

“The ascension represents the departure of the incarnate Son of God back to the place where God is, taking human nature where it has never gone before.”

Gerrit Dawson, *Jesus Ascended*

“He sitteth on the right hand of God the Father”—the summit has been reached, the perfect tenses lie behind us and we enter the realm of the present. That is what we have to say of our time—that is the first and the last thing that matters for our existence in time. At its basis lies this existence of Jesus Christ, his sitting at the right hand of God the Father. Whatever prosperity or defeat may occur in our space, whatever may become and pass away, there is one constant, one thing that remains and continues, this sitting of his at the right hand of God the Father. There is no historical turning-point which approaches this. Here we have the mystery of what we term world history, Church history, history of civilisation; here we have the thing that underlies everything.”

Karl Barth, *Dogmatics in Outline*



ASCENSION

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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CALL TO WORSHIP • Psalm 99:1-5

The LORD reigns, let the peoples tremble!
He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!
The LORD is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples.
Let them praise your great and awesome name! Holy is he!
The King in his might loves justice. You have established equity;
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.
Exalt the LORD our God; worship at his footstool! Holy is he!

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er The Sun

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Tenor



Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the
sun does its suc - ces - sive jour - neys
run, His king - dom stretch from
shore to shore, till moons shall wax and
wane no more.

To him shall endless prayer be made, and praises throng to crown his head.
His name like sweet perfume shall rise with every morning sacrifice.

People and realms of every tongue dwell on his love with sweetest song,
and infant voices shall proclaim their early blessings on his name.

Blessings abound where'er he reigns: the prisoners leap to lose their chains,
the weary find eternal rest, and all who suffer want are blest.

Let every creature rise and bring the highest honors to our King,
angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud amen.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

He is risen!

He is risen indeed!

Let us pray...

CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN • Hosea 6:1

Come, let us return to the LORD,

for he has torn us, that he may heal us;

he has struck us down, and he will bind us up.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us. O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent; according to Your promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. Grant that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life; to the glory of His holy name. Amen.

(Silent confession)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS • Hosea 14:4

"I will heal their apostasy;

I will love them freely,

for my anger has turned from them."

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

OFFERING • Luke 6:38

"Give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you."

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 • Acts 2:22-36

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 rose from death as the King of kings and the Lord of lords:

We pray for our leaders, near and far, that they might love justice and mercy; we pray for our local leaders, that they might promote the peace of the city.

Our Lord Jesus Christ, you rose from death in triumph over evil and oppression:

We ask you to restrain the wickedness in our city by your Law; we ask you to destroy the wickedness in our own hearts by your Spirit.

Our Lord Jesus Christ, you rose from death as the Prince of peace:

We pray for peace between nations in your world; we pray that this congregation might live in your peace together; we ask you to come again soon to fully establish your peace on earth.

Our Lord Jesus Christ, you rose from death to reconcile us to God:

We pray for our friends who do not yet know you; we pray for the deepening of our faith in the Gospel of grace.

Our Lord Jesus Christ, you rose from death to reveal life and immortality through the gospel:

We pray for comfort for those who are suffering in grief, in poverty, in sickness, and in injustice.

Our Lord Jesus Christ, you rose from death as our sympathetic High Priest:

Please hear us as we bring you our 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.

In Christ Alone

Text & Music: Keith Getty & Stuart Townsend • ©2001 Thankyou Music

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'In Christ Alone'. It consists of ten staves of music in a 3/4 time signature with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words underlined to indicate phrasing. The score includes measure numbers 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, and 14. The lyrics describe the power of Christ's sacrifice and the hope it brings to the believer.

In Christ a - lone my hope is found, He is my
In Christ a - lone, who took on flesh, ful - ness of
3 There in the ground His bo - dy lay, light of the
light, my strength, — my song; — This Cor - ner -
God in help - less babe! — This gift of
5 world by dark - ness slain: — Then burst - ing
stone, this so - lid ground. firm through the
love and right - eous - ness, scorned by the
7 forth in glor - ious day up from the
fier - cest drought — and storm. — What heights of
ones he came — to save: — 'Till on that
9 grave He rose — a - gain! — And as He
love, what depths of peace — when fears are
cross as Je - sus died, — the wrath of
11 stands in vic - to - ry — sin's curse has
stilled, when striv - ings cease! My com - fort - er, my all in
God was sa - tis - fied. — For ev - 'ry sin on Him was
14 lost its grip on me, — for I am His and He is
all, here in the love of Christ — I stand.
laid; here in the death of Christ — I live.
mine, bought with the pre - cious blood — of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow'r of Christ in me;
from life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from his hand;
'till he returns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand!

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."

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 110

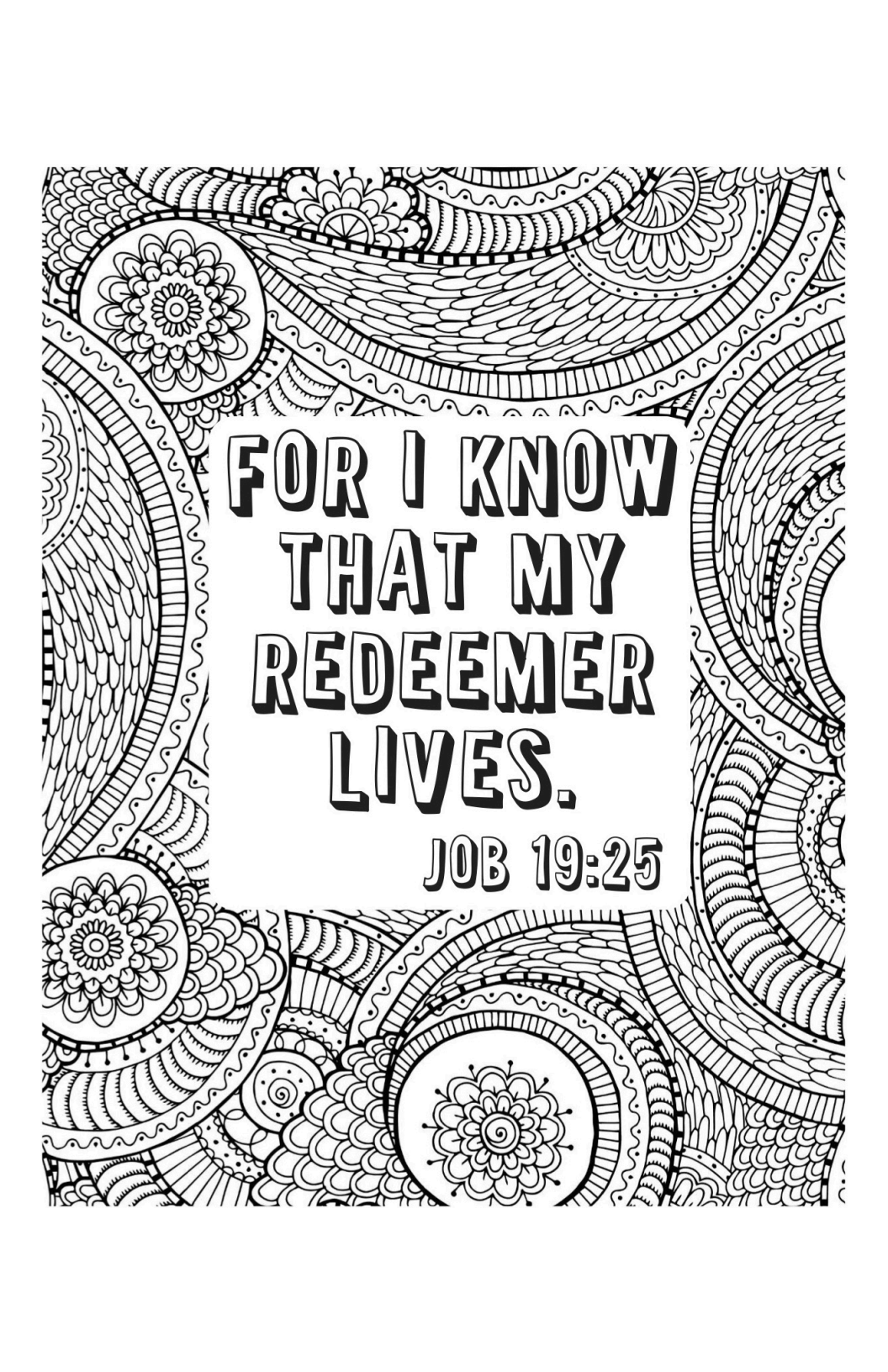
A PSALM OF DAVID.

- 1 The LORD says to my Lord:
“Sit at my right hand,
until I make your enemies your footstool.”
- 2 The LORD sends forth from Zion
your mighty scepter.
Rule in the midst of your enemies!
- 3 Your people will offer themselves freely
on the day of your power,
in holy garments;
from the womb of the morning,
the dew of your youth will be yours.
- 4 The LORD has sworn
and will not change his mind,
“You are a priest forever
after the order of Melchizedek.”
- 5 The Lord is at your right hand;
he will shatter kings on the day of his wrath.
- 6 He will execute judgment among the nations,
filling them with corpses;
he will shatter chiefs
over the wide earth.
- 7 He will drink from the brook by the way;
therefore he will lift up his head.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON • “Seated At God’s Right Hand” (Rev. Eric Costa)



**FOR I KNOW
THAT MY
REDEEMER
LIVES.**

JOB 19:25



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 and 4/4 time. It consists of five staves of music with lyrics underneath. The first staff starts with a double bar line and a repeat sign. The second staff begins with a measure rest. The third staff includes a key signature change to D minor (two flats) and a time signature change to 2/4. The fourth staff begins with a measure rest. The fifth staff ends with a double bar line and repeat sign.

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)

Love Me To The End

Text: Samuel Medley • Music: Jeff Koonce • ©2006 Red Mountain Music

Tenor



8 A beg - ar poor, at mer - cy's door, lies
A wick - ed heart is no small part, of
3 My stub - born will op - pos - es still, Thy
8 such a wretch as I; Thou know'st my need is
my dist - ress and shame; Let sover - eign grace its
6 wise and ho - ly hand; Thy spi - rit send to
8 great in - deed, Lord hear me when I cry.
crimes ef - face, through Jes - sus' bles - sed name.
9 make it bend, to Thy su - preme com - mand.
8 With guilt be - set and deep in debt, for
My dark - ened mind I dail - y find, is
11 Af - fect - ions wild by sin def - iled, oft
8 pard - on Lord, I pray; O let Thy love suf -
prone to go as - tray; Lord on it shine with
14 hur - ry me a - way; Lord, bring them home nor
8 fi - cient prove, to take my sins a - way.
light di - vine, and guide it in Thy way.
let them roam, from Christ the Li - ving Way.

Before thy face I've told my case; Lord help and mercy send;
pity my soul and make me whole, and love me to the end.

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.

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Summer Picnic Today • After Worship, coffee, and cleanup, we'll meet at the Walnut Street Park (18th & Walnut). Please bring food for yourself, and maybe something to share.

Photo Directory • It's been a while since we updated our photo directory! Bill Duncan will be taking pictures the next few Sundays. If you would like your picture taken, see Bill. If you need your information added to or updated in the directory, contact Eric (rev.eric.costa@gmail.com).

Calling All Sunday School Teachers • We're preparing to start up Sunday School classes for the children sometime in September. If you're interested in being part of a rotation of teachers, please contact Joe Pope (pope.joe@gmail.com).

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

Today: Sauerwein

Next week: Jaques

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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