

"[Psalm 115] extols the bounty of God, and his paternal regard for the human race, in that, though he stood in need of nothing himself, he yet created the world, with all its fulness, for their use... God, satisfied with his own glory, has enriched the earth with abundance of good things, that mankind may not lack any thing."

John Calvin

"The very nature of the triune God is to be effusive, ebullient and bountiful; the Father rejoices to have another beside him, and he finds his very self in pouring out his love. Creation is about the spreading, the diffusion, the outward explosion of that love. This God is the very opposite of greedy, hungry, selfish emptiness; in his self-giving he naturally pours forth life and goodness. He is, then, the source of all that is good."

Michael Reeves

"*Prosit*, Dear Hearts. *Cheers*, Men and Brethren. We are free: nothing is needful, everything is for joy... It was *largesse* that made us all... The unnecessary is the taproot of our being and the last key to the door of delight."

Robert Capon



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CALL TO WORSHIP • Psalm 106:1-2

Praise the LORD!

Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever!

Who can utter the mighty deeds of the LORD,
or declare all his praise?

O Worship The King

Text: Robert Grant (Psalm 104) • Music: Johann Michael Haydn • Public Domain

Alto

The musical score is for an Alto voice part. It consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 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: "O wor-ship the King all - glo - rious a - bove, O". The second staff starts with a measure rest (5) and continues: "O tell of his might, O sing of his grace, Whose". The third staff starts with a measure rest (9) and continues: "grate-ful - ly sing his pow'r and his love; our robe is the light, whose can - o - py space. His". The fourth staff starts with a measure rest (13) and continues: "shield and De - fend - er the An - cient of Days, pa - char - iots of wrath the deep thun - der - clouds form, and vil - ioned in splen-dor and gird - ed with praise. dark is his path on the wings - of the storm."

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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 • John 3:16-17

"God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

CONFESSION OF SIN

Our Father in heaven, we confess that we have doubted your gracious love. Instead of living like you delight in us, we avoid you in shame and guilt. Instead of receiving your favor as a gift, we try to earn it with our efforts. Instead of accepting your freedom, we prefer our chains. Instead of pursuing your purposes, we cling to our own agendas. Forgive us. Embrace us. Cleanse us. Heal us. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

(Silent confession)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS • John 19:30

Jesus said, "It is finished," and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

OFFERING • 1 Corinthians 16:1-2

Concerning the collection for the saints: as I directed the churches of Galatia, so you also are to do. On the first day of every week, each of you is to put something aside and store it up, as he may prosper.

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 • John 17:1-5, 24–26

Jesus lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, ² since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³ And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. ⁴ I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do. ⁵ And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed...

“Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. ²⁵ O righteous Father, even though the world does not know you, I know you, and these know that you have sent me. ²⁶ I made known to them your name, and I will continue to make it known, that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.”

The Gospel of the Jesus Christ.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

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.

God Of My Life

Text: William Cowper (1731-1800) • Music: Benj Pocta, Clint Wells, Brian T. Murphy
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The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'God Of My Life'. It consists of a single melodic line in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and a common time signature. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words hyphenated across lines. The score is divided into measures, with measure numbers 5, 9, 13, 17, 21, 26, and 31 indicated on the left side. The music ends with a double bar line at the end of the final line.

God of my life to Thee I _____ call;
Friend of the friend-less and the _____ faint,
5 That were a grief I could not _____ bear,
Af - flict - ed at Thy _____ feet I _____ fall;
where should I lodge my _____ deep com - plaint?
9 didst Thou not hear and _____ an - swer _____ prayer;
When the great wa - ter floods pre - - vail,
Where but with Thee whose o - pen _____ door,
13 But a prayer hear - ing, an - swer - ing _____ God,
Leave not my tremb - ling _____ heart to _____ fail.
In - vites the help - less _____ and the _____ poor?
17 sup - ports me un - der _____ ev - 'ry _____ load.
Poor though I am, des - pised, for -
21 got, _____ Yet God, my God, for - gets me not; _____
26 And he is safe, and must suc - ceed, for whom, the
31 Lord is sure to _____ plead.

For All The Saints

Text: William H. How • Music: Christopher Miner • ©1998 Christopher Miner

Tenor

The image shows a musical score for a Tenor part. It consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff starts with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a common time signature (C). The tempo/meter is indicated as 8. The lyrics are: "For all the saints who from this Thou wast their rock, their for-tress". The second staff continues: "la-bor's rest to thee by-faith be-fore the and their might; thou Lord their cap-tain in the". The third staff continues: "world con-fess thy name O Je-sus, be for-well fought fight; thou in the dark-ness drear, their". The fourth staff concludes: "e-ver blessed, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu. one true light, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu." The music is written in a simple, clear style with a few accidentals.

8 For all the saints who from this
2 Thou wast their rock, their for-tress
4 la-bor's rest to thee by-faith be-fore the
8 and their might; thou Lord their cap-tain in the
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e-ver blessed, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu.
one true light, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu.

O may thy soldiers faithful, true, and bold,
fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,
and win with them the victor's crown of gold.
Alleluia, Alelu...

The golden evening brightens in the west;
soon, soon to faithful warriors comes their rest;
sweet is the calm of paradise the blest,
Alleluia, Alelu...

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:
Alleluia, Alleluia,
Alleluia, Alleluia.

OLD TESTAMENT READING • Psalm 115

- 1 Not to us, O LORD, not to us, but to your name give glory,
for the sake of your steadfast love and your faithfulness!
- 2 Why should the nations say,
“Where is their God?”
- 3 Our God is in the heavens;
he does all that he pleases.
- 4 Their idols are silver and gold,
the work of human hands.
- 5 They have mouths, but do not speak;
eyes, but do not see.
- 6 They have ears, but do not hear;
noses, but do not smell.
- 7 They have hands, but do not feel;
feet, but do not walk;
and they do not make a sound in their throat.
- 8 Those who make them become like them;
so do all who trust in them.
- 9 O Israel, trust in the LORD!
He is their help and their shield.
- 10 O house of Aaron, trust in the LORD!
He is their help and their shield.
- 11 You who fear the LORD, trust in the LORD!
He is their help and their shield.
- 12 The LORD has remembered us; he will bless us;
he will bless the house of Israel;
he will bless the house of Aaron;
- 13 he will bless those who fear the LORD,
both the small and the great.
- 14 May the LORD give you increase,
you and your children!
- 15 May you be blessed by the LORD,
who made heaven and earth!
- 16 The heavens are the LORD heavens,
but the earth he has given to the children of man.
- 17 The dead do not praise the LORD,
nor do any who go down into silence.
- 18 But we will bless the LORD
from this time forth and forevermore.
Praise the LORD!

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

SERMON • “To Your Name Give Glory” (Rev. Eric Costa)





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† 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].)

* 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.”

Put Not Your Hope In The Nation (Psalm 146)

Text & Music: Wendell Kimbrough & Paul Zach • © 2017 Wendell Kimbrough

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and a 4/4 time signature. It consists of six staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "Put not your hope in the na-tion; Put not your hope in a king. He is the hope of the hun-gry; He is the Lord of the feast. Trust in the on-ly one who o-pens eyes and sets the pris-nor free. Our Fa-ther's house al-ways o-pens wide to wel-come ref-u-gees. He is the mak-er of heav-en;— He formed the earth and the sea. The fa-ther-less find a fa-ther; The wid-ow rests in His strength. Our help will come from the Lord our God, our gra-cious king of peace. Praise the The heart of God is for-ev-er home to all the poor and weak. Lord! Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul! Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!"

Put not your hope in the na-tion; Put not your hope in a king.
He is the hope of the hun-gry; He is the Lord of the feast.

Trust in the on-ly one who o-pens eyes and sets the pris-nor free.
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The heart of God is for-ev-er home to all the poor and weak.

Lord! Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul! Praise the
Lord! Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

Who Is Like The Lord, Our God? (Psalm 113)

Text: Wendell Kimbrough • Music: Bruce Benedict & Wendell Kimbrough • © 2013 Cardiphonia Music

Our Fa - ther_ He lifts from the
3 ash - es, _ He rais - es_ the poor and_ the lost. _ He
6 seats them to dine at_ His ta - ble, _ to
8 feast with - out mon - ey_ or cost. _ The
10 lone - ly_ He set - tles_ in fam - 'lies, _ the
12 bar - ren, _ a mo - ther_ He makes. _ O
14 hap - py_ the heart of_ the stran - ger_ who's
16 wel - comed by this King_ of Grace. Who is like the
19 Lord our God? Who with glo - ry fills the sky? But
22 hum - bles_ Him - self with the bro - ken_ to dwell,
24 who is like our God?

Though equal to God in his glory, Christ Jesus became like a slave;
he humbled himself in obedience to death, and the cross, and the grave.
Victorious, he rose to the highest; in glory, the Savior was raised.
His name above all names exalted; the heavens and earth sing his praise.

*Who is like the Lord, our God? Who with glory fills the sky?
But humbles himself with the broken to dwell, who is like our God?*

O saints, fix your eyes on the Savior and count all your righteousness loss.
Be found in his love and his favor, and share in his death on the cross.

That all of his power in vict'ry, imparted to you, may abound;
and sharing the sufferings of Jesus, you share in his glory and crown.

*Who is like the Lord, our God? Who with glory fills the sky?
But humbles himself with the broken to dwell, who is like our God?*

BENEDICTION • Psalm 115:14-15

May the LORD give you increase,
you and your children!
May you be blessed by the LORD,
who made heaven and earth!

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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!

10 Year Celebration • After Worship Sun., Sept. 15 at the Aznoe home (17500 SW Seiffert Road, Sherwood, 97140). Ascension first met for Public Worship on the Lord's Day ten years ago (Sunday, September 20, 2009). Sounds like a good excuse for a party! Burgers and hot dogs will be provided—please bring a side, dessert, or drinks to share.

Photo Directory Update • 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).

Women's Retreat • Fri. - Sun., Oct. 25-27, at the coast. Mark your calendars and stay tuned for more details! Contact: Cheryl Boden (wu.gardens@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: Aznoe

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).

Today: Bonifield

Next week: Stevenson



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Name(s)

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I want to know more about being a Christian.

I would like to get coffee with the Pastor.

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