

FOR THOSE JOINING US AT THE OUTDOOR SERVICES...

Greetings! In deference to current state mandates, we are limiting our services to 50 participants each. Please sign up early if you plan to attend a service. (If you need access to the online signup sheet, contact Eric: rev.eric.costa@gmail.com) If your name is not on the list by the time of the service on Sunday, and the service is already full, we ask that you would instead join us via Zoom at 10:30am.

Please wear a mask and observe "social distancing."

During Communion, parents, please distribute the bread and cup to participating children.

If you are experiencing symptoms of illness, please stay at home.

Thank you for your help making others feel comfortable joining us for Worship!

FOR THOSE JOINING US ON ZOOM AT 10:30AM...

Please remain "muted" throughout the service, but feel free to "unmute" afterwards and catch up with each other.

Forgive us for the technical glitches we're sure to have!



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CALL TO WORSHIP • Psalm 64:10

Let the righteous one rejoice in the LORD
and take refuge in him!

Let all the upright in heart exult!

May Our God Be Known (Psalm 67)

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1
May our God be known for his grace; _____ May the
Let the na - tions sing and be glad _____ for the

3
earth re - jice in his bless - ing. May our God be known for his
Lord is com ing with jus - tice. Let the na - tions sing and be

6
love, _____ and the smile that shines from his face. May your
glad _____ for our God is com - ing with peace. Now let

9
way be known on the earth _____ so that all the na - tions will
all the ends of the earth _____ fill with ho - ly won - der and

12
sing _____ and re - jice in know - ing the God of grace!
joy, _____ for our God is com - ing to reign as king!

(Repeat Song)

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

He is risen!

He is risen indeed!

Let us pray...

CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN • Matthew 3:1-2

In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

CONFESSION OF SIN

O righteous Father, you summon me to look upon the beauty and glory of your Son, but I have turned my gaze to the transient and created splendor of this world. I have secretly cherished visions of earthly wealth, beauty and power and have sought after them instead of the kingdom, the power, and the glory of Jesus. Forgive the wandering eyes of my heart and enable me by faith to fix my gaze upon the One who alone is worthy of all my focused attention and deepest affection. Amen.

(silent confession)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS • John 1:29

The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

OFFERING • Ephesians 4:28; 5:2

Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need... Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

(If you have brought a gift with you, please place it in one of the bags on the table when you come forward for Communion later.)

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 42:1-9

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...

(From David's prayer in 1 Chronicles 29:10-13)

Blessed are you, O LORD, the God of Israel our father, forever and ever.

Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is yours.

Yours is the kingdom, O LORD, and you are exalted as head above all.

Both riches and honor come from you, and you rule over all.

In your hand are power and might, and in your hand it is to make great and to give strength to all.

And now we thank you, our God, and praise your glorious name.

And we pray your beloved Son's prayer:

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.

GOSPEL READING • Luke 1:26-37

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, ²⁷ to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸ And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" ²⁹ But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰ And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹ And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. ³² He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, ³³ and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

³⁴ And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?"

³⁵ And the angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God. ³⁶ And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. ³⁷ For nothing will be impossible with God."

The Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

SERMON • "The Apostles' Creed: 'Conceived By The Holy Spirit, Born Of The Virgin Mary'" (Rev. Pat Roach)

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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.

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."

In Christ Alone

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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 hyphenated across lines. The score includes a treble clef, a key signature of one flat, and a 3/4 time signature. The lyrics are as follows:

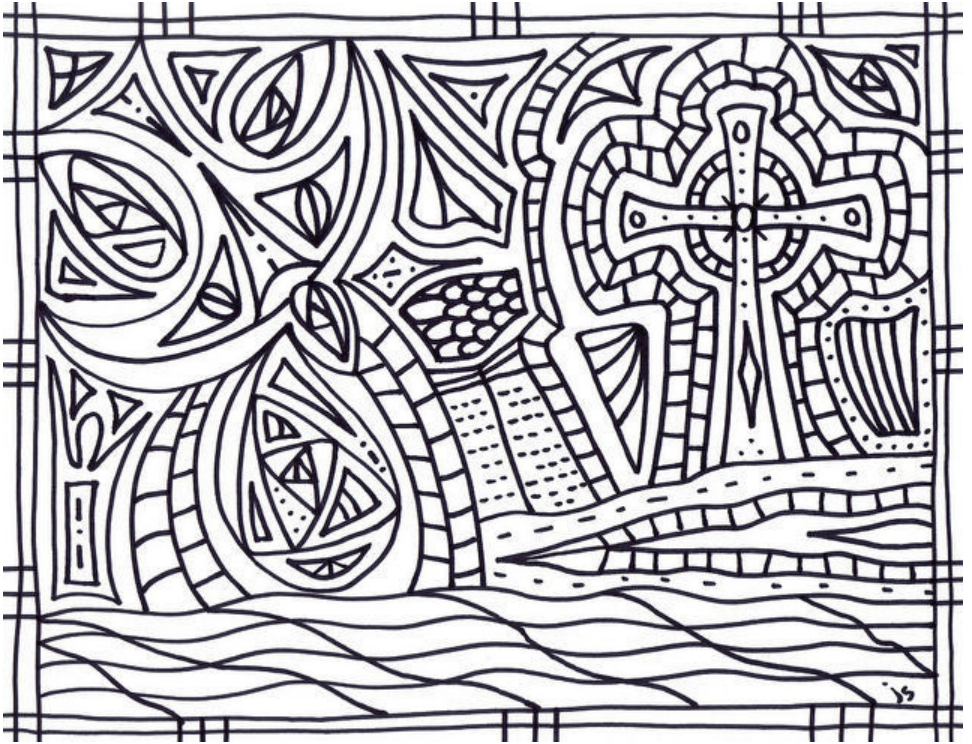
In Christ a - lone my hope is found, He is my
In Christ a - lone, who took on flesh, ful - ness of
3 There in the ground His bo - dy lay, light of the
light, my strength, — my song; — This Cor - ner -
God in help - less babe! — This gift of
5 world by dark - ness slain: — Then burst - ing
stone, this 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!

BENEDICTION • Jude 1-2

To those who are called,
beloved in God the Father
and kept for Jesus Christ:
May mercy, peace, and love be multiplied to you.

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