

*[1] Pleasant are thy courts above
In the land of light and love;
Pleasant are thy courts below
In this land of sin and woe.
O, my spirit longs and faints
For the converse of thy saints,
For the brightness of thy face,
For thy fullness, God of Grace!*

*[2] Happy birds that sing and fly
Round thy altars, O Most High;
Happier souls that find a rest
In a heavenly Father's breast.
Like the wandering dove that found
No repose on earth around,
They can to their ark repair
And enjoy it ever there.*

*[3] Happy souls, their praises flow
Even in this vale of woe;
Waters in the desert rise,
Manna feeds them from the skies;
On they go from strength to strength,
Till they reach thy throne at length,
At thy feet adoring fall,
Who hast led them safe through all.*

*[4] Lord, be mine this prize to win;
Guide me through a world of sin;
Keep me by thy saving grace;
Give me at thy side a place.
Sun and shield alike thou art;
Guide and guard my erring heart;
Grace and glory flow from thee;
Shower, O shower them, Lord, on me!*

A Hymn by Henry Francis Lyte, Based on Psalm 84



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CALL TO WORSHIP • Revelation 22:17

The Spirit and the Bride say, "Come."
And let the one who hears say, "Come."
And let the one who is thirsty come;
let the one who desires take the water of life without price.

Come, Oh Come, O Quickening Spirit

Text and Music: Heinrich Held (1620-1659), arr. Chip Ueltschey



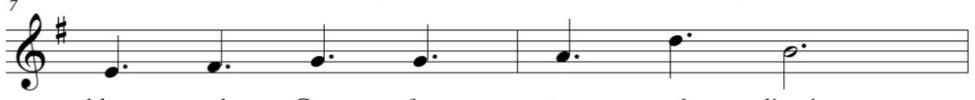
Come, oh come, O quick - 'ning Spi - rit,
On - ly that which you de - sire
Bless - ed Spi - rit, still re - new - ing
Help us keep the faith for - ev - er;



God be - fore the dawn of time!
be our ob - ject; with your hand
all who dwell up - on the earth,
let not Sa - tan, death, or shame



Fire our hearts with ho - ly ar - dor,
lead our ev - 'ry thought and ac - tion,
when the e - vil one as - sails us
draw us from you or de - prive us



bles - ed Com - for - ter sub - lime!
let us be at your com - mand.
help us prove our heav'n - ly birth;
of the hon - or of your name.



Let your ra - diance fill our night,
All our sin - ful - ness e - raise
Arm us with your might - y sword
When the foe would lure us hence,



turn - ing dark - ness in - to light.
with the in - crease of your grace.
in the le - gions of the Lord.
be, O God, our sure de - fense.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

He is risen!

He is risen indeed!

Let us pray...

CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN • Isaiah 1:18

“Come now, let us reason together, says the LORD:
though your sins are like scarlet,
they shall be as white as snow;
though they are red like crimson,
they shall become like wool.”

CONFESSION OF SIN

Fountain of Living Waters, you give to all mankind life and breath and everything. But we have refused to honor you or give you thanks. We stubbornly pretend that we don't need you, that we can help ourselves. We actively resist your presence and will in our lives. We thoughtlessly ignore you, which may be the worst slight of all. Yet you remain a God of light and life and love, and, in your grace, you have invaded this world to save us from ourselves. Your presence and will, as seen in Jesus, is better than our autonomy. We are sorry for our foolish rebellion. Please forgive us, and fix our eyes on Christ, who came to seek and save the lost, in whose name we pray. Amen.

(Silent confession)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS • Isaiah 51:11

The ransomed of the LORD shall return
and come to Zion with singing;
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;
they shall obtain gladness and joy,
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

OFFERING • Exodus 35:4-5, 21

Moses said to all the congregation of the people of Israel, “This is the thing that the LORD has commanded. Take from among you a contribution to the LORD. Whoever is of a generous heart, let him bring the LORD's contribution...” And they came, everyone whose heart stirred him, and everyone whose spirit moved him, and brought the LORD's contribution to be used for the tent of meeting, and for all its service.

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 • Ephesians 2:11–22

Remember that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh, called “the uncircumcision” by what is called the circumcision, which is made in the flesh by hands—¹² remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. ¹³ But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. ¹⁴ For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility ¹⁵ by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, ¹⁶ and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. ¹⁷ And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. ¹⁸ For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. ¹⁹ So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, ²⁰ built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, ²¹ in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. ²² In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

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...

(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.

The Love of God

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The love of God is great-er far— than
When years of time shall pass a - way, and
tongue or pen can ev - er tell; It goes be -
earth - ly thrones and king-doms fall, When men, who
yond the high - est star, and reach - es to the
here re - fuse to pray, on rocks and hills and
low - est hell; The guil - ty pair, bowed down with care,
moun-tains call, God's love so sure, shall still en - dure,
God gave His Son to win; His er - ring child
all mea - sure - less and strong; re - deem - ing grace
He rec - on - ciled, and par - doned from his sin.
to A - dam's race; the saints and an - gel's song.
O love of God, how rich and pure! How mea - sure -
less and strong! It shall fore - ver - more en - dure
the saints and an - gels song!

Could we with ink the ocean fill, and were the skies of parchment made,
were every stalk on earth a quill, and every man a scribe by trade,
to write the love of God above, would drain the ocean dry.
Nor could the scroll contain the whole, though stretched from sky to sky.

*O love of God, how rich and pure! How measureless and strong!
It shall forevermore endure—the saints and angel's song!*

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

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Come, Ho - ly Ghost, Cre - a - tor blest,
O com - fort - er, to Thee we cry,
and in our hearts take up Thy rest;
9 Thou heav'n - ly gift of God most high;
Come with Thy grace and heav'n-ly aid to fill our
14 Thou fount of life, and fire of love, and sweet an -
hearts which Thou hast made, to fill our
18 noint - ing from a - bove, and sweet a -
hearts which Thou hast made. Be not a -
23 noint - ting from a - bove.
fraid, 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)

OLD TESTAMENT READING • Psalm 84

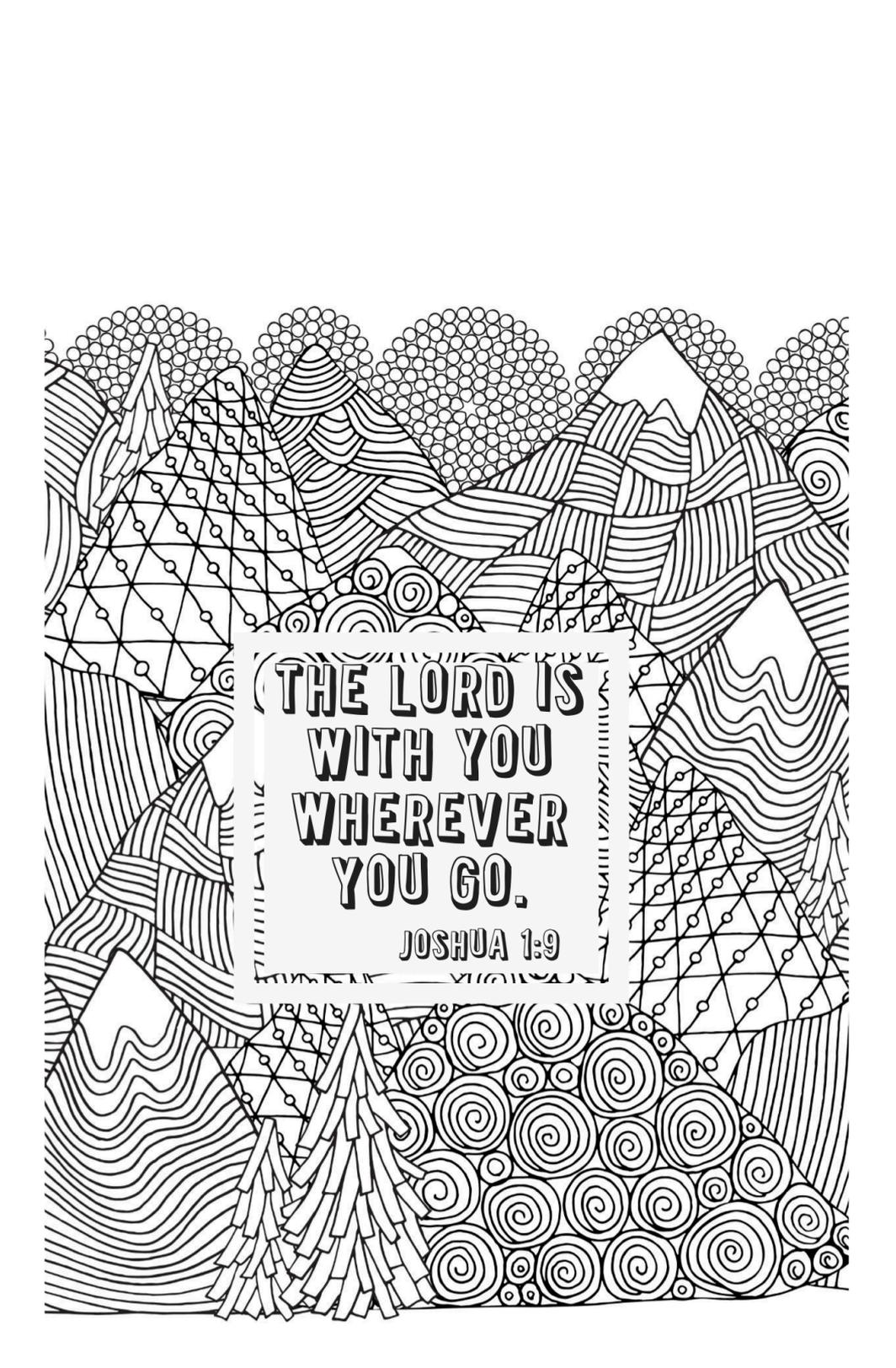
TO THE CHOIRMASTER: ACCORDING TO THE GITTITH. A PSALM OF THE SONS OF KORAH.

- 1 How lovely is your dwelling place,
O LORD of hosts!
- 2 My soul longs, yes, faints
for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and flesh sing for joy
to the living God.
- 3 Even the sparrow finds a home,
and the swallow a nest for herself,
where she may lay her young,
at your altars, O LORD of hosts,
my King and my God.
- 4 Blessed are those who dwell in your house,
ever singing your praise! Selah
- 5 Blessed are those whose strength is in you,
in whose heart are the highways to Zion.
- 6 As they go through the Valley of Baca
they make it a place of springs;
the early rain also covers it with pools.
- 7 They go from strength to strength;
each one appears before God in Zion.
- 8 O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer;
give ear, O God of Jacob! Selah
- 9 Behold our shield, O God;
look on the face of your anointed!
- 10 For a day in your courts is better
than a thousand elsewhere.
I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God
than dwell in the tents of wickedness.
- 11 For the LORD God is a sun and shield;
the LORD bestows favor and honor.
No good thing does he withhold
from those who walk uprightly.
- 12 O LORD of hosts,
blessed is the one who trusts in you!

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON • “How Lovely Is Your Dwelling Place” (Rev. Eric Costa)



**THE LORD IS
WITH YOU
WHEREVER
YOU GO.**

JOSHUA 1:9



THE UPPER ROOM



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].)

From The Depth Of Woe (Psalm 130)

Text: Martin Luther (Based on Psalm 130) • Music: ©1997 Christopher Miner

Alto

The musical score is written for an Alto voice part in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of seven staves of music. The lyrics are: "From the depths of woe I raise to Thee the voice of lam - en - ta - tion; Lord turn a gra - cious ear to me and hear my sup - pli - ca - tion. If Thou in - i - qui - ties dost mark, our se - cret sins and mis - deeds dark, O who shall stand be - fore Thee? O who shall stand be - fore Thee?"

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mark, our se - cret sins and mis - deeds dark, O who
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O who shall stand be - fore Thee?

To wash away the crimson stain grace, grace alone availeth;
Our works, alas! are all in vain, in much the best life faileth;
No man can glory in thy sight, all must alike confess thy might,
And live alone by mercy.

Therefore my trust is in the Lord and not in my own merit;
On him my soul shall rest, his Word upholds my fainting spirit:
His promised mercy is my fort, my comfort and my sweet support:
I wait for it with patience.

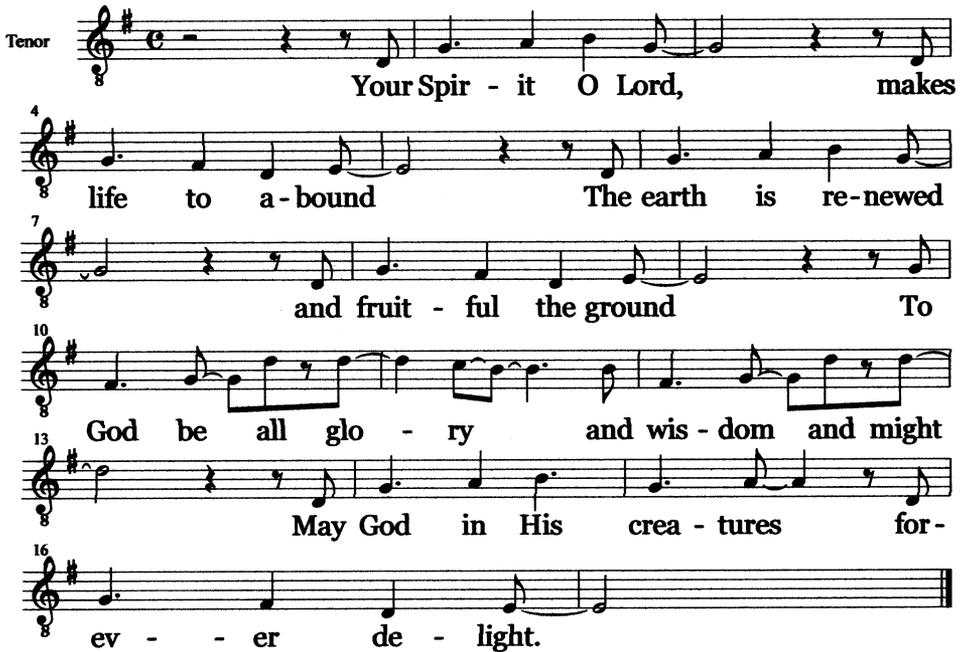
And though I wait the whole night through and till the dawn appeareth,
My heart still trusteth in his might, it doubteth not nor feareth:
Do thus, O you of Israel's seed, you of the Spirit born indeed;
And wait till God appeareth.

Though great our sins and sore our woes, his grace much more aboundeth;
His helping love no limit knows, our utmost need it soundeth.
Our shepherd good and true is he, who will at last his Israel free
From all their sin and sorrow.

Your Spirit, O Lord

Text: Psalm 104 (1912 Psalter) • Music: Matthew H. Curl • Used by Permission

Tenor



Your Spir - it O Lord, makes
life to a - bound The earth is re - newed
and fruit - ful the ground To
God be all glo - ry and wis - dom and might
May God in His crea - tures for -
ev - - er de - light.

My soul, praise the Lord! The Lord is most great,
with glory arrayed, majestic in state.
The light is his garment, the skies form a tent,
and over the waters his couriers are sent.

On mountains and plains the dark waters lay.
They heard his rebuke and hurried away.
He lifted the mountains, to valleys gave birth,
set boundaries for seas that once covered the earth.

Before the Lord's might earth trembles and quakes.
The mountains are rent, and smoke from them breaks.
I promise to worship the Lord all my days.
Yes, while I have being, my God I will praise.

BENEDICTION • 2 Thessalonians 3:16

Now may the Lord of peace himself
give you peace at all times in every way.
The Lord be with you all.

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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!

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: Elliott

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: Rickis

Next week: Elliott



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