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THE WORD



**CALL TO WORSHIP • Psalm 72:18-19**

Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel,  
who alone does wondrous things.

Blessed be his glorious name forever;  
may the whole earth be filled with his glory!  
Amen and Amen!

# 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 key signature has three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat), and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are: "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."

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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 • Isaiah 30:18**

The LORD waits to be gracious to you,  
and he exalts himself to show mercy to you.  
For the LORD is a God of justice;  
blessed are all those who wait for him.

## **CONFESSION OF SIN**

*Father, we are the clay, you are the potter; we are all the work of your hands. Forgive us for how we have corrupted your good creation. Gracious God, you alone are righteous and holy, and in your presence no sinner can stand. Your mercy is our only hope and we ask for your forgiveness. We pray for your cleansing touch to wash away our corruption, clothe us in righteousness, and for your hands to rework our lives anew. We pray these things in Jesus Christ's holy name. Amen.*

(Silent confession)

## **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS • Isaiah 30:19**

A people shall dwell in Zion, in Jerusalem; you shall weep no more. He will surely be gracious to you at the sound of your cry. As soon as he hears it, he answers you.

May the peace of Christ be with you.

*And also with you!*

## **OFFERING • Psalm 50:14**

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving,  
and perform your vows to the Most High.

## **OFFERTORY**

## **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.*

## **OLD TESTAMENT READING • Genesis 18:16-33**

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...

Through Jesus, whom we confess as Lord, we give thanks and praise to the Father, calling on him who is judge of all:

*Father, your kingdom come.*

For all the peoples of the world; that they may know you as the God of peace, we pray to you, O Lord:

*Father, your kingdom come.*

For nations, leaders and governments; that integrity may mark all their dealings, we pray to you O Lord:

*Father, your kingdom come.*

For all who labor for righteousness; that your presence and help may give them courage, we pray to you, O Lord:

*Father, your kingdom come.*

For communities torn by dissension and strife; that your forgiveness may bring them healing, we pray to you, O Lord:

*Father, your kingdom come.*

For the anxious, the lonely, the bereaved; that consolation and peace may be theirs, we pray to you, O Lord:

*Father, your kingdom come.*

For the Church, your household and family; that she may be firm in the confession of her hope, we pray to you, O Lord:

*Father, your kingdom come.*

For our pastor, and for all who bear Christ's name; that their lives may proclaim your glory, we pray to you, O Lord:

*Father, your kingdom come.*

O God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep: make us perfect in all goodness to do your will and to be what you would have us be; through him to whom be glory forever, Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Amen.*

# All Praise To God Who Reigns Above

Text: Johann Schultz • Music: *Mit Freuden Zart*, arr. Ascension Presbyterian Church

8 All — praise to God who reigns a - bove the —  
What — God's al - might - y pow'r hath made his —  
I — cried to him in time of need: Lord —  
The — Lord for - sak - eth not his flock, his —  
Ye — who con - fess Christ's ho - ly name, to —  
3 Then — come be - fore His pre - sence now and —

8 God of all cre - a - tion the — God of won - ders  
grac - ious mer - cy — keep - eth. By — morn - ing glow or  
God, O hear my — call - ing! For — death he gave me  
chos - en gen - er - er — a - tion; He — is their re - fuge  
God give praise and glo - ry! Ye — who the Fath - er's  
6 ba - nish fear and sad - ness; To — your Re - deem - er

8 powr and love, the — God of our sal - va - tion! With  
eve - ning shade his — watch - ful eye ne'er — sleep - eth; With -  
life in - deed and — kept my feet from — fall - ing. For  
and their rock, their — peace and their sal - va - tion. As  
pow'r pro - claim, to — God give praise and glo - ry! All  
9 pay your vow and — sing with joy and — glad - ness: Though

8 heal - ing balm my soul he fills, the God who ev - ery  
in the king - dom of his might, Lo! all is just and  
this my thanks shall end - less be; O thank him, thank our  
with a moth - er's ten - der hand he leads his own, his  
i - dols un - der foot be trod, the Lord is God! The  
12 great dis - tress my soul be - fell, the Lord, my God, did

8 sor - row stills. To God all praise and glo - ry!  
all is right, To God all praise and glo - ry!  
God with me, To God all praise and glo - ry!  
cho - sen band. To God all praise and glo - ry!  
Lord is God! To God all praise and glo - ry!  
all things well, To God all praise and glo - ry!

# 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 G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of five staves of music. 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." The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a mix of quarter, eighth, and half notes. There are several rests in the music, particularly in the first and third staves, which correspond to the dashes in the lyrics.

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.

## **GOSPEL READING • Matthew 6:25-34**

“Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? <sup>26</sup> Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? <sup>27</sup> And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? <sup>28</sup> And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, <sup>29</sup> yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. <sup>30</sup> But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? <sup>31</sup> Therefore do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ <sup>32</sup> For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. <sup>33</sup> But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

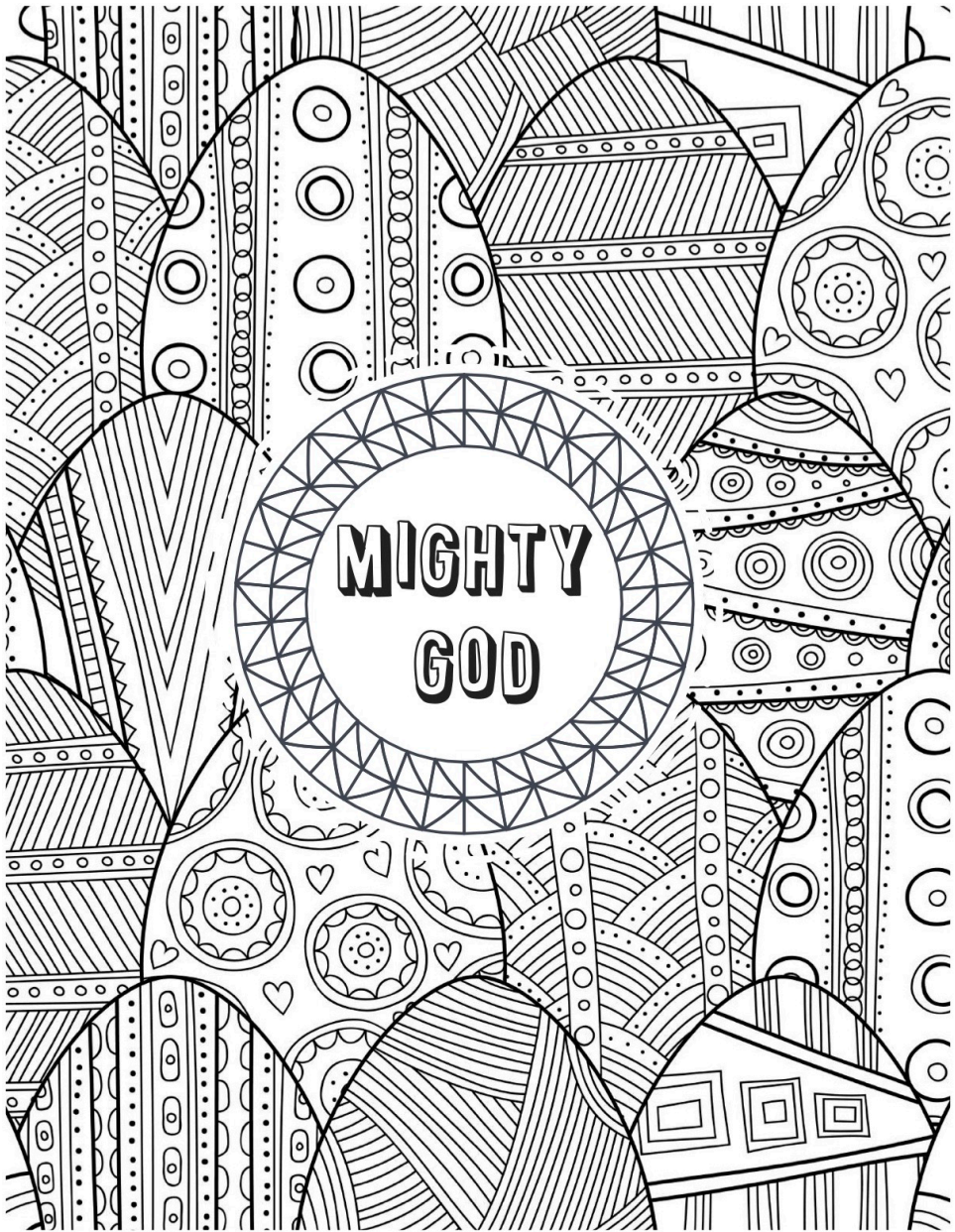
<sup>34</sup> “Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.

The Gospel of Jesus Christ.

*Praise be to you, O Christ!*

## **SERMON • “The Apostles’ Creed: ‘Almighty’” (Rev. Pat Roach)**

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**MIGHTY  
GOD**





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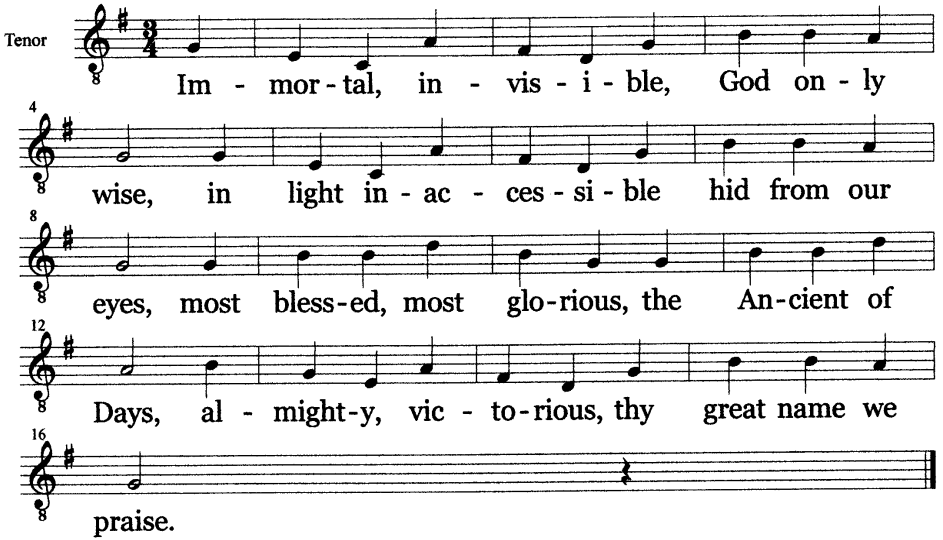
\* When the Creed states that Jesus “descended into hell,” we understand it to mean that he suffered the holy wrath of God for the sins of his people.

† Or, “universal.”

# Immortal, Invisible

Text: Walter Chalmers Smith • Music: *St. Denio*, Welsh Melody • Public Domain

Tenor



Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly  
wise, in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our  
eyes, most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of  
Days, al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we  
praise.

Unresting, unhasting and silent as light,  
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;  
thy justice like mountains high soaring above  
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,  
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;  
all praise we would render; O help us to see  
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

# 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 • Numbers 6:24-26

The LORD bless you and keep you;  
the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;  
the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

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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).

**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](mailto:neh.hamilton@gmail.com))

Today: Hamilton

Next week: Bonifield

**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: Aznoe

Next week: Jaques



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