"A preoccupation with God's person and his will is the essence of worship, indeed of discipleship."

Derek Kidner

"The Psalmists knew far less reason than we for loving God.
They did not know that he offered them eternal joy;
still less that he would die to win it for them.
Yet they express a longing for him, for his mere presence."

C. S. Lewis

"If our hearts delight in God, then we can contemplate losing earthly joys without fear." Timothy Keller



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### CALL TO WORSHIP • 1 Chronicles 16:23-25

Sing to the LORD, all the earth! Tell of his salvation from day to day.

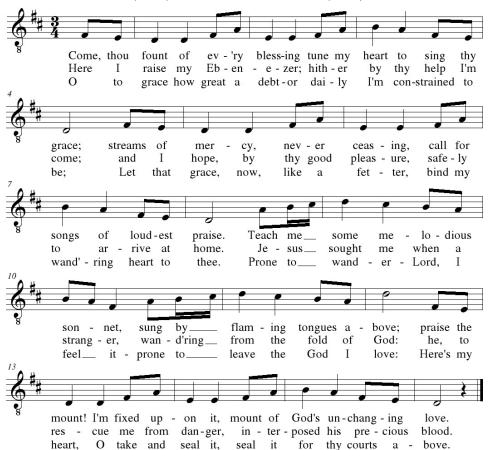
Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples!

For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised,

and he is to be held in awe above all gods.

### **Come, Thou Fount Of Every Blessing**

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### PRAYER OF INVOCATION

He is risen!
He is risen indeed!
Let us pray...

# CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN • Hebrews 12:15a, 25a

See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God... See that you do not refuse him who is speaking.

### **CONFESSION OF SIN**

Lord Jesus, I have sinned times without number, and been guilty of pride and unbelief, and of neglect to seek you in my daily life. My sins and shortcomings present me with a list of accusations, but I thank you that they will not stand against me, for all have been laid on Christ. Deliver me from every evil habit, every interest of former sins, everything that dims the brightness of your grace in me, everything that prevents me taking delight in you. Amen.

(Silent confession)

### **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS • Hebrews 12:22-24**

You have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

May the peace of Christ be with you. *And also with you!* 

### OFFERING • Matthew 6:19-21

"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

#### 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 • Matthew 6:25-34

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...

Our Lord Jesus Christ, you came into the world to reign in justice as our King: Cause our President and Congress to love justice and mercy. Help our Mayor and City Council to increase the peace of the city.

Our Lord Jesus Christ, you came into the world to destroy the works of the devil: Restrain the wickedness in our city by your Law. Destroy the wickedness in our own hearts by your Spirit. Protect us from the temptations, deceit and accusations of the devil

Our Lord Jesus Christ, you came into the world to bring us peace with God: Bring peace between nations in your world; help Ascension to live in your peace together; come again soon to fully establish your peace on earth.

Our Lord Jesus Christ, you came into the world to seek and save that which was lost:

Show mercy to our friends who do not yet know you; deepen our faith in the Gospel of grace.

Our Lord Jesus Christ, you came into the world to destroy death and to bring life and immortality to light through the gospel:

Comfort those who are suffering in grief, in poverty, in sickness, in injustice.

Our Lord Jesus Christ, you came into the world to sympathize with our weaknesses: *Please hear us as we bring you our specific requests.* (Silent prayer)

Our Lord Jesus Christ, we pray now in the words you taught us:

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.

# **How Deep The Father's Love For Us**

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Come, Holy Ghost

Text: Rhabanus Maurus (A.D. 776-856); chorus by Ray Mills (2005)

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O Holy Ghost, through thee alone know we the Father and the Son; be this our firm, unchanging creed, that thou dost from them both proceed, that thou dost from them both proceed.

(Chorus x2)

Praise we the Lord, Father and Son, and Holy Spirit with them one; and may the Son on us bestow all gifts that from the Spirit flow, all gifts that from the Spirit flow.

(Chorus x2)

### **OLD TESTAMENT READING • Psalm 27**

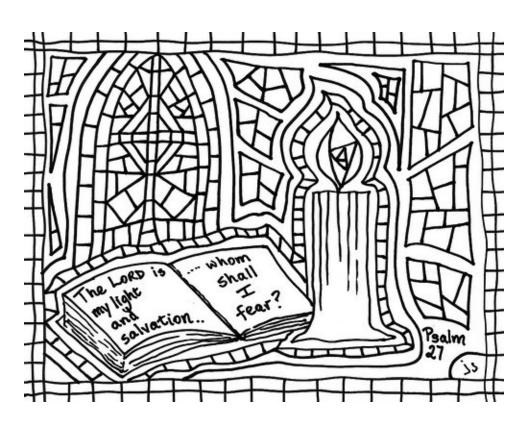
OF DAVID.

- The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?
- When evildoers assail me to eat up my flesh, my adversaries and foes, it is they who stumble and fall.
- Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war arise against me, yet I will be confident.
- One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his temple.
- For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble;
   he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;
   he will lift me high upon a rock.
- And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy;
   I will sing and make melody to the LORD.
- <sup>7</sup> Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer me!
- You have said, "Seek my face." My heart says to you,
  - "Your face, LORD, do I seek."
- Hide not your face from me.
   Turn not your servant away in anger,
   O you who have been my help.
   Cast me not off; forsake me not,
  - O God of my salvation!
- For my father and my mother have forsaken me, but the LORD will take me in.

- Teach me your way, O LORD, and lead me on a level path because of my enemies.
- Give me not up to the will of my adversaries; for false witnesses have risen against me, and they breathe out violence.
- 13 I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living!
- Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD!

The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God!* 

SERMON • "The Lord Is My Light" (Rev. Eric Costa)





# **CONFESSION OF FAITH • Philippians 2:6-11**

What do you believe about Jesus Christ?

I believe that Jesus Christ, being God, made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born a man. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. 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.

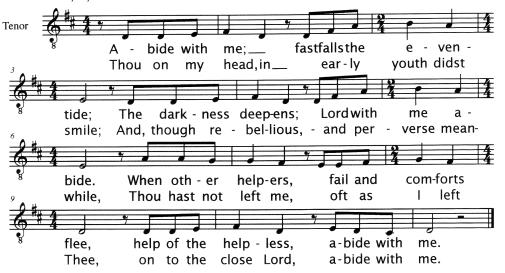
The gifts of God for the people of God.

#### 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].)

### **Abide With Me**

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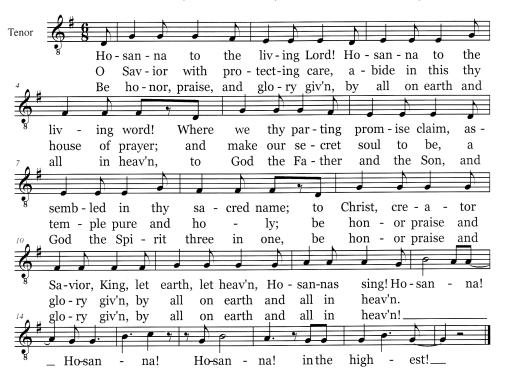
I need thy presence every passing hour. What but thy grace can foil the tempter's power? Who, like thyself, my guide and stay can be? Through cloud and sunshine, abide with me.

I fear no foe with thee at hand to bless; ills have no weight, tears lose their bitterness. Where is thy sting death? Where grave thy victory? I triumph still, abide with me.

Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes; shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies. Heav'n's morning breaks and earth's vain shadows flee; In life and death, Lord, abide with me.

# **Hosanna In The Highest**

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(Repeat final chorus)

### **BENEDICTION • John 14:27**

Jesus said, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid."

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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.)

**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).

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

Today: Jaques Next week: Balzer

**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: Jaques Next week: Bonifield



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