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THE WORD



CALL TO WORSHIP • Zechariah 9:9

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!
Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!
Behold, your king is coming to you;
righteous and having salvation is he,
humble and mounted on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

May Jesus Christ Be Praised

Text: Common Book of Prayer • Music: Benjamin Wilkinson • Used by Permission

Tenor

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Does sadness fill my mind? A solace here I find;
Or fades my earthly bliss? My comfort still is this:
May Jesus Christ be praised! May Jesus Christ be praised!
Be this, while life is mine, my love, my song divine:
May Jesus Christ be praised! May Jesus Christ be praised!
My God, the Savior, reigns! May Jesus Christ be praised!

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

He is risen!

He is risen indeed!

Let us pray...

CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN • 1 Peter 1:18-19

You were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.

CONFESSION OF SIN

My Lord and my God, fearing you is the foundation of wisdom. I have been a fool to fear anything or anyone else. You have told me not to be afraid, unless it is the fear of you. I have neglected this comfort, ignored your command, and disregarded your majestic splendor. Essentially, I have demanded your crucifixion with my own mouth, and nailed you to the cross with my own hands—just to be able to fear anything but you. “But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared.” Teach me your great works and grant to me your Spirit of wisdom, so that I may know how to live with you, free of all worldly fears, to the glory of your holy and awesome name. Amen.

(Silent confession)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS • 1 Peter 3:18

Christ suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God.

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

OFFERING • Romans 12:1

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

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 • Isaiah 55:1-13

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 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 for - ev - er - 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,



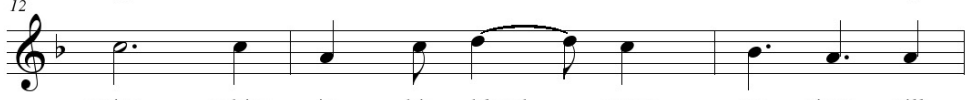
spot - less Lamb _____ of God; he bears them all, _____ and
ful - ness dwells _____ in him; he heals all my _____ dis -
wea - ry soul _____ of mine; his right hand me _____ em -
lov - ing, low - ly, mild; I long to be _____ like



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.

GOSPEL READING • Matthew 5:6

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.”

The Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

SERMON • “Hungry and Thirsty for Righteousness” (Rev. Charlie Shaw)



THE UPPER ROOM



CONFESSION OF FAITH • Colossians 1:15-20

Who is Jesus Christ?

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross. 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)

Rejoice In Christ Your King

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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 • Colossians 1:11-12

May you be strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy, giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.

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*Every gathering is an opportunity to invite friends,
to introduce others to the Christ-centered community and life of the church!*

After Worship • Please stay a while for coffee and conversation! Around 11:45am we will begin Sunday School classes for the children in the sanctuary, and Sermon Discussion for the adults in the fellowship hall. (Infants and toddlers are welcome to join the adults in Sermon Discussion.)

Athanasius Discussion Group • 6pm - 7:30pm Tuesdays at the Stevensons' home (5885 NE Tunbridge Street, Hillsboro). Rob and Joanna are hosting a 10-week series of discussions of Athanasius' fourth-century classic, *On The Incarnation*. Dinner and on-site babysitting are provided. RSVP (robert.james.stevenson@gmail.com).

Men's Retreat • Fri. - Sun., Mar. 6-8, in Lincoln City. There is space for 12. The cost is \$90 per person—make checks payable to Ascension, with "Men's Retreat" in the memo line. To register and to sign up for meals, contact Brian Aznoe (baznoe@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: Sery

Next week: Whipple

Nursery Volunteers • Can you play with young children and help their parents once every 6-8 weeks? Contact: Rainy Aznoe (rainyrr@aol.com).

Today: Bonifield

Next week: Jaques

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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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