

"Every sin is cosmic treason—  
it is overthrowing the rule of the one to whom you owe everything."

Timothy Keller

"Humility, after the first shock, is a cheerful virtue."

C. S. Lewis, *The Problem of Pain*



# ASCENSION

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## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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**CALL TO WORSHIP • Psalm 33:8**

Let all the earth fear the LORD;  
let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him!

## May Jesus Christ Be Praised

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

Tenor

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When morn-ing gilds the skies, my  
When sleep her peace de - nies, my  
heart a - wake-ing cries; A - like at work and prayer,  
si - lent spi - rit sighs; When ev - il thoughts mo - lest,  
— on Christ I cast my cares; May  
— with this I shield my breast; May  
Je-sus Christ be praised! May Je-sus Christ be praised!  
Je-sus Christ be praised! May Je-sus Christ be praised!  
— To God, the Word, on high, the  
— In Heav'n's e - ter - nal bliss, the  
host of an - gels cry. May Je-sus Christ be praised!  
love-liest strain is this!  
— May Je - sus Christ be praised! My  
God, the Sav-ior reigns! May Je-sus Christ be praised!

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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!*

## **PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

He is risen!

*He is risen indeed!*

Let us pray...

## **CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN • Genesis 3:7-9**

The eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths. They heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?"

## **CONFESSION OF SIN • Psalm 51:1-4, 9-12**

*Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment... Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.*

(Silent confession)

## **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS • Genesis 3:21**

The LORD God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them.

May the peace of Christ be with you.

*And also with you!*

## **OFFERING • Romans 12:1**

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

## **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 • Mark 2:1-12**

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...

Father Eternal, God Almighty, you have brought forth from the root of Jesse a shoot, Jesus our Savior.

*He is your anointed one, the promised Messiah, in him you are well pleased. We come to you in his service, to offer our prayers of intercession for the coming of his kingdom.*

Father Eternal, you have anointed Jesus to be both Lord and Christ.

*We pray for the Church of Christ that she might be faithful to her Lord, bearing witness to his reign in every land among every people.*

Father Eternal, you have anointed Jesus to be our Lord and Shepherd.

*We pray for those whom you have appointed to be ministers of your gospel. We especially ask for your protection and help for our pastor.*

Father Eternal, you have anointed Jesus to be Lord of all the earth.

*We pray that you draw all people to kneel before the Prince of Peace. Please establish justice and peace between nations in your world.*

Father Eternal, you have anointed Jesus King of kings and Lord of lords.

*We pray for the rulers of our nation that they might be wise, fearing the Lord to whom they must bow in the world to come.*

Father Eternal, you have anointed Jesus a counselor and comforter of your people.

*We pray for those among us who suffer, for those who are lonely, for those without home or family, for those who are depressed and discouraged, for those who are seeking work, for those who are sick, for those who are grieving.*

Praise, honor and glory belong to you, Eternal Father, and to your Son, who taught us to pray 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.*

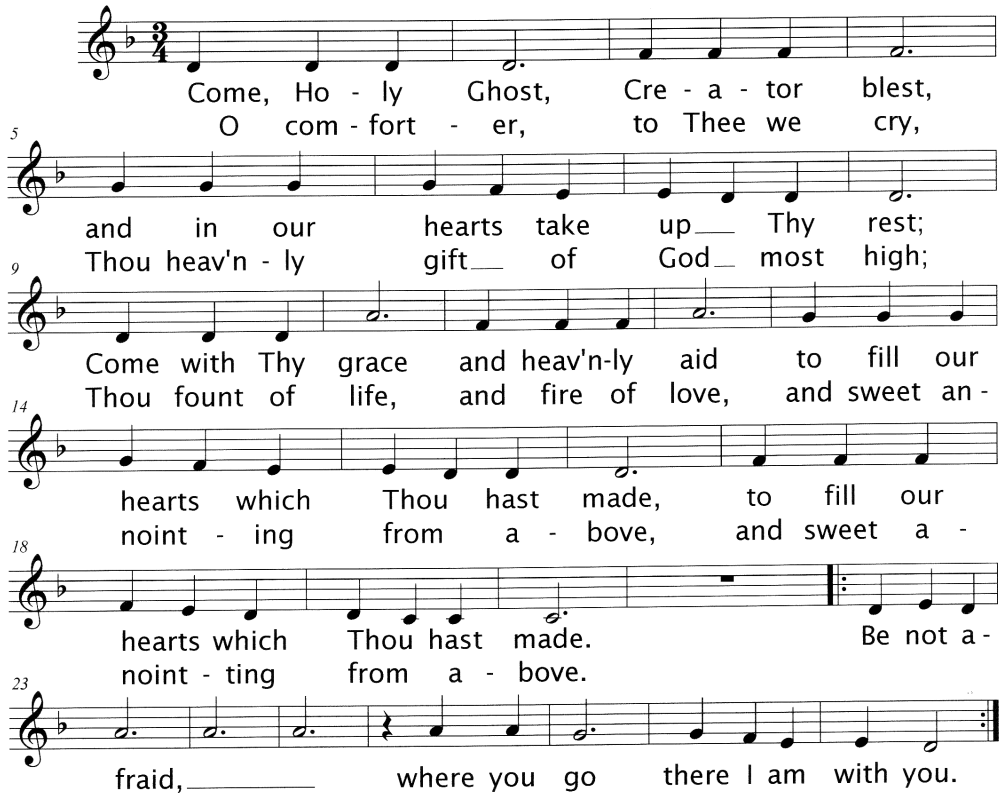
*And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.*

*For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.*

## Come, Holy Ghost

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

Music: Bruce Benedict & Ray Mills • ©2006 Cardiphonia Music, ©2006 Raymond G. Mills



1 Come, Ho - ly Ghost, Cre - a - tor blest,  
5 O com - fort - er, to Thee we cry,  
9 and in our hearts take up Thy rest;  
13 Thou heav'n - ly gift of God most high;  
17 Come with Thy grace and heav'n-ly aid to fill our  
21 Thou fount of life, and fire of love, and sweet an -  
25 hearts which Thou hast made, to fill our  
29 noint - ing from a - bove, and sweet a -  
33 hearts which Thou hast made. Be not a -  
37 noint - ting from a - bove.  
41 afraid, where you go there I am with you.

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)*

## God Be Merciful To Me (Psalm 51)

Text: Richard Redhead • Music: Christopher Miner • © 1998 Christopher Miner

Voice

The musical score is written for a single voice part in treble clef, with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: 'God be mer - ci - ful to me — on thy grace I rest my plea; plen - te - ous in com - pas - sion Thou — blot out my trans - gres - sions now; wash me make me pure with - in — cleanse O cleanse me from my sin.'

God be mer - ci - ful to me —  
on thy grace I rest my plea; plen - te - ous in com -  
pas - sion Thou — blot out my trans -  
gres - sions now; wash me make me pure  
with - in — cleanse O cleanse me from my sin.

My transgressions I confess, grief and guilt my soul oppress;  
I have sinned against thy grace and provoked thee to thy face;  
I confess thy judgment just; speechless, I thy mercy trust.

I am evil, born in sin; thou desirest truth within.

Thou alone my Savior art, teach thy wisdom to my heart;  
make me pure, thy grace bestow, wash me whiter than the snow.

Broken, humbled to the dust by thy wrath and judgment just,  
let my contrite heart rejoice and in gladness hear thy voice;  
from my sins O hide thy face, blot them out in boundless grace.

Gracious God, my heart renew, make my spirit right and true;  
cast me not away from thee, let thy Spirit dwell in me;  
thy salvation's joy impart, steadfast make my willing heart.

Sinners then shall learn from me, and return O God to thee;  
Savior, all my guilt remove, and my tongue shall sing thy love;  
touch my silent lips O Lord, and my mouth shall praise accord.

## OLD TESTAMENT READING • Psalm 51

TO THE CHOIRMASTER. A PSALM OF DAVID, WHEN NATHAN THE PROPHET WENT TO HIM, AFTER HE HAD GONE INTO BATHSHEBA.

- <sup>1</sup> Have mercy on me, O God,  
according to your steadfast love;  
according to your abundant mercy  
blot out my transgressions.
- <sup>2</sup> Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,  
and cleanse me from my sin!
- <sup>3</sup> For I know my transgressions,  
and my sin is ever before me.
- <sup>4</sup> Against you, you only, have I sinned  
and done what is evil in your sight,  
so that you may be justified in your words  
and blameless in your judgment.
- <sup>5</sup> Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity,  
and in sin did my mother conceive me.
- <sup>6</sup> Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being,  
and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.
- <sup>7</sup> Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;  
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
- <sup>8</sup> Let me hear joy and gladness;  
let the bones that you have broken rejoice.
- <sup>9</sup> Hide your face from my sins,  
and blot out all my iniquities.
- <sup>10</sup> Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.
- <sup>11</sup> Cast me not away from your presence,  
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
- <sup>12</sup> Restore to me the joy of your salvation,  
and uphold me with a willing spirit.
- <sup>13</sup> Then I will teach transgressors your ways,  
and sinners will return to you.
- <sup>14</sup> Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God,  
O God of my salvation,  
and my tongue will sing aloud of your righteousness.
- <sup>15</sup> O Lord, open my lips,  
and my mouth will declare your praise.
- <sup>16</sup> For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it;  
you will not be pleased with a burnt offering.
- <sup>17</sup> The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;  
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.
- <sup>18</sup> Do good to Zion in your good pleasure;  
build up the walls of Jerusalem;
- <sup>19</sup> then will you delight in right sacrifices,  
in burnt offerings and whole burnt offerings;  
then bulls will be offered on your altar.

The Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God!*

**SERMON • “Sin and Salvation” (Rev. Eric Costa)**



THE UPPER ROOM



## VOWS FOR OFFICER ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

**Brian Aznoe and Bill Duncan (Deacons); Tim Sery (Elder)**

1. Do you believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, as originally given, to be the inerrant Word of God, the only infallible rule of faith and practice?
  2. Do you sincerely receive and adopt the *Confession of Faith* and the *Catechisms* of this Church, as containing the system of doctrine taught in the Holy Scriptures; and do you further promise that if at any time you find yourself out of accord with any of the fundamentals of this system of doctrine, you will, on your own initiative, make known to your Session the change which has taken place in your views since the assumption of this ordination vow?
  3. Do you approve of the form of government and discipline of the Presbyterian Church in America, in conformity with the general principles of biblical polity?
  4. Do you accept the office of deacon/elder in this church, and promise faithfully to perform all the duties thereof, and to endeavor by the grace of God to adorn the profession of the Gospel in your life, and to set a worthy example before the Church of which God has made you an officer?
  5. Do you promise subjection to your brethren in the Lord?
  6. Do you promise to strive for the purity, peace, unity and edification of the Church?
- \* *Do you, the members of this church, acknowledge and receive these brothers as deacons and a ruling elder, and do you promise to yield to them all that honor, encouragement and obedience in the Lord to which their offices, according to the Word of God and the Constitution of this Church, entitle them? (Please answer in the affirmative by raising your right hand.)*

## ORDINATION PRAYER AND THE LAYING ON OF HANDS

## DECLARATION OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

## EXHORTATION

## **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].)

# A Sinner's Cry

Text: Samuel Medley • Music: Matthew Curl • Used by Permission

Tenor

Hear, grac-ious God, a sin - er's\_ cry; for  
To Thee I come a sin - er\_\_ poor, and  
5 To Thee I come a sin - er\_\_ weak, and  
8 I have no - where else\_\_ to\_\_ fly. My  
wait for mer - cy at\_\_ Thy\_\_ door. In -  
9 scarce know how to pray or\_\_ speak. From  
8 hope, my on - ly hope's in Thee,\_\_ O\_\_  
deed I've no - where else\_\_ to flee,\_\_ O\_\_  
13 fear and weak - ness set\_\_ me free,\_\_ O\_\_  
8 God, be mer - ci - ful to me. O God, be\_\_  
18 God, be mer - ci - ful to me.  
God, be mer - ci - ful to me.  
8 mer - ci - ful to me! On You alone I rest my  
23 plea; I have no o - ther place to flee,\_\_  
28 O\_\_ God, be\_\_ mer - ci - ful to me.

To thee I come, a sinner vile;  
upon me, Lord, vouchsafe to smile;  
mercy, through blood, I make my plea,  
O God, be merciful to me.

*(Chorus)*

To thee I come, a sinner great;  
and well thou knowest all my state.  
Yet full forgiveness is with thee,  
O God, be merciful to me.

*(Chorus)*

O God, be merciful to me.

## **I'll Fly Away**

Text & Music: Albert E. Brumley (1929) • Public Domain

Some bright morning when this life is o'er, I'll fly away!  
To a home on God's celestial shore, I'll fly away!

*(Chorus)*

*I'll fly away, O glory, I'll fly away!  
When I die, hallelujah, by and by, I'll fly away!*

When the shadows of this life have gone, I'll fly away!  
Like a bird from these prison walls I'll fly, I'll fly away!

*(Chorus)*

Just a few more weary days and then, I'll fly away!  
To a land where joys will never end, I'll fly away!

*(Chorus)*

## BENEDICTION • Romans 15:13

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,  
so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

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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**.

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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.)

**Monthly Men's Breakfast** • 7:30am Sat., Apr. 6 at the Costa home (1890 SE Maple Street, Hillsboro). We're talking about the Second Commandment this week. (Check [applyingthegospel.com](http://applyingthegospel.com) for the blog post we'll discuss together.) RSVP and let Eric know what part of the meal you'll bring, and if you'll have a friend with you ([rev.eric.costa@gmail.com](mailto:rev.eric.costa@gmail.com)).

**Mercy Sunday** • On the first Sunday of each month (Apr. 7) we participate together in some compassion and relief ministries to help each other and our neighbors in the community...

- **ALMS** — These gifts go toward a fund the deacons use to meet urgent needs as we are made aware of them. (If you need financial help, please let us know! Contact: [deacons@ascensionpc.org](mailto:deacons@ascensionpc.org).)
- **FOOD PANTRY** — 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).)

**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: Elliott

Next week: Hamilton

**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: Bonifield

Next week: Rickis



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