psalm 147:11**

The LORD takes pleasure in those who fear him,  
    in those who hope in his steadfast love.

May the peace of Christ be with you.

*And also with you!*

## **OFFERING • 1 Corinthians 16:1-2**

Concerning the collection for the saints: as I directed the churches of Galatia, so you also are to do. On the first day of every week, each of you is to put something aside and store it up, as he may prosper.

## **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 • Daniel 7:13-14**

- 13 "I saw in the night visions,  
and behold, with the clouds of heaven  
there came one like a son of man,  
and he came to the Ancient of Days  
and was presented before him.
- 14 And to him was given dominion  
and glory and a kingdom,  
that all peoples, nations, and languages  
should serve him;  
his dominion is an everlasting dominion,  
which shall not pass away,  
and his kingdom one  
that shall not be destroyed."

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.*

# In Christ Alone

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The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'In Christ Alone'. It consists of ten staves of music in a 3/4 time signature with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words hyphenated across lines. The score includes a treble clef, a key signature of one flat, and a 3/4 time signature. The lyrics are: In Christ a - lone my hope is found, He is my In Christ a - lone, who took on flesh, ful - ness of 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 world by dark - ness slain; Then burst - ing stone, this so - lid ground. firm through the love and right - eous - ness, scorned by the forth in glor - ious day up from the fier - cest drought and storm. What heights of ones he came to save: 'Till on that grave He rose a - gain! And as He love, what depths of peace when fears are cross as Je - sus died, the wrath of 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 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!

# God Be Merciful To Me (Psalm 51)

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Voice

The musical score is written for a single voice part in treble clef, with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: "God be mer - ci - ful to me — on thy grace I rest my plea; plen - te - ous in com - pas - sion Thou — blot out my trans - gres - sions now; wash me make me pure with - in — cleanse O cleanse me from my sin."

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My transgressions I confess, grief and guilt my soul oppress;  
I have sinned against thy grace and provoked thee to thy face;  
I confess thy judgment just; speechless, I thy mercy trust.

I am evil, born in sin; thou desirest truth within.  
Thou alone my Savior art, teach thy wisdom to my heart;  
make me pure, thy grace bestow, wash me whiter than the snow.

Broken, humbled to the dust by thy wrath and judgment just,  
let my contrite heart rejoice and in gladness hear thy voice;  
from my sins O hide thy face, blot them out in boundless grace.

Gracious God, my heart renew, make my spirit right and true;  
cast me not away from thee, let thy Spirit dwell in me;  
thy salvation's joy impart, steadfast make my willing heart.

Sinners then shall learn from me, and return O God to thee;  
Savior, all my guilt remove, and my tongue shall sing thy love;  
touch my silent lips O Lord, and my mouth shall praise accord.

## **GOSPEL READING • John 18:28-40**

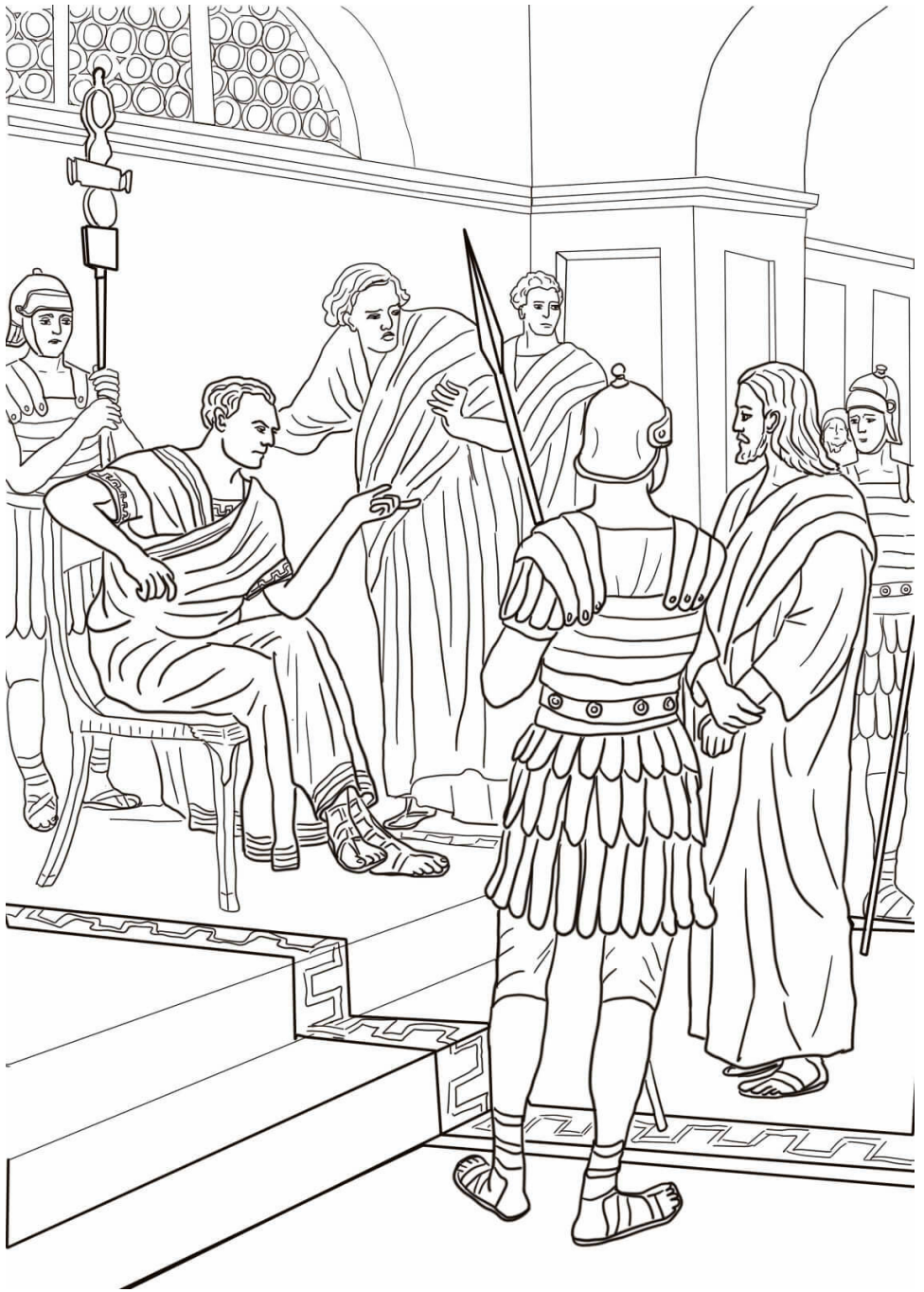
Then they led Jesus from the house of Caiaphas to the governor's headquarters. It was early morning. They themselves did not enter the governor's headquarters, so that they would not be defiled, but could eat the Passover. <sup>29</sup> So Pilate went outside to them and said, "What accusation do you bring against this man?" <sup>30</sup> They answered him, "If this man were not doing evil, we would not have delivered him over to you." <sup>31</sup> Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and judge him by your own law." The Jews said to him, "It is not lawful for us to put anyone to death." <sup>32</sup> This was to fulfill the word that Jesus had spoken to show by what kind of death he was going to die.

<sup>33</sup> So Pilate entered his headquarters again and called Jesus and said to him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" <sup>34</sup> Jesus answered, "Do you say this of your own accord, or did others say it to you about me?" <sup>35</sup> Pilate answered, "Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have delivered you over to me. What have you done?" <sup>36</sup> Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But my kingdom is not from the world." <sup>37</sup> Then Pilate said to him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this purpose I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world—to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice." <sup>38</sup> Pilate said to him, "What is truth?"

After he had said this, he went back outside to the Jews and told them, "I find no guilt in him. <sup>39</sup> But you have a custom that I should release one man for you at the Passover. So do you want me to release to you the King of the Jews?" <sup>40</sup> They cried out again, "Not this man, but Barabbas!" Now Barabbas was a robber.

The Gospel of Jesus Christ.  
*Praise be to you, O Christ!*

## **SERMON • "Politics" (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<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].)

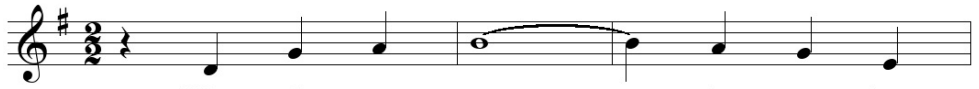
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\* When the Creed states that Jesus “descended into hell,” we understand it to mean that he suffered the holy wrath of God for the sins of his people.

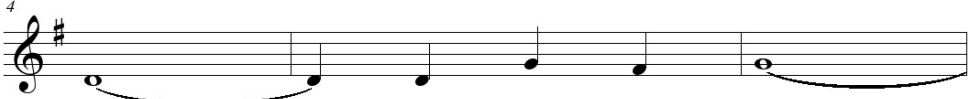
† Or, “universal.”

# When I Survey The Wondrous Cross

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When I sur - vey \_\_\_\_\_ the won - drous  
For - bid it Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ that I should  
See, from His head, \_\_\_\_\_ His hands, His  
Were the whole realm \_\_\_\_\_ of na - ture



cross \_\_\_\_\_ on which the Prince \_\_\_\_\_  
boast, \_\_\_\_\_ save in the death \_\_\_\_\_  
feet, \_\_\_\_\_ sor - row and love \_\_\_\_\_  
mine, \_\_\_\_\_ that were a pre -



— of glo - ry \_\_\_\_\_ died, \_\_\_\_\_ my rich - est  
— of Christ my \_\_\_\_\_ God; \_\_\_\_\_ All the vain  
— flow ming - led \_\_\_\_\_ down. \_\_\_\_\_ Did e'er such  
— sent far too \_\_\_\_\_ small; \_\_\_\_\_ Love so a -



gain \_\_\_\_\_ I count but \_\_\_\_\_ loss, \_\_\_\_\_  
things \_\_\_\_\_ that charm me \_\_\_\_\_ most, \_\_\_\_\_  
love \_\_\_\_\_ and sor - row \_\_\_\_\_ meet, \_\_\_\_\_  
maz - - - ing, so di - vine, \_\_\_\_\_



— and pour con - tempt \_\_\_\_\_ on all my \_\_\_\_\_ pride.  
— I sac - ri - rice \_\_\_\_\_ them to His \_\_\_\_\_ blood.  
— or thorns com - pose \_\_\_\_\_ so rich a \_\_\_\_\_ crown?  
— de - mands my soul, \_\_\_\_\_ my life, my \_\_\_\_\_ all.

# O Lord, By Grace Delivered

Text: Psalm 30 (1912 Psalter) • Music: Matthew H. Curl • Used by Permission

Tenor

O Lord, by grace de - liv - ered, I  
In pros - p'rous days I boast - ed: un -  
now with songs ex - tol; my foes you have not  
moved I shall re - main; for Lord, by your good  
suf - fered to glo - ry o'er my fall. O Lord, my God, I  
fa - vor my cause you did main - tain; I soon was sor - ley  
sought you, and you did heal and save; - you,  
trou - bled, for you did hide your face; I  
Lord, from death did ran - som and keep me from the  
cried to you Je - ho - vah, I sought Je - ho - vah's  
grave. O Lord, by grace de - li - - vered! - I  
grace.  
now with songs ex - tol! His ho - ly name re -  
mem - ber! - You saints, Je - ho - vah praise!

What profit if I perish, if life you do not spare?  
Shall dust repeat your praises, shall it your truth declare?  
O Lord, on me have mercy, and my petition hear;  
that you may be my helper, in mercy, Lord, appear.

*(Chorus)*

My grief is turned to gladness, to you my thanks I raise,  
who has removed my sorrow and girded me with praise;  
and now, no longer silent, my heart your praise will sing;  
O Lord, my God forever, my thanks to you I bring.

*(Chorus)*

## BENEDICTION • Revelation 1:4-5

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come,  
and from the seven spirits who are before his throne,  
and from Jesus Christ  
the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on 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! We take a break from Sunday School and Sermon Discussion for the summer. (If you're interested in being a teacher next year, please contact Joe Pope: [pope.joe@gmail.com](mailto:pope.joe@gmail.com).)

**Parenting Home Group** • Today (June 10) after Worship at the home of Joe and Cindy Pope (15953 SW Tuscany, Tigard). Join us for lunch and conversation about Paul Tripp's book, *Parenting*. This week we'll discuss chapter 12: "Control." All are welcome!

**General Assembly** • The Presbyterian Church in America is having its national meeting this week in Atlanta, GA (Eric is attending). Please pray for the worship and work of the church, that the grace of the Lord Jesus, the love of God the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit would be with us in all our meetings.

**Summer Potluck** • Sun., July 8 at the home of Tim and Sara Sery (17290 SW Seiffert Road, Sherwood).

**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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I want to know more about being a Christian.

I would like to get coffee with the Pastor.

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