

“There is no better way to show skeptics  
the greatness of God and the beauty of his truth  
than through worship.”

Timothy Keller



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THE WORD



**CALL TO WORSHIP • Psalm 96:7-9**

Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples,  
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength!

Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;  
bring an offering, and come into his courts!

Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness;  
tremble before him, all the earth!

# Sing A New Song

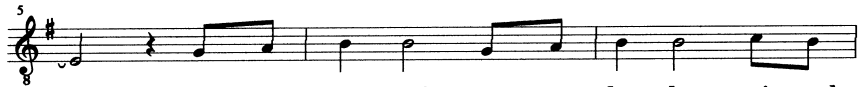
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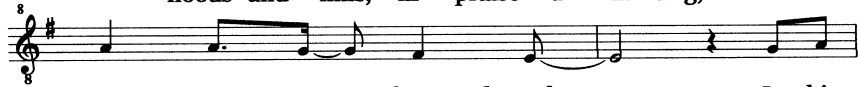
Sing a new song, to the  
Truth and mer - cy toward his  
Seas and all your full - ness,



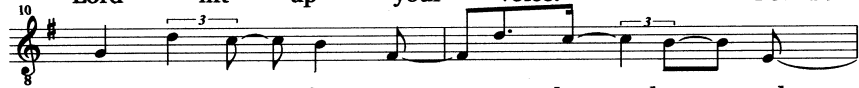
Lord God, for the won - ders he has wrought;  
peo - ple he has e - ver kept in mind,  
thun - der, all earth's peo - ples, now re - joice;



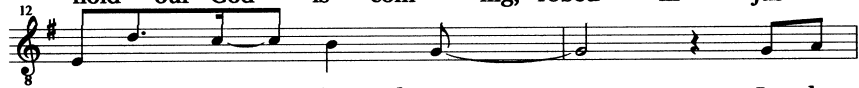
His right hand and arm most ho - ly triumph  
and his full and free sal - va - tion he has -  
floods and hills, in praise u - ni - ting, to the



to his cause have brought. In his  
shown to all man - kind. Sing O  
Lord lift up your voice. For be -



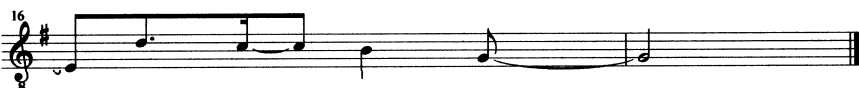
love and ten - der mer - cy he has made  
earth to God sing prais - es, let your songs  
hold our God is com - ing, robed in jus -



sal - va - tion known; In the  
of prais - es ring; with the  
tice and in might; he a -



sight of ev - ery na - tion he - his right -  
swell - ing notes of mus - ic shout be - fore  
lone will judge the na - tions, and his judg -



eous - ness has shown.  
the Lord, the King.  
ment shall be right.

## **PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

He is risen!

*He is risen indeed!*

Let us pray...

## **CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN • Isaiah 53:6**

All we like sheep have gone astray;  
we have turned—every one—to his own way;  
and the LORD has laid on him  
the iniquity of us all.

## **CONFESSION OF SIN**

*Holy Father, Son, and Spirit,  
we have lived in open rebellion  
against your gracious rule.*

*Please, Lord Jesus, may we find  
our redemption in your passion,  
the absolution of our guilt in your condemnation,  
the cancellation of our curse in your cross,  
the satisfaction for our sins in your sacrifice,  
our purification in your blood,  
reconciliation to God in your descent into hell,  
the death of our flesh in your tomb,  
immortality in your resurrection,  
our inheritance in your ascension.*

*We believe, Lord. Help our unbelief. Amen.*

(Silent confession)

## **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS • Isaiah 53:4-5**

Surely he has borne our griefs  
and carried our sorrows;  
yet we esteemed him stricken,  
smitten by God, and afflicted.  
But he was pierced for our transgressions;  
he was crushed for our iniquities;  
upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,  
and with his wounds we are healed.

May the peace of Christ be with you.

*And also with you!*

## **OFFERING • Matthew 6:2-4**

“When you give to the needy, sound no trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may be praised by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your giving may be in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.”

## 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.*

## NEW TESTAMENT READING • 1 Corinthians 13:1-3

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...

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.*

# The Love of God

Music and Lyrics by F. M. Lehman (1917) • Public Domain

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!*

# I Lay My Sins On Jesus

Text: Horatius Bonar (1843) • Music: Bartholomaeus Gesius (1605) • Public Domain



I lay my sins \_\_\_\_\_ on Je - sus, the  
I lay my needs \_\_\_\_\_ on Je - sus; all  
I rest my soul \_\_\_\_\_ on Je - sus, this  
I long to be \_\_\_\_\_ like Je - sus, meek,



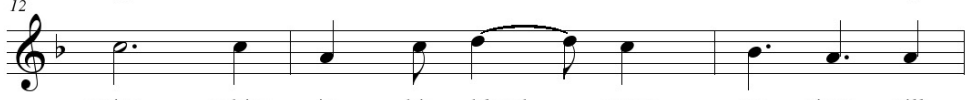
spot - less Lamb \_\_\_\_\_ of God; he bears them all, \_\_\_\_\_ and  
ful - ness dwells \_\_\_\_\_ in him; he heals all my \_\_\_\_\_ dis -  
wea - ry soul \_\_\_\_\_ of mine; his right hand me \_\_\_\_\_ em -  
lov - ing, low - ly, mild; I long to be \_\_\_\_\_ like



frees us from the ac - curs - ed load: I  
eas - es, he doth my soul \_\_\_\_\_ re - deem: I  
brac - es, I on his breast \_\_\_\_\_ re - cline. I  
Je - sus, the Fa - ther's ho - ly child: I



bring my guilt \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ Je - sus to wash \_\_\_\_\_ my crim - son  
lay my griefs \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ Je - sus, my bur - dens and \_\_\_\_\_ my  
love the name \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ Je - sus, Im - man \_\_\_\_\_ uel, Christ, \_\_\_\_\_ the  
long to be \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_ Je - sus a - mid \_\_\_\_\_ the heav'n - ly



stains cares; white in his blood \_\_\_\_\_ most pre - cious, till  
Lord; he from them all \_\_\_\_\_ re - leas - es, he  
throng, to sing with saints \_\_\_\_\_ his prais - es, to



not a spot \_\_\_\_\_ re - mains.  
all my sor - rows shares.  
name a - broad \_\_\_\_\_ is poured.  
learn the an - gels' song.

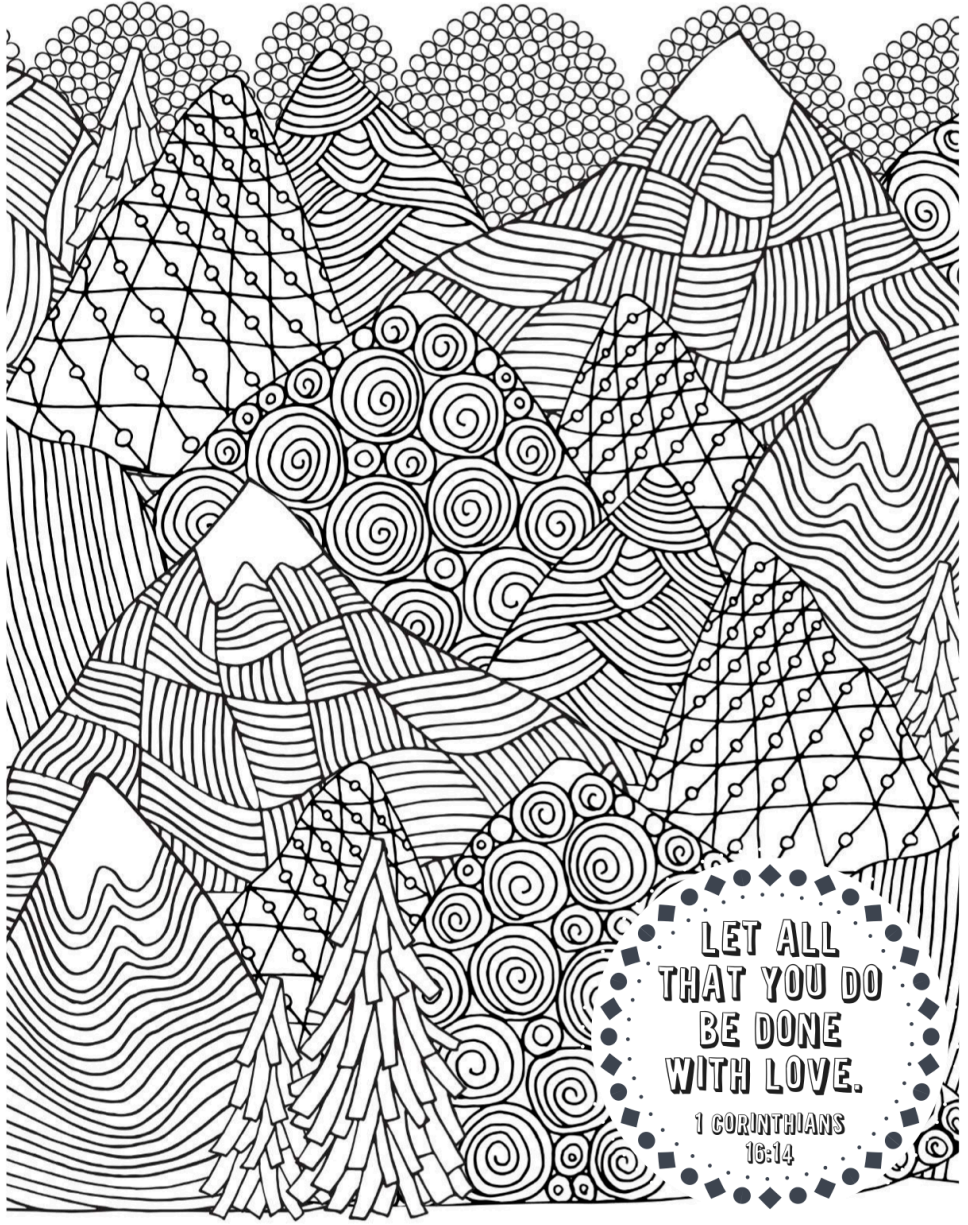
## OLD TESTAMENT READING • Psalm 96

- 1 Oh sing to the LORD a new song;  
sing to the LORD, all the earth!
- 2 Sing to the LORD, bless his name;  
tell of his salvation from day to day.
- 3 Declare his glory among the nations,  
his marvelous works among all the peoples!
- 4 For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised;  
he is to be feared above all gods.
- 5 For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols,  
but the LORD made the heavens.
- 6 Splendor and majesty are before him;  
strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.
- 7 Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples,  
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength!
- 8 Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;  
bring an offering, and come into his courts!
- 9 Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness;  
tremble before him, all the earth!
- 10 Say among the nations, "The LORD reigns!  
Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved;  
he will judge the peoples with equity."
- 11 Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice;  
let the sea roar, and all that fills it;  
12 let the field exult, and everything in it!
- Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy  
13 before the LORD, for he comes,  
for he comes to judge the earth.  
He will judge the world in righteousness,  
and the peoples in his faithfulness.

The Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God!*

**SERMON • "Worship In The Splendor Of Holiness" (Rev. Eric Costa)**



LET ALL  
THAT YOU DO  
BE DONE  
WITH LOVE.

1 CORINTHIANS  
16:14





THE UPPER ROOM



**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].)

# We Will Feast In The House Of Zion

Sandra McCracken, Joshua Moore • © 2015 Drink Your Tea Music

The musical score is written in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. It consists of five staves of music. The lyrics are: "We will feast in the house of Zi - on. We will sing with our hearts re - stored. He has done great things we will say to - ge - ther We will feast and weep no more. We will not be burned by the fire, He is the Lord our God we are not consumed by the flood Up-held pro-TECT - ed, ga - thered up". The score includes a repeat sign at the beginning and a double bar line with repeat dots at the end.

We will feast in the house of Zi - on. We will sing with our  
4 hearts re - stored. He has done great things we will say to - ge - ther  
7 We will feast and weep no more. We will not be  
11 burned by the fire, He is the Lord our God we are not con -  
sumed by the flood Up-held pro-TECT - ed, ga - thered up

*(Chorus)*

*We will feast in the house of Zion.  
We will sing with our hearts restored.  
"He has done great things!" we will say together.  
We will feast and weep no more!*

In the dark of night, before the dawn,  
my soul, be not afraid;  
for the promised morning— oh, how long?  
O God of Jacob, be my strength.

*(Chorus)*

Every vow we've broken and betrayed.  
You are the Faithful one.  
And from the garden to the grave,  
bind us together, bring shalom.

*(Chorus)*

# Joy To The World

Text: Isaac Watts • Music: George Frederick Handel • Public Domain

Alto

The image shows a musical score for an Alto voice part. It consists of five staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 2/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff starts with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: "Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth re-". The second staff continues: "ceive her King; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him". The third staff continues: "room, and heav'n and na - ture sing, And". The fourth staff continues: "heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and heav'n and". The fifth staff continues: "na - ture sing." and ends with a double bar line.

Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth re-  
ceive her King; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him  
room, and heav'n and na - ture sing, And  
heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and heav'n and  
na - ture sing.

Joy to the world, the Savior reigns! Let men their songs employ;  
while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains  
repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat, repeat, the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground;  
he comes to make his blessings flow  
far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found,  
far as, far as, the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove  
the glories of his righteousness,  
and wonders of his love, and wonders of his love,  
and wonders, wonders, of his love.

## 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](http://ascensionpc.org/calendar).

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**After Worship** • Please stay a while for coffee and conversation!

**Summer Picnic** • After Worship today. Join us at the Walnut Street Park (18th & Walnut). Please bring food for yourself, and maybe something to share.

**Childcare Needed** • Beginning in mid-August John Elliott will be deployed with the Coast Guard, so Holly will need help with childcare for the kids. Contact John ([john.a.elliott2@gmail.com](mailto:john.a.elliott2@gmail.com)), or Tim Sery ([fiiby2020@gmail.com](mailto:fiiby2020@gmail.com)) if you'd like to help.

**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: C. Boden

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: Elliott

Next week: Aznoe



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