

"When our Christ arose from the dead and ascended into heaven, the rulers in heaven chosen by God were ordered to open the gates of heaven that the King of glory might enter... Now, when these rulers in heaven saw that he was in appearance without beauty, honor or glory, and not recognizing him, they asked, 'Who is this King of glory?' And the Holy Spirit answered, 'The LORD of hosts. He is the King of glory.'"

Justin Martyr, *Dialogue with Trypho*

"The ascension was surprisingly different from any worldly victor's parade. For Jesus did not break the bruised reed of our humanity. He repaired it. The ascension in the flesh assures us that he eternally condescends to be bone of our bone, knitted to us in the most intimate union. His conquest does not deprive us but enriches us; does not humiliate us, but ennobles us."

Gerrit Dawson, *Jesus Ascended*



ASCENSION

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CALL TO WORSHIP • 1 Chronicles 16:8-11

Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;
make known his deeds among the peoples!

Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works!

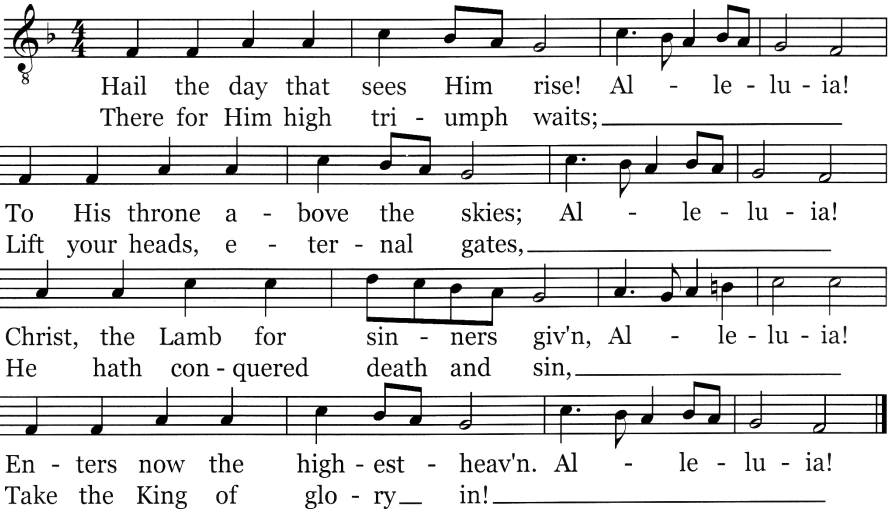
Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!

Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his presence continually!

Hail The Day That Sees Him Rise

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Tenor



8 Hail the day that sees Him rise! Al - le - lu - ia!
5 There for Him high tri - umph waits;

8 To His throne a - bove the skies; Al - le - lu - ia!
9 Lift your heads, e - ter - nal gates,

8 Christ, the Lamb for sin - ners giv'n, Al - le - lu - ia!
13 He hath con - quered death and sin,

8 En - ters now the high - est - heav'n. Al - le - lu - ia!
Take the King of glo - ry in!

Detailed description: The image shows a musical score for a Tenor part. It consists of five staves of music in 4/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff starts with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat, and a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics are: 'Hail the day that sees Him rise! Al - le - lu - ia!'. The second staff continues: 'There for Him high tri - umph waits;'. The third staff: 'To His throne a - bove the skies; Al - le - lu - ia!'. The fourth staff: 'Lift your heads, e - ter - nal gates,'. The fifth staff: 'Christ, the Lamb for sin - ners giv'n, Al - le - lu - ia!'. The sixth staff: 'He hath con - quered death and sin,'. The seventh staff: 'En - ters now the high - est - heav'n. Al - le - lu - ia!'. The eighth staff: 'Take the King of glo - ry in!'. There are measure numbers 8, 5, 8, 9, 8, 13, and 8 written at the beginning of their respective staves.

See, he lifts his hands above! Alleluia!
See, he shows the prints of love! Alleluia!
Hark! his gracious lips bestow, Alleluia!
blessings on his church below! Alleluia!

Lord, beyond our mortal sight, Alleluia!
raise our hearts to reach thy height, Alleluia!
there thy face unclouded see, Alleluia!
find our heav'n of heav'ns in thee! Alleluia!

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

He is risen!

He is risen indeed!

Let us pray...

CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN • Hebrews 10:12-14

When Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet. For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow in your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

(Silent confession)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS • Hebrews 10:19-22

Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, and since we have a great high priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

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.

GOSPEL READING • Luke 24:44–53

Jesus said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.”⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures,⁴⁶ and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead,⁴⁷ and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things.⁴⁹ And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”

⁵⁰ And he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them.

⁵¹ While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven.

⁵² And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy,⁵³ and were continually in the temple blessing God.

The Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

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.

God Of My Life

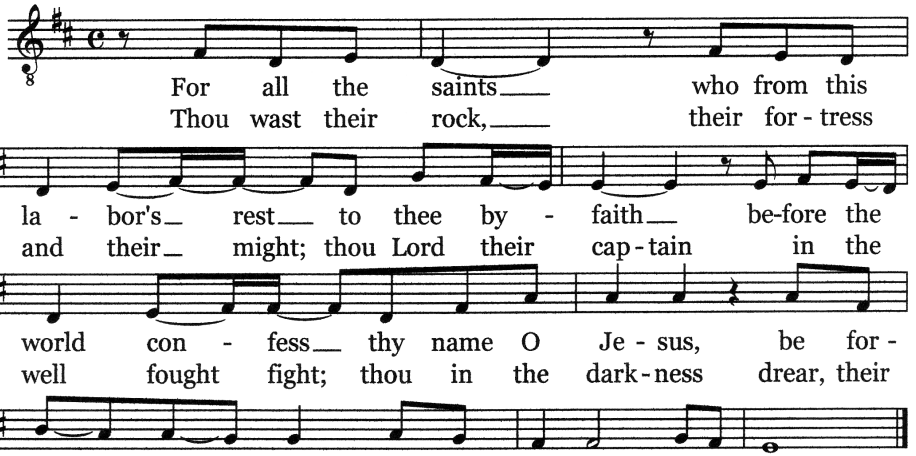
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God of my life to Thee I _____ call;
Friend of the friend-less and the _____ faint,
5 That were a grief I could not _____ bear,
Af - flict - ed at Thy _____ feet I _____ fall;
where should I lodge my _____ deep com - plaint?
9 didst Thou not hear and _____ an - swer _____ prayer;
When the great wa - ter floods pre - - vail,
Where but with Thee whose o - pen _____ door,
13 But a prayer hear - ing, an - swer - ing _____ God,
Leave not my tremb - ling _____ heart to _____ fail.
In - vites the help - less _____ and the _____ poor?
17 sup - ports me un - der _____ ev - 'ry _____ load.
Poor though I am, des - pised, for -
21 got, _____ Yet God, my God, for - gets me not; _____
26 And he is safe, and must suc - ceed, for whom, the
31 Lord is sure to _____ plead.

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.

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.

OLD TESTAMENT READING • Psalm 24

A PSALM OF DAVID.

- 1 The earth is the LORD's and the fullness thereof,
the world and those who dwell therein,
- 2 for he has founded it upon the seas
and established it upon the rivers.
- 3 Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD?
And who shall stand in his holy place?
- 4 He who has clean hands and a pure heart,
who does not lift up his soul to what is false
and does not swear deceitfully.
- 5 He will receive blessing from the LORD
and righteousness from the God of his salvation.
- 6 Such is the generation of those who seek him,
who seek the face of the God of Jacob. Selah
- 7 Lift up your heads, O gates!
And be lifted up, O ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.
- 8 Who is this King of glory?
The LORD, strong and mighty,
the LORD, mighty in battle!
- 9 Lift up your heads, O gates!
And lift them up, O ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.
- 10 Who is this King of glory?
The LORD of hosts,
he is the King of glory! Selah

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

SERMON • “The King of Glory” (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† 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].)

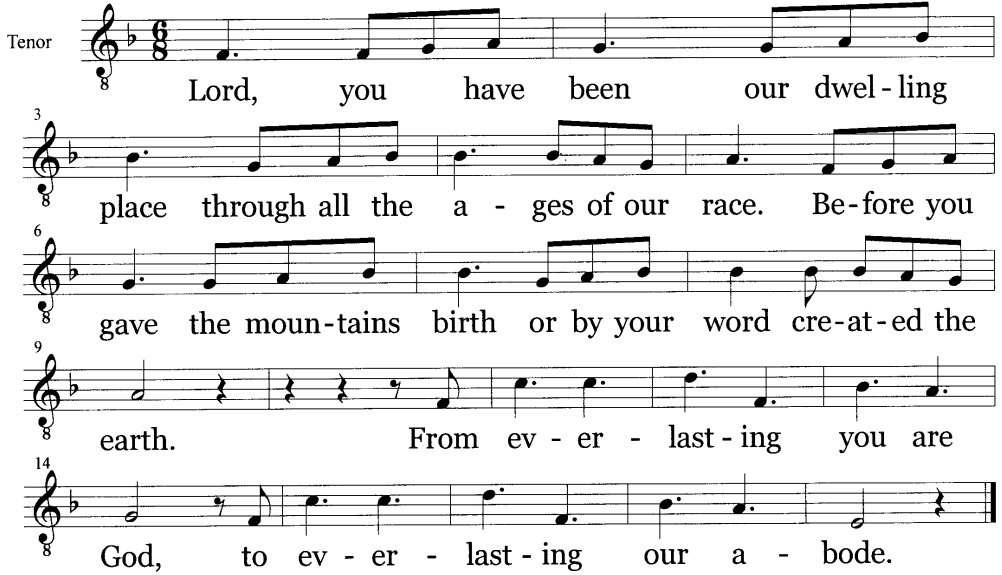
* When the Creed states that Jesus “descended into hell,” we understand it to mean that he suffered the holy wrath of God for the sins of his people.

† Or, “universal.”

Lord, You Have Been Our Dwelling Place

Text: Psalm 90 (1912 Psalter) • Music: Matthew H. Curl • Used by Permission

Tenor



Lord, you have been our dwel - ling
place through all the a - ges of our race. Be - fore you
gave the moun - tains birth or by your word cre - at - ed the
earth. From ev - er - last - ing you are
God, to ev - er - last - ing our a - bode.

A thousand years are in your sight
brief as a portion of the night.
Short as a dream our seasons pass;
our lives are like the tender grass,
Luxuriant at the break of day,
that in the evening fades away.

Your anger brings us sorrow, grief;
your wrath brings fear without relief.
Before your clear and searching sight
our secret sins are brought to light.
Beneath your wrath we pine and die,
our life expiring with a sigh.

O teach us, Lord, to count our days
and set our hearts on wisdom's ways.
Turn, Lord, to us in our distress,
in pity now your servants bless.
Let mercy's dawn dispel our night
and all our day with joy be bright.

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and all our day with joy be bright.

Rejoice In Christ Your King

Text: Edward H. Plumtree • Music: Matthew H. Curl • Used by Permission

Tenor

Re - joice, O pure in heart, re - joice, give thanks
Bright youth and snow crowned age, both men and wo -
Still lift your stan - dard high, still chant - ing as
and sing; your fes - tal ban - er wave on high,
men raise on high your free ex - ult - ing song,
you go, from youth to age, by night and day,
the cross of Christ your King. Re-joyce! Re - joice! Re-
de - clare God's won - drous praise.
in glad - ness and in woe.
joyce give thanks and sing! Re - joice! Re - joice! Re-joyce
in Christ your King!

At last the march shall end; the wearied ones shall rest,
the pilgrims reach their home at last, Jerusalem the blest.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks and sing!
Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice in Christ your King!

Praise God, who reigns on high, the Lord whom we adore:
the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, one God forevermore.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks and sing!
Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice in Christ your King!

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.

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.)

Sound Equipment Training • Today after Worship, during Sunday School. All who are interested are invited to come learn how to use the new sound system.

Parenting Home Group • Today after Sunday School at the home of Joe and Cindy Pope (15953 SW Tuscany, Tigard). Join us for lunch and discussion of Paul Tripp's book, *Parenting* (ch. 13, "Rest"). All are welcome!

Men's Retreat • Fri. - Sun., March 1-3, in Oceanside. The fee is \$60. Make checks payable to Ascension, with "men's retreat" in the memo line. To reserve your spot, contact Brian Aznoe (baznoe@gmail.com - you can also get your fee to him). Also, be thinking about whether you'd like to help with a meal...

Refreshments Volunteers • Bringing refreshments to share at church is a great way to practice hospitality. Contact: Nicole Hamilton (neh.hamilton@gmail.com)

Today: Aznoe

Next week: Jaques

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).

Today: Bonifield

Next week: Jaques



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