

"To be angry is human;  
to put an end to one's anger is Christian."

Jerome

"There is no Psalm that encourages the venting of hostile anger."

David Powlison

"Now I lay me down to sleep, I pray the Lord my soul to keep.  
If I die before I wake, I pray the Lord my soul to take."

18th Century New England Bedtime Prayer



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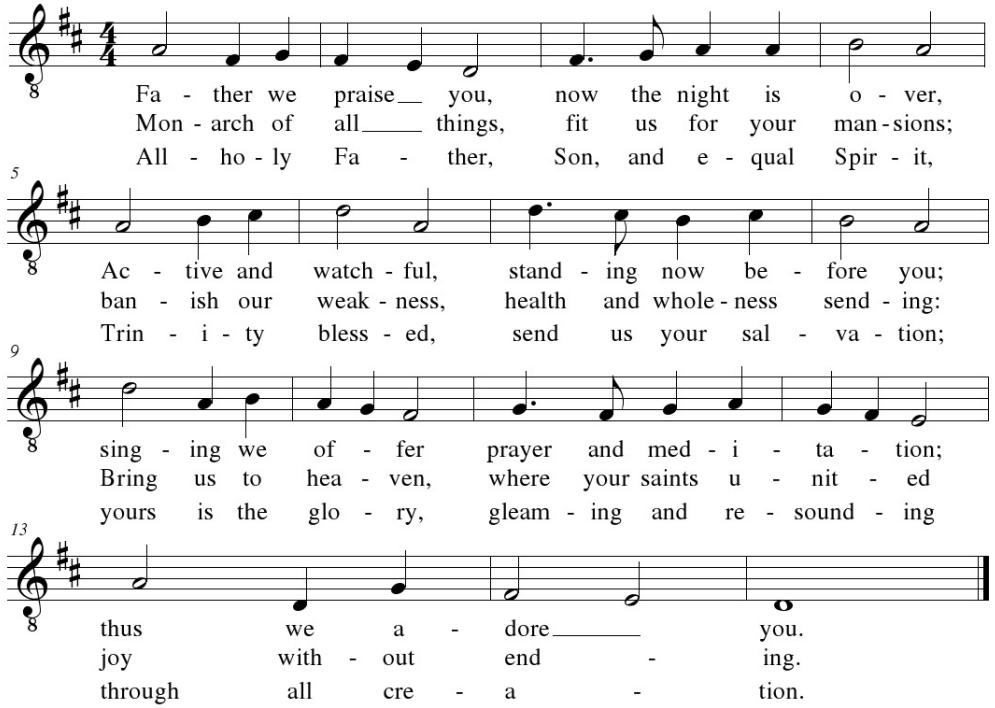


**CALL TO WORSHIP • Zechariah 2:10**

"Sing and rejoice, O daughter of Zion,  
for behold, I come and I will dwell in your midst,  
declares the LORD."

# Father, We Praise You

Text: Gregory I (540-604) • Music: *Christe Sanctorum*, French Church Melody (1681) • Public Domain



8 Fa - ther we praise you, now the night is o - ver,  
Mon - arch of all things, fit us for your man - sions;  
All - ho - ly Fa - ther, Son, and e - qual Spir - it,

5 Ac - tive and watch - ful, stand - ing now be - fore you;  
ban - ish our weak - ness, health and whole - ness send - ing:  
Trin - i - ty bless - ed, send us your sal - va - tion;

9 sing - ing we of - fer prayer and med - i - ta - tion;  
Bring us to hea - ven, where your saints u - nit - ed  
yours is the glo - ry, gleam - ing and re - sound - ing

13 thus we a - dore you.  
joy with - out end - ing.  
through all cre - a - tion.

## **PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

He is risen!

*He is risen indeed!*

Let us pray...

## **CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN • Luke 23:34**

Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do."

## **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 • Luke 24:46-47**

"Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations."

May the peace of Christ be with you.

*And also with you!*

## **OFFERING • Acts 20:32, 35**

"Now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified... By working hard we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

## **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 • 1 Corinthians 4:1–5

This is how one should regard us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. <sup>2</sup> Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found faithful. <sup>3</sup> But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged by you or by any human court. In fact, I do not even judge myself. <sup>4</sup> For I am not aware of anything against myself, but I am not thereby acquitted. It is the Lord who judges me. <sup>5</sup> Therefore do not pronounce judgment before the time, before the Lord comes, who will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness and will disclose the purposes of the heart. Then each one will receive his commendation from God.

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, in Jesus Christ you taught us to pray, and to offer our petitions to you in His name.

*Guide us by your Holy Spirit, that our prayers for others may serve your will and show your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

God of all generations, you formed your church from the despised of the earth and showed them mercy that they might proclaim salvation to all.

*Strengthen those you have chosen that they may faithfully endure all trials by which you conform your church to the cross of Christ through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

God of comfort, you bear the pain of the world and stand with those who sorrow.

*Look with compassion on those who are troubled, cheer them by your word, and bring them healing as a sign of your grace through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Mighty God, whose word we trust, whose Spirit enables us to pray: accept our requests and further those which will bring about your purpose on earth through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Amen.*

# For All The Saints

Text: William H. How • Music: Christopher Miner • ©1998 Christopher Miner

Tenor

8 For all the saints who from this  
2 Thou wast their rock, their for- tress  
4 la - bor's rest to thee by - faith be-fore the  
8 and their might; thou Lord their cap-tain in the  
6 world con - fess thy name O Je - sus, be for -  
8 well fought fight; thou in the dark-ness drear, their  
e - ver blessed, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu.  
one true light, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu.

The image shows a musical score for a Tenor part. It consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff starts with a 'Tenor' label and a '8' below the staff. The second staff has a '2' below it, the third a '4', and the fourth a '6'. The lyrics are: 'For all the saints who from this Thou wast their rock, their for- tress la - bor's rest to thee by - faith be-fore the and their might; thou Lord their cap-tain in the world con - fess thy name O Je - sus, be for - well fought fight; thou in the dark-ness drear, their e - ver blessed, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu. one true light, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu.'

O may thy soldiers faithful, true, and bold,  
fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,  
and win with them the victor's crown of gold.  
Alleluia, Alelu...

The golden evening brightens in the west;  
soon, soon to faithful warriors comes their rest;  
sweet is the calm of paradise the blest,  
Alleluia, Alelu...

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,  
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,  
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:  
Alleluia, Alleluia,  
Alleluia, Alleluia.

# Rock Of Ages

Text: Augustus M. Toplady • Music: Matthew H. Curl • Used by Permission

Tenor

Rock of A - ges cleft for me, let me hide my -  
Not the la - bors of my hands, can ful - fil thy  
Noth - ing in my hand I bring, sim - ply to thy  
4 self in thee; let the wa - ter and the blood,  
law's de - mands; could my zeal no res - pite know,  
7 cross I cling; na - ked come to thee for dress;  
8 from thy ri - ven side which flowed, be of sin the  
could my tears for - ev - er flow, all for sin could  
10 help - less, look to thee for grace; foul, I to the  
8 dou - ble cure, cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.  
not a - tone; thou must save and thou a - lone.  
Foun - tain fly; wash me Sav - ior or I die.  
13 Rock of Ag - es, cleft for me! Let me  
16 hide my - self in thee! Rock of Ag - es, cleft for  
19 me! Oh my Je - sus res - cue me!

While I draw this fleeting breath, when mine eyelids close in death,  
when I soar to worlds unknown, see thee on thy judgment throne,  
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee.

*(Chorus)*

## OLD TESTAMENT READING • Psalm 4

TO THE CHOIRMASTER: WITH STRINGED INSTRUMENTS. A PSALM OF DAVID.

- 1 Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness!  
You have given me relief when I was in distress.  
Be gracious to me and hear my prayer!
- 2 O men, how long shall my glory<sup>1</sup> be turned into shame?  
How long will you love vain words and seek after lies? Selah
- 3 But know that the LORD has set apart the godly for himself;  
the LORD hears when I call to him.
- 4 Be angry, and do not sin;  
ponder in your own hearts on your beds, and be silent. Selah
- 5 Offer sacrifices of righteousness,<sup>2</sup>  
and put your trust in the LORD.
- 6 There are many who say, “Who will show us some good?”<sup>3</sup>  
Lift up the light of your face upon us, O LORD!
- 7 You have put more joy in my heart  
than they have when their grain and wine abound.
- 8 In peace I will both lie down and sleep;  
for you alone, O LORD, make me dwell in safety.

The Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God!*

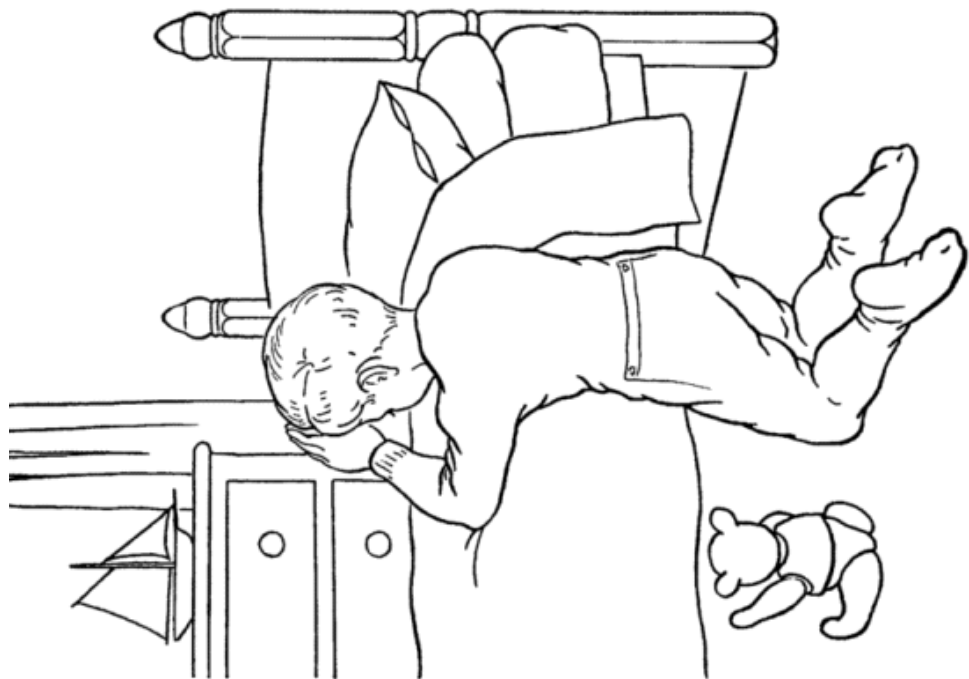
## SERMON • “God Of My Righteousness” (Rev. Eric Costa)

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<sup>1</sup> ESV: “honor.”

<sup>2</sup> ESV: “Offer right sacrifices...”

<sup>3</sup> The ESV closes the quotation at the end of verse 6.







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.<sup>1</sup> 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>2</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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<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> Or, “universal.”

# Peace, Perfect Peace

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Tenor



8  
Peace, per-fect peace, in this dark world of  
4  
Peace, per-fect peace, with sor-rows surg-ing  
8  
sin, the blood of Je-sus whis-pers peace with -  
8  
round, on Je-sus' bo-som naught but calm is  
8  
in. Peace, perfect peace, by throng-ing du-ties  
12  
found. Peace, perfect peace, with loved ones far a -  
8  
pressed, to do the will of Je-sus, this is rest. \_\_\_\_\_  
17  
way, in-Je-sus' keep-ing we are safe and they. \_\_\_\_\_  
8  
It is e - nough: earth's strug-gles soon shall cease, when  
21  
Je-sus calls us to heaven's per-fect peace. It is e -  
26  
nough: earth's strug-gles soon shall cease, when Je-sus calls us  
30  
home to a per - fect peace.

Peace, perfect peace, our future all unknown,  
Jesus we know, and he is on the throne.  
Peace, perfect peace, death shadows us and ours,  
Jesus has vanquished death and all its pow'rs.  
*It is enough: earth's struggles soon shall cease,  
when Jesus calls us to heaven's perfect peace.*  
*It is enough: earth's struggles soon shall cease,  
when Jesus calls us home to a perfect peace.*

## Victory In The Lamb

Text & Music: Wesley Randolph Eader • © 2014 Door of Hope

He will clothe the poor with crowns  
in the kingdom he calls theirs.  
He will raise them to the halls of heaven  
and release their earthly cares.

And the hard times, they will come.  
And the black clouds, they will break.  
But his riches come with the morning sun  
and they grow green fields of grace.

*(Chorus)*

*So let all condemnation cease!  
Let guilt have no more claim!  
Let the devil lose all dominion!  
For the Lamb of God he came!  
And the Lamb of God was slain!  
And the Lamb of God was raised!*

We will fix our wandering eyes  
on the wonders of our Lord.  
By his sacred stripes we have been healed,  
through his wounds our joys supplied.

*(Chorus)*

Now the strong ones and the weak  
are the same under his blood.  
For empty-handed all must come  
to receive his endless love.

*(Chorus)*

## BENEDICTION • Numbers 6:24-26

The LORD bless you and keep you;  
the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;  
the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

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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! There will be no Sunday School today.

**Informational Meeting** • Today after Worship.

**Membership Lunch** • Today after the Informational Meeting. All newcomers and folks interested in exploring membership at Ascension are welcome to join the elders for lunch 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.

**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: \_\_\_\_\_ / Bonifield

Next week: Elliott / \_\_\_\_\_

**Nursery Volunteers** • Can you play with young children and help their parents once every 6-8 weeks? Join the nursery rotation! Contact: Rainyrr ([rainyrr@aol.com](mailto:rainyrr@aol.com)).

Today: Jaques

Next week: Bonifield



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