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THE WORD  


**CALL TO WORSHIP • Revelation 19:5**

From the throne came a voice saying,  
“Praise our God, all you his servants,  
you who fear him, small and great.”

# For All The Saints

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

Tenor

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  
6 world con - fess thy name O Je - sus, be for -  
8 well fought fight; thou in the dark-ness drear, their  
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.

## **PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

He is risen!

*He is risen indeed!*

Let us pray...

## **CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN • Psalm 147:2-3**

The LORD builds up Jerusalem;  
    he gathers the outcasts of Israel.  
He heals the brokenhearted  
    and binds up their wounds.

## **CONFESSION OF SIN**

*Heavenly Father, our thoughts and motives cannot be hidden from your sight. Our self-pity and pride, our cowardice and sloth, our anger and envy are laid bare before your eyes and ours. We open ourselves to you and ask that you forgive us and cover us in Christ. Let us hear your voice telling us that his blood is our peace, his death our freedom, his smiting our safety. And let our hearts know that your service is perfect freedom. In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

(Silent confession)

## **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS • Psalm 147:11**

The LORD takes pleasure in those who fear him,  
    in those who hope in his steadfast love.

May the peace of Christ be with you.  
*And also with you!*

## **OFFERING • Psalm 96:8**

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

*Tithes and offerings can be mailed to:*

Ascension Presbyterian Church  
2459 SE Tualatin Valley HWY #354  
Hillsboro, OR 97123

## **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 • Psalm 76:1–9

TO THE CHOIRMASTER: WITH STRINGED INSTRUMENTS. A PSALM OF ASAPH. A SONG.

- 1 In Judah God is known;  
his name is great in Israel.
- 2 His abode has been established in Salem,  
his dwelling place in Zion.
- 3 There he broke the flashing arrows,  
the shield, the sword, and the weapons of war.
- 4 Glorious are you, more majestic  
than the mountains full of prey.
- 5 The stouthearted were stripped of their spoil;  
they sank into sleep;  
all the men of war  
were unable to use their hands.
- 6 At your rebuke, O God of Jacob,  
both rider and horse lay stunned.
- 7 But you, you are to be feared!  
Who can stand before you  
when once your anger is roused?
- 8 From the heavens you uttered judgment;  
the earth feared and was still,  
when God arose to establish judgment,  
to save all the humble of the earth.

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...

(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.*

## Why Did God Make All Things?

Text & Music: Dana Dirksen • © 2006 Dana Dirksen

From "Questions with Answers, Vol. 1: God and Creation" (songsforsaplings.com)

*Why did God make all things?*

*For his own glory.*

*For his own glory*

*God made all things.*

*(Repeat)*

*For from him  
and through him*

*and to him*

*are all things.*

*To him be the glory*

*forever, amen!*

*(Repeat)*

*Why did God make all things?*

*For his own glory.*

*For his own glory*

*God made all things.*

*(Repeat)*

*Romans 11, verse 36.*

*To him be the glory*

*forever, amen!*

## NEW TESTAMENT READING • Revelation 7

After this I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding back the four winds of the earth, that no wind might blow on earth or sea or against any tree. <sup>2</sup> Then I saw another angel ascending from the rising of the sun, with the seal of the living God, and he called with a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to harm earth and sea, <sup>3</sup> saying, "Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees, until we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads." <sup>4</sup> And I heard the number of the sealed, 144,000, sealed from every tribe of the sons of Israel:

- <sup>5</sup> 12,000 from the tribe of Judah were sealed,  
12,000 from the tribe of Reuben,  
12,000 from the tribe of Gad,
- <sup>6</sup> 12,000 from the tribe of Asher,  
12,000 from the tribe of Naphtali,  
12,000 from the tribe of Manasseh,
- <sup>7</sup> 12,000 from the tribe of Simeon,  
12,000 from the tribe of Levi,  
12,000 from the tribe of Issachar,
- <sup>8</sup> 12,000 from the tribe of Zebulun,  
12,000 from the tribe of Joseph,  
12,000 from the tribe of Benjamin were sealed.

<sup>9</sup> After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, <sup>10</sup> and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" <sup>11</sup> And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, <sup>12</sup> saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

<sup>13</sup> Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" <sup>14</sup> I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb."

- <sup>15</sup> "Therefore they are before the throne of God,  
and serve him day and night in his temple;  
and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence.
- <sup>16</sup> They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore;  
the sun shall not strike them,  
nor any scorching heat.
- <sup>17</sup> For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd,  
and he will guide them to springs of living water,  
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

The Word of the Lord.  
*Thanks be to God!*

## **SERMON • "Who Can Stand?" (Rev. Eric Costa)**

### **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.*

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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.

<sup>†</sup> Or, "universal."

# 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 • 2 Corinthians 13:14**

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ  
and the love of God  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit  
be with you all.



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