

"Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men."

Jesus



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**CALL TO WORSHIP • Isaiah 12:4-6**

Give thanks to the LORD, call upon his name,  
make known his deeds among the peoples,  
proclaim that his name is exalted.

Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously;  
let this be made known in all the earth.

Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion,  
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

# May Jesus 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 • Joel 2:12-13**

“Yet even now,” declares the LORD,  
“return to me with all your heart,  
with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning;  
and rend your hearts and not your garments.”  
Return to the LORD your God,  
for he is gracious and merciful,  
slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love;  
and he relents over disaster.

## **CONFESSION OF SIN**

*God of mercy, you are full of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in mercy, and always ready to forgive. We confess that we have sinned against you, and have clung to evil rather than to Christ. Have mercy on us, and forgive our sin. Restore us to newness of life, and seat us at your table of grace, that we may feast with delight on all that satisfies the hungry heart; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

(Silent confession)

## **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS • Joel 2:32**

Everyone who calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved.

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 • Ezekiel 47:1-12**

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...

Father Eternal, God Almighty, you have brought forth from the root of Jesse a shoot, Jesus our Savior.

*He is your anointed one, the promised Messiah, in him you are well pleased. We come to you in his service, to offer our prayers of intercession for the coming of his kingdom.*

Father Eternal, you have anointed Jesus to be both Lord and Christ.

*We pray for the Church of Christ that she might be faithful to her Lord, bearing witness to his reign in every land among every people.*

Father Eternal, you have anointed Jesus to be our Lord and Shepherd.

*We pray for those whom you have appointed to be ministers of your gospel. We especially ask for your protection and help for our pastor.*

Father Eternal, you have anointed Jesus to be Lord of all the earth.

*We pray that you draw all people to kneel before the Prince of Peace. Please establish justice and peace between nations in your world.*

Father Eternal, you have anointed Jesus King of kings and Lord of lords.

*We pray for the rulers of our nation that they might be wise, fearing the Lord to whom they must bow in the world to come.*

Father Eternal, you have anointed Jesus a counselor and comforter of your people.

*We pray for those among us who suffer, for those who are lonely, for those without home or family, for those who are depressed and discouraged, for those who are seeking work, for those who are sick, for those who are grieving.*

Praise, honor and glory belong to you, Eternal Father, and to your Son, who taught us to pray 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.*

# O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

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O Love that will not let me go, I  
O Light that follow'st all my way, I  
O Joy that seek'st me through pain, I  
O Cross that lift'st up my head, I



rest my weary soul in thee; I  
yield my flick'ring torch to thee; My  
can not close my heart to thee; I  
dare not ask to fly from thee; I



give thee back the life I owe, That  
heart re-stores its bor-rowed ray, That  
trace the rain-bow through the rain, And  
lay in dust life's glo-ry dead, And



in thine ocean depths its flow May  
in thy sun-shine's blaze its day May  
feel the promise is not vain, That  
from the ground there blos-soms red Life



ri-cher, full-er be.  
bright-er, fair-er be.  
morn shall tear-less be.  
that shall end-less be.

# 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 fore - ver - 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!*

## **GOSPEL READING • John 21:1-14**

After this Jesus revealed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and he revealed himself in this way. <sup>2</sup> Simon Peter, Thomas (called the Twin), Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples were together. <sup>3</sup> Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

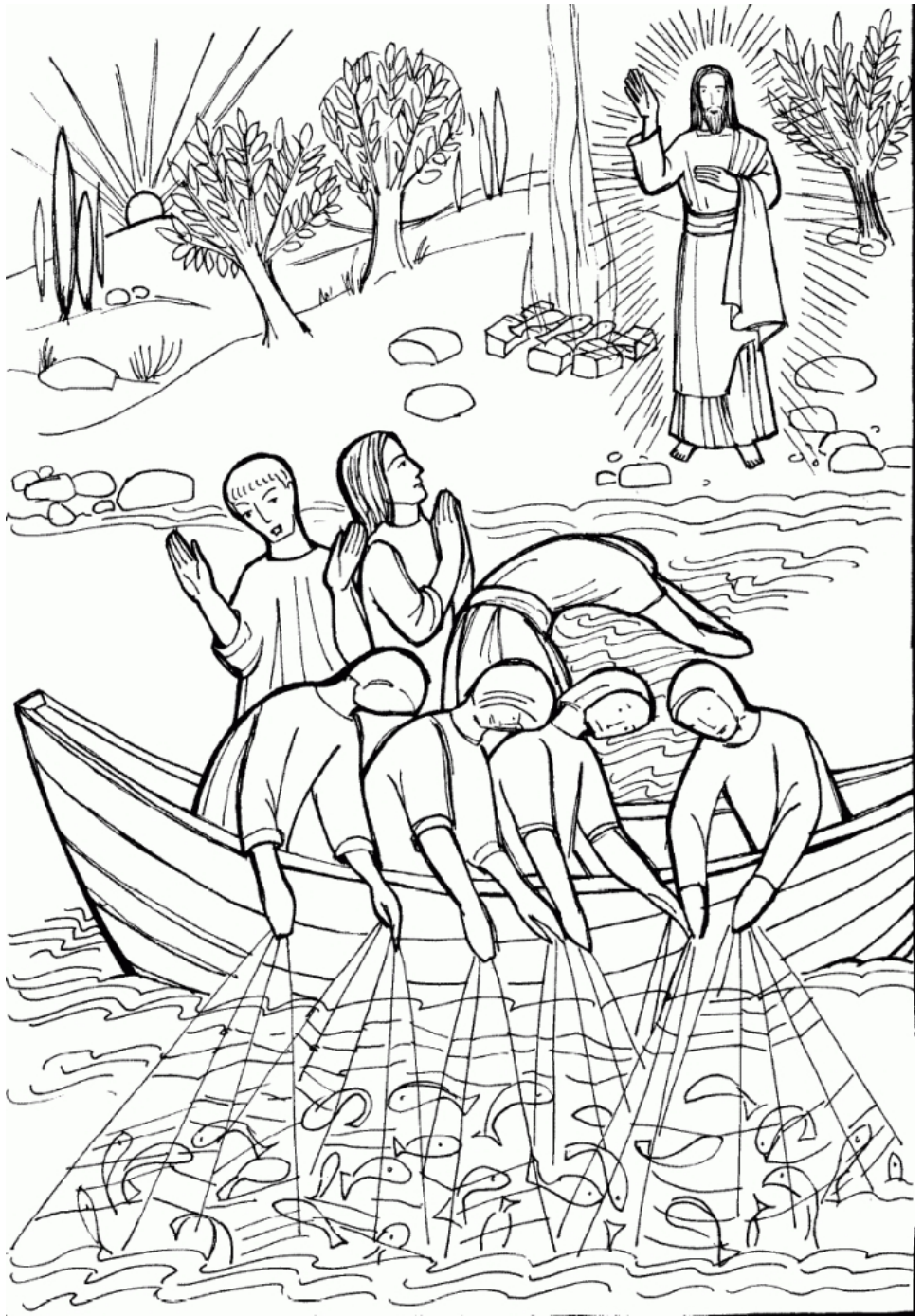
<sup>4</sup> Just as day was breaking, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>5</sup> Jesus said to them, "Children, do you have any fish?" They answered him, "No." <sup>6</sup> He said to them, "Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in, because of the quantity of fish. <sup>7</sup> That disciple whom Jesus loved therefore said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment, for he was stripped for work, and threw himself into the sea. <sup>8</sup> The other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, but about a hundred yards off.

<sup>9</sup> When they got out on land, they saw a charcoal fire in place, with fish laid out on it, and bread. <sup>10</sup> Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." <sup>11</sup> So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, 153 of them. And although there were so many, the net was not torn. <sup>12</sup> Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared ask him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord. <sup>13</sup> Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and so with the fish. <sup>14</sup> This was now the third time that Jesus was revealed to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

The Gospel of Jesus Christ.

*Praise be to you, O Christ!*

**SERMON • "Gone Fishing" (Rev. Eric Costa)**







THE UPPER ROOM



**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].)

# At The Lamb's High Feast We Sing

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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.

# Lord, Thou Hast Searched Me

Text: Psalm 139 and the Gloria Patri

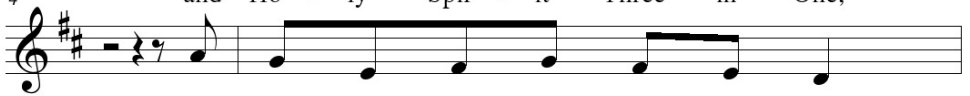
Music: *Sarum Plainsong*, c. 14th century, arr. Chip Ueltschey



Lord, thou hast searched me and dost know  
Ere in - to be - ing I was brought,  
Thy thoughts, O God, how man - i - fold,  
2 To God the Fa - ther and the Son



wher - e'er I rest, where - e'er I go;  
thine eye did see and in thy thought  
more pre - cious are to me than gold!  
4 and Ho - ly Spir - it Three in One,



thou know - est all that I have planned,  
my life in all its per - fect plan  
I muse on their in - fin - i - ty,  
6 Praise, hon - or, might, and glo - ry be,



and all my ways are in thy hand. \_\_\_\_\_  
was or - dered ere my days be - gan. \_\_\_\_\_  
a - wak - ing I am still with thee. \_\_\_\_\_  
8 from age to age e - ter - nal - ly.



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## BENEDICTION • 1 Kings 8:57-58

The LORD our God be with us, as he was with our fathers.  
May he not leave us or forsake us,  
that he may incline our hearts to him, to walk in all his ways.

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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!

**Sunday School** • We're hoping to restart Sunday School and Sermon Discussion on Sunday, October 7. We'd like to get a few more teachers to share the responsibilities, so that each one could have a couple weeks off every month. If you're wondering whether you could help with a class, please talk to Joe Pope: [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: Hamilton / Hamilton

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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