

"If persecuted by your own people,  
and you have a whole crowd against you,  
say Psalm 3."

Athanasius

"People place their glory in various places,  
some in their country, some in their family line,  
some in beauty, some in the strength of their bodies...  
God is the glory of the saint who trusts him."

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THE WORD  


**CALL TO WORSHIP • Hosea 6:3**

Let us know; let us press on to know the LORD;  
his going out is sure as the dawn;  
he will come to us as the showers,  
as the spring rains that water the earth.

# 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 steady rhythm.

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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 • Luke 23:39-41**

One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same condemnation? And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong."

## **CONFESSION OF SIN**

*Father in heaven, we need to be forgiven. We have tried to heal ourselves. Instead of trusting in the death of Jesus Christ, we have tried to work off our guilt. We have tried so hard to pile up good deeds that outweigh our sins. When this doesn't work, we quickly turn to denial and distraction. Instead of trusting in the resurrection of Jesus Christ, we have tried to change through our own efforts. We have tried to change our hearts through sheer willpower. This has left some of us arrogant. This has left most of us anxious and depressed. Forgive us for trying to heal ourselves. Forgive us for neglecting your grace. Forgive us and heal us, for Jesus' sake. Amen.*

(Silent confession)

## **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS • Luke 23:42-43**

And he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." And he said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

May the peace of Christ be with you.

*And also with you!*

## **OFFERING • Acts 2:44-45**

All who believed were together and had all things in common. And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need.

## **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.*

## **NEW TESTAMENT READING • Matthew 27:35-44**

When they had crucified him, they divided his garments among them by casting lots. <sup>36</sup> Then they sat down and kept watch over him there. <sup>37</sup> And over his head they put the charge against him, which read, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews." <sup>38</sup> Then two robbers were crucified with him, one on the right and one on the left. <sup>39</sup> And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads <sup>40</sup> and saying, "You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross." <sup>41</sup> So also the chief priests, with the scribes and elders, mocked him, saying, <sup>42</sup> "He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him. <sup>43</sup> He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he desires him. For he said, 'I am the Son of God.'" <sup>44</sup> And the robbers who were crucified with him also reviled him in the same way.

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

Text & Music: Keith Getty & Stuart Townsend • ©2001 Thankyou Music

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 underlined to indicate phrasing. The score includes measure numbers 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, and 14. The lyrics describe the incarnation of Christ and the power of His sacrifice.

In Christ a - lone my hope is found, He is my  
In Christ a - lone, who took on flesh, ful - ness of  
3 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  
5 world by dark - ness slain: — Then burst - ing  
stone, this so - lid ground. firm through the  
love and right - eous - ness, scorned by the  
7 forth in glor - ious day up from the  
fier - cest drought — and storm. — What heights of  
ones he came — to save: — 'Till on that  
9 grave He rose — a - gain! — And as He  
love, what depths of peace — when fears are  
cross as Je - sus died, — the wrath of  
11 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  
14 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!

# May Jesus Christ Be Praised

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

Tenor

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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!*

## OLD TESTAMENT READING • Psalm 3

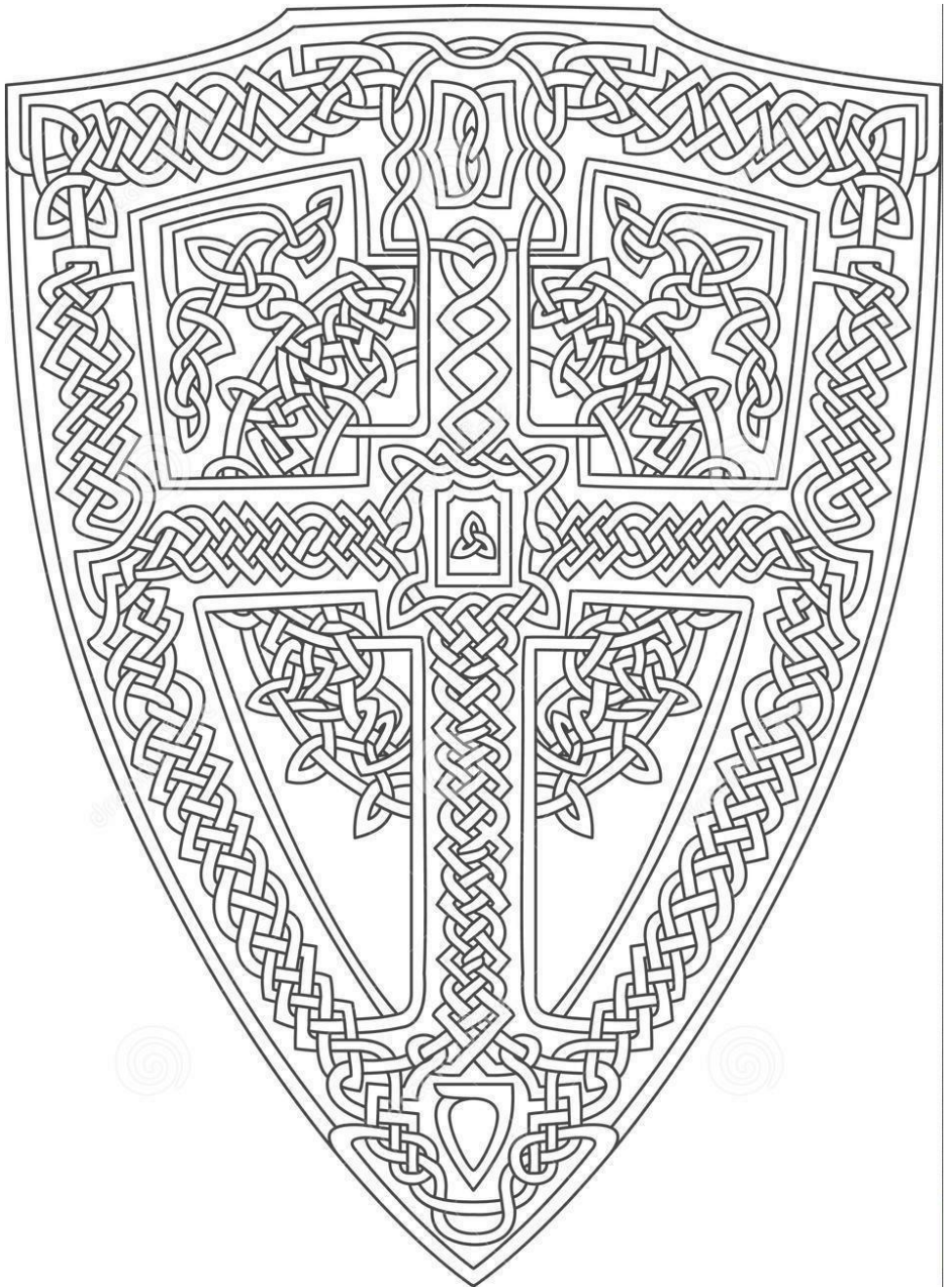
A PSALM OF DAVID, WHEN HE FLED FROM ABSALOM HIS SON.

- 1 O LORD, how many are my foes!  
Many are rising against me;
- 2 many are saying of my soul,  
“There is no salvation for him in God.” Selah
- 3 But you, O LORD, are a shield about me,  
my glory, and the lifter of my head.
- 4 I cried aloud to the LORD,  
and he answered me from his holy hill. Selah
- 5 I lay down and slept;  
I woke again, for the LORD sustained me.
- 6 I will not be afraid of many thousands of people  
who have set themselves against me all around.
- 7 Arise, O LORD!  
Save me, O my God!  
For you strike all my enemies on the cheek;  
you break the teeth of the wicked.
- 8 Salvation belongs to the LORD;  
your blessing be on your people! Selah

The Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God!*

**SERMON • “Salvation Belongs To The Lord” (Rev. Eric Costa)**







THE UPPER ROOM



**CONFESSION OF FAITH • The Heidelberg Catechism, 60**

How are you right with God?

*Only by true faith in Jesus Christ. Even though my conscience accuses me of having grievously sinned against all God's commandments and of never having kept any of them, and even though I am still inclined toward all evil, nevertheless, without my deserving it at all, out of sheer grace, God grants and credits to me the perfect satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ, as if I had never sinned or been a sinner, as if I had been as perfectly obedient as Christ was obedient for me. All I need to do is to accept this gift with a believing heart. 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].)

# Be Thou My Vision

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



Be thou my vis - ion, O Lord of my  
Be thou my wis - dom and thou my true  
Be thou my bat - tle shield, sword for my  
Rich - es I heed not, nor man's emp - ty  
High King of heav - en, my vic - to - ry



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,



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



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,



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.

# Glorify Your Name

Music: Matthew H. Curl • Used by Permission

Tenor

8 Fa - ther we love you we wor - ship and a - dore you,  
5 glo - ri - fy your name in all the earth, glo -  
9 ri - fy your name, glo - ri - fy  
14 your name, glo - ri - fy your name  
19 in all the earth.

Jesus, we love you, we worship and adore you,  
glorify your name in all the earth.

Glorify your name, glorify your name,  
glorify your name in all the earth.

Spirit, we love you, we worship and adore you,  
glorify your name in all the earth.

Glorify your name, glorify your name,  
glorify your name in all the earth.

## BENEDICTION • Romans 16:20

The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet.  
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

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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 for coffee and conversation! Around 11:45am we will begin Sunday School classes for the children in the sanctuary, and Sermon Discussion for the adults in the Fellowship Hall. (Infants and toddlers are welcome to join the adults in Sermon Discussion.)

**Food Pantry Donations** • 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).)

**Informational Meeting** • Sun., Oct. 21 after Worship.

**Membership Lunch** • All newcomers and folks interested in exploring membership at Ascension are welcome to join the elders for lunch on Sunday, October 21, after Worship and Sunday School, at the Costa home (1890 SE Maple Street, Hillsboro). We'll talk about the basic ideas and process of becoming a member, and we're happy to address any questions you might have. RSVP ([rev.eric.costa@gmail.com](mailto:rev.eric.costa@gmail.com)).

**Women's Retreat** • Fri. - Sun., Nov. 2-4, in Lincoln City. There is room for 16 people, and the cost will be \$85 per person. RSVP to Cheryl Boden ([wu.gardens@gmail.com](mailto:wu.gardens@gmail.com)), and please get your payment to her by Sun., Oct. 28 (checks payable to her). Sara Sery ([the.serys@gmail.com](mailto:the.serys@gmail.com)) will coordinate meals.

**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 / Costa

Next week: \_\_\_\_\_ / Bonifield

**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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