

"To hear a tuneful harmony can be one of the most intoxicatingly beautiful experiences. And no wonder: as in heaven, so on earth. The Father, Son and Spirit have always been in delicious harmony, and thus they create a world where harmonies—distinct beings, persons or notes working in unity—are good, mirroring the very being of the triune God... The ultimate reality that stands behind music is not only fascinating, but unutterably beautiful."

Michael Reeves



# ASCENSION

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## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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**CALL TO WORSHIP • Psalm 47:1-2**

Clap your hands, all peoples!  
Shout to God with loud songs of joy!  
For the LORD, the Most High, is to be feared,  
a great king over all 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 first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat), and a time signature of 3/4. The melody is composed of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The final staff ends with a double bar line.

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.

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 • Revelation 1:17b-18**

"Fear not, I am the first and the last, and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades."

## **CONFESSION OF SIN**

*Merciful God, you sent Jesus to be for us the way, the truth, and the life. We confess that we have turned aside to our own way, have ignored your precious word, and have sought to find happiness outside of your will and apart from you. In your mercy forgive us. We would flee to no other refuge, build on no other foundation, receive from no other fullness, rest in no other relief; but alone entrust ourselves to Jesus' saving power, in whose name we pray. Amen.*

(Silent confession)

## **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS • Revelation 1:5b-6**

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood and made us a kingdom, priests to God his Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

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 • Revelation 4

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...

Holy Father, our great God, we praise you for your perfect holiness.

*We thank you for not sparing your own Son but giving him up for us all. We love you for adopting us as your children by your grace. We trust you to use every circumstance for our good as your people.*

Our Lord Jesus Christ, we praise you for taking our condemnation on yourself.

*We love you for the pity you showed in rescuing us from our sins. We rest in you because you are constantly interceding for us with the Father. We thank you that absolutely nothing can separate us from your love.*

Holy Spirit of God, we praise you for giving us new life and living with us constantly.

*We thank you for the war you wage against sin in our lives. We delight in the assurance you give us that we are God's sons in Christ. We love you for searching our hearts and helping us in our weakness.*

Hear us as we pray in the words of the Lord himself, 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.*

# Holy God, We Praise Your Name

Text and Music: based on the *Te Deum*, ca. 4<sup>th</sup> c. • arr. Chip Ueltschey

Ho - ly God, we praise your name;  
Hark, the loud ce - les - tial hymn  
Lo! the ap - os - tol - ic train  
Ho - ly Fa - ther, Ho - ly Son,

3 Lord of all, we bow be - fore you;  
an - gel choirs a - bove are rais - ing;  
join your sa - cred name to hal - low;  
Ho - ly Spir - it, Three we name you;

5 all on earth your scep - ter claim,  
cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim  
proph - ets swell the glad re - frain,  
while in es - sence on - ly One,

7 all in heav'n a - bove a - dore you.  
in un - ceas - ing chor - us prais - ing,  
and the white - robed mar - tyrs fol - low;  
un - di - vid - ed God we claim you,

9 In - fi - nite your vast do - main, ev - er - last - ing  
fill the heav'ns with sweet ac - cord: "Ho - ly, ho - ly,  
and from morn to set of sun, through the church the  
and a - dor - ing bend the knee, while we sing this

12 is your reign.  
ho - ly Lord."  
song goes on.  
mys - ter - y.

## 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)*

## OLD TESTAMENT READING • Psalm 47

TO THE CHOIRMASTER. A PSALM OF THE SONS OF KORAH.

- 1 Clap your hands, all peoples!  
Shout to God with loud songs of joy!
- 2 For the LORD, the Most High, is to be feared,  
a great king over all the earth.
- 3 He subdued peoples under us,  
and nations under our feet.
- 4 He chose our heritage for us,  
the pride of Jacob whom he loves. Selah
- 5 God has gone up with a shout,  
the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.
- 6 Sing praises to God, sing praises!  
Sing praises to our King, sing praises!
- 7 For God is the King of all the earth;  
sing praises with a psalm!
- 8 God reigns over the nations;  
God sits on his holy throne.
- 9 The princes of the peoples gather  
as the people of the God of Abraham.  
For the shields of the earth belong to God;  
he is highly exalted!

The Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God!*

**SERMON • “Sing Praises To Our King” (Rev. Eric Costa)**



Christ The King





# 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].)

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\* 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.”

May Our God Be Known (Psalm 67)  
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1. May our God be known for his grace;— may the earth re-joice in his bless-ing. May our  
2. Let the na - tions sing and be glad— for the Lord is com-ing with jus - tice. Let the

God be known for his love, and the smile that shines from His face. May Your  
na - tions sing and be glad for our God is com - ing with peace. Now let

way be known on the earth— so that all the na - tions will sing— and re -  
all the ends of the earth— fill with ho - ly won - der and joy, for our

joy in know - ing the God of grace!  
God is com - ing to reign as king!

## Rejoice In Christ Your King

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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 • Matthew 28:18-20

Jesus said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

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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.)

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

Today: Sauerwein

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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